

# THE KING

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The Parish Magazine of St. Edmund the King, Northwood Hills

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can be attended in Church  
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10.00 am Thursdays, 11.00 am Fridays, Saturdays 10.30 am  
Said Eucharist (online only)  
6.00 pm Tuesdays, 6.00 pm Wednesdays  
All Services are currently streamed from our website.  
Please see our website for the latest information.

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## **MAGAZINE**

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# WELCOME

to the online edition of this magazine.

In the current circumstances, we are publishing on our website so that you don't miss out on the regular monthly issue.

If you know someone who does not have internet access and would like a printed copy of this magazine, please contact Steve Castle at

[steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk](mailto:steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk)

giving their name and postal address (having first obtained their permission to supply this personal information).

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and clicking the "Subscribe" link underneath "Weekly Newsletter".

The Sunday 10 am, Thursday 10 am, Friday 11 am and Saturday 10.30 am Eucharists

continue to be celebrated with a congregation inside Church and online.

The Tuesday and Wednesday Eucharists remain online only for the time being.

Congregational singing has been reintroduced on Sundays, and refreshments are now available in the Hall afterwards (table service).

The wearing of masks is encouraged but not compulsory.

In order to reduce the risk of virus transmission some doors and windows remain open during the service.

You are advised to wrap up warm if the weather is cold.

Communion continues to be given in one kind only.

The Peace is shared non-physically.

The Offertory Procession remains suspended, but collection plates are available near the Font.

All services will continue to be available online.

They can be accessed from the website [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk)

or via the weekly St. Edmund's Newsletter –

see above for how to access the Newsletter.

# LETTER FOR HARVEST

Mother Helen

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Harvest is approaching! The time of year when we give thanks for the fruits of the earth and God's bountiful provision towards us. It's a joyful occasion where the church is decorated with freshly ripened fruit, vegetables lovingly grown at home and seasonal flowers. We enjoy singing "we plough the fields and scatter", and other harvest hymns as we celebrate together. Worship is followed by a shared meal and maybe other entertainment (music and dance).

The other side of harvest is our own giving. If we look at the book of Deuteronomy, chapter 29, the first fruits of the harvest were offered to God by the Hebrew people. In making this offering, Hebrews said to the Lord "I have removed from my house the sacred portion and have given it to the Levite, the foreigner, the fatherless and the widow, according to all you commanded".

Traditionally, parish churches have distributed their harvest fare to the local people in need. This has been extended in recent years to accepting groceries which are then donated to food banks.

Our horizons need to be widened again beyond our locality. From the television and other media coverage, we are increasingly aware of the effects of climate change in all parts of the world. The floods in Germany earlier this year and the wildfires in Northwest America remind us that countries in the Northern Hemisphere cannot escape the consequences of global warming.

It is generally accepted that the richer countries have contributed more to climate change through the consumption of fossil fuels and other industrial processes. The poorer nations on the other hand have been disproportionately affected, suffering drought and famine as a result. A video produced by the charity Tearfund showed farmers in Burkina Faso struggling in drought conditions. Through intervention from Tearfund (other charities work in a similar way) the farmers were changing their farming practices in order to feed and support themselves.

As we reflect on our own offering as part of the harvest thanksgiving here at St. Edmund's, it could also be time to think about how we might contribute to the reduction of climate change. This is of course the greatest challenge facing the human race as we try to save this planet for future generations. This planet is God's creation, which he gave for us to steward and not to exploit.

A few things came to mind as I thought about what I could do. Take public transport more often rather than driving. Cutting down on heating and lighting in the house. Aim to cut out non-renewable plastic. It is through everyone taking small steps that we will start to make a difference.

With prayers and warm greetings for harvest tide.  
Mother Helen

# CALENDAR AND PRINCIPAL SERVICE READINGS OCTOBER 2021

*Principal Service - Sung Eucharist at 10.00 am every Sunday (except 3 Oct)*

- 3 SUN 18<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY;**  
**11.00 am HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICE**  
 Celebrant and Preacher - Fr. Michael  
 Joel 2.21-27, Matthew 6.25-33
- 10 SUN 19<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
 Celebrant - Mthr. Helen; Preacher - Fr. Michael  
 Amos 5.6-7, 10-15, Hebrews 4.12-16, Mark 10.17-31
- 12 Tues 2.30 pm Women's Guild, in the Lounge
- 16 Sat 2.30 pm Scouts' Jumble Sale
- 17 SUN 20<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
 Celebrant - Fr. Michael; Preacher - Mthr. Helen  
 Isaiah 53.4-12, Hebrews 5.1-10, Mark 10.35-45
- 18 Mon St. Luke, Evangelist**
- 22 Fri Pilgrimage to Walsingham - ends Sunday 24
- 24 SUN LAST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**  
 Celebrant - Mthr. Helen, Preacher - Sarah Parnaby  
 Jeremiah 31.7-9, Hebrews 7.23-28, Mark 10.46-52
- 28 Thur St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles**
- 31 SUN ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**  
 Celebrant and Preacher - Fr. Michael  
 Isaiah 25.6-9, Revelation 21.1-6a, John 11.32-44  
 3.00 pm "Hymns and Pimms"

## WEEKDAY SERVICES AND OTHER ACTIVITIES

Sunday	10.00 am	Spectrum on Sunday
Monday	5.00 pm 6.30 pm 7.00 pm	Beaver Scouts Cub Scouts Guides
Tuesday	6.00 pm 7.00 pm	SAID EUCHARIST Scouts
Wednesday	6.00 pm	SAID EUCHARIST
Thursday	10.00 am	SAID EUCHARIST
Friday	11.00 am 8.00 pm	SAID EUCHARIST Arrow Players
Saturday	10.30 am	SAID EUCHARIST

COME AND CELEBRATE

HARVEST 2021  
AT ST. EDMUND'S



HARVEST THANKSGIVING  
SERVICE

11.00 am Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October

Followed by Harvest Lunch in the Hall



2<sup>nd</sup> NORTHWOOD  
(St. EDMUND'S) SCOUT GROUP



**JUMBLE SALE**

**2.30 pm SATURDAY 16<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

at St. Edmund's Hall

Admission 30p

*Offers of saleable goods  
and of help with collecting, sorting and serving  
to Karen Retter 07984 662588*

## NOVEMBER MAGAZINE



*All contributions for the November Magazine to be with Jenny Jones by*  
**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October**  
**020 8866 7173**

## St. EDMUND'S WOMEN'S GUILD

Will meet on  
**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
**at 2.30 pm**  
**in the Lounge**  
**for Tea and Chat**

## St. EDMUND'S YOUTH GROUP

**meets every 2 weeks**  
**on Wednesdays,**  
**7-9pm in the Hall.**  
**Open to all aged 10-16.**  
**Contact Steve Castle**  
**on 020 8868 0482**  
**for information.**  
**OCTOBER DATES - 6<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>**

## ST. EDMUND'S BADMINTON CLUB

Formed in 1953 by Fr. Davis as a church social club and with badminton becoming the main activity the name was changed to the badminton club in 1961, original membership being restricted to Church members only but open to all from 1963.

Looking through the records Charles Fairman was the first leader, followed by Carol Cross then myself on a temporary basis reporting to Fr. Ames as the leader should be someone on the electoral roll - but no club member at that time qualified.

Over the years membership numbers have varied greatly from a high of over twenty to as low of just six, some staying a few weeks others many years and in some cases decades, enjoying playing evenings matches against other local clubs, other social events and running stalls at the summer fair and Christmas bazaar.

But time has caught up with the club - as reported at previous APCMs a declining and ageing membership and being unable play since March 2020 due to restrictions starting up was always going to be difficult as people have moved on. So, sadly, the Club is now closed.

I leave with happy memories of all the people who have enjoyed Thursday evenings over my many years association with the club.

Mike Gant.





In last month's magazine I reported that we needed to raise £50,000 before phase 1 could begin. Phase 1 included the replacement flat roofs above the Church foyer, Susan Old Lounge, Hall kitchen, Hall corridors and toilets and the Small Hall.

As you will read elsewhere in this edition, the St. Edmund's Faithful have really taken the 5K Challenge to heart and fundraising is going extremely well. Alongside the 5K Challenge we have also been inviting direct donations to Raise the Roof and during the month of August we received over £7,000 in donations. On behalf of the PCC may I thank everyone, both near and far, who has contributed – it is truly appreciated.

The generosity shown so far means our virtual drainpipe is filling fast and, rounding to the nearest thousand, we now have £42,000 remaining before the phase 1 work can start.

We are updating the fundraising totals at the end of each calendar month and announcing the amount raised at the end of the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month's All-Age Eucharist. Please accept my apologies that the total in the magazine will be a few weeks behind the actual situation but please be assured that all donations count!



In parallel with the fundraising effort I am continuing to work with our architect to prepare the faculty application (ecclesiastical planning permission). Our Treasurer James Mair and I have been working together to fine-tune the budget and ensure we have sufficient contingency funding in case extra work is required when the old flat roofs are lifted and what lies beneath is revealed (for example, replacement of wooden beams if they have rotted).

Yesterday evening I visited church and found a small section of ceiling had come down in a corridor near the Susan Old Lounge. It was a deeply troubling sight and further underlined the need to start the work as soon as possible.

If you have not already made a donation but would like to do so, it would be very gratefully received. Donations can be made in several ways:

- by cheque, made payable to PCC of St Edmund The King (with “Raise the Roof” written on the reverse please). Cheques may be sent to The Treasurer, St Edmund's Church, 2 Pinner Road, Northwood. HA6 1QS.
- by bank transfer to our account with CAF Bank:
  - account name: PCC of St Edmund The King, Northwood Hills
  - sort code: 40-52-40
  - account number: 00017222
- by online donation via credit or debit card or PayPal by clicking the “Donate here” button on our website: [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk)

Thank you.



## **Fundraising Events for Raise The Roof**

Just a reminder that, for the time being, all fundraising events will be in aid of Raise The Roof. For a full list of events please check the church calendar at [www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/calendar](http://www.saintedmundschurch.org.uk/calendar)

## **Concerts**

It is probably worth mentioning that we host a number of concerts for external organisations each year at St. Edmund's. Each concert brings us significant income which is now assigned to Raise the Roof. Please keep an eye on the leaflets, banners and website and consider attending them - if they have good audiences I'm sure they'll come back!

## **More information**

If you would like to know more about the appeal please contact me on 020 8868 0482 or e-mail [steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk](mailto:steven.castle@saintedmundschurch.org.uk) I am also the acting Stewardship Recorder and will be happy to answer any questions you may have about making donations.

## **And finally...**

Today I completed my 17<sup>th</sup> consecutive 5km daily run in aid of Raise the Roof. My legs have never ached so much but I am enjoying the challenge and the fresh air. Long may summer continue...

On a serious note, please continue to pray earnestly that we will reach the phase 1 target very soon and be able to commence the work required to keep our church buildings safe and open.

With best wishes, Steve



## **Hymns & PIMM'S**

Join us at 3.00 pm on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October  
for a glass of Pimm's  
while singing your favourite twenty hymns!

There is a minimum donation of £10  
to choose your favourite hymn.

You can optionally write a short message or dedication  
to be included in the words booklet.

Give online or see Mark Hammond in church -  
don't forget to include your choice of hymn and message!

# THE 5K CHALLENGE

Sarah and Simon Wilson

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As many readers will be aware, one of the first fundraising campaigns in our Raise the Roof Appeal is the 5K Challenge, in which we have been invited to challenge ourselves in a sponsored event to help raise money for St. Edmund's. It's for **all** ages and abilities, and although the 5K Challenge period has started, it is still not too late for **you** to join in. Simply decide how to challenge yourself, taking a theme of the number 5 and multiples of 5, and sign up. Ask your family and friends to join in too, challenging themselves and sponsoring others. You can do this online at: <https://virginmoneygiving.com/fund/steds5kchallenge>

All sorts of activities have been taken up by our Supporters to date, including:

- Father Michael has been walking in the Lake District, covering 50km in 5 days.
- 9 other Supporters are running, walking, swimming and cycling their way around various parts of the UK; by the end of the Challenge period we'll probably have covered the length of the country between us!
- Mother Helen will be reading the first 5 books of the Bible on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> October from 9.30 am on [Zoom](#); everyone is welcome to join her online!
- 4 other Supporters are reading, writing, puzzling and throwing their way towards sponsorship, with Mike Warrick challenging himself to write a new play for Arrow Players to perform on Friday and Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> November; see you there in person!
- Clare Moses will be baking 50 cupcakes for sale after the 10 am service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> October; we will be in the hall from around 11.15 am to enjoy a drink and a cake - see you then too!
- Hilda Greenfield has been knitting her way through dozens of bobble hats – this has been a triple whammy of charitable effort because a lot of the wool came from Sue Ryder, sponsors are supporting Hilda with their donations, and 25p of the sale price of every innocent drinks bottle that is wearing one of Hilda's bobble hats is being donated to Age UK. Fantastic!

Our 5K Challenge period started on 5<sup>th</sup> September. You will remember that our target was to raise £5,000 in 50 days. We're doing incredibly well - check [online](#) to see how the total is shaping up and to donate. We may be doing very well but now's not the time to sit on our laurels. Some Supporters are yet to start their Challenge and some will continue through until day 50 on 24<sup>th</sup> October.

As a final event in the Challenge we have our sponsored [Hymns and Pimms](#) on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at 3.00 pm - simply choose your favourite hymn for a donation of £10 or more. See you there for a communal sing of 20 of our favourite hymns.

Very well done and continuing good luck in your Challenge everyone!!

Let's push on through to the end of October and see just how far we can exceed ourselves!!!

# HOW YOU CAN BUILD UP THE CHURCH IN THIS PARISH

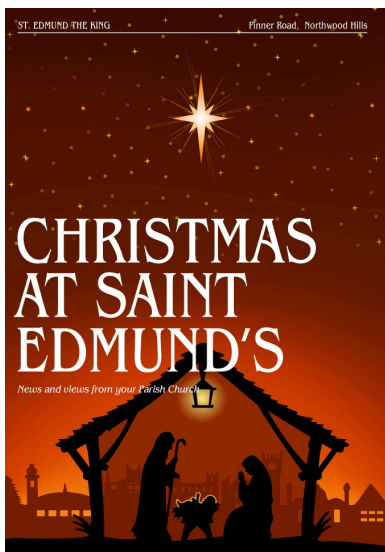
## (in a few relatively easy steps...)

After the enforced break in publication (due to the pandemic) we will be producing a Christmas newsletter to be delivered across the Parish.

Outreach is an important part of our Christian faith and the professionally designed and printed newsletter is a great way for us, as a Church community, to encourage more to come and worship at St. Edmund's and attend our events, where perhaps they might receive some hope and inspiration after recent dark times.

Helping to deliver the newsletter is a way in which you can turn the Parish Prayer "Help us to build up the Church in this Parish" into practical action.

We bundle the newsletter into "rounds" of varying sizes. The bundles will be available for delivery from Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> November; the idea is to deliver all of them before the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> November.



This year, in addition to being able to pick up a bundle and deliver them on your own, we will also be holding 3 newsletter delivery sessions where we will meet together in the foyer to deliver in groups and return for some refreshments afterwards. These sessions will be held starting at 2.30 pm on Sundays 7<sup>th</sup>, 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November.

Please put those dates in your diary and let's see if we can deliver all of the newsletters, spreading Christ's love amongst our neighbours and turning our Parish Prayer into greater reality.

With thanks .. Steve Castle

I'm back! Well, for this month anyway! So, if you were hoping to settle down with a cuppa and an article steeped in meaningful content I am sorry to disappoint! Instead I will reflect on the past month and fill you in on some upcoming happenings here at St. Edmund's - oh and possibly throw in the odd sporting reference along the way for old times' sake!

And the weather. That's always worthy of a mention... hasn't it been noticeably much better since the start of term?! Whilst the now customary new uniforms by the front door photos are always more satisfying if it's a nice bright sunny day, you can't help feeling a shade of disappointment. And it has certainly helped those of us embarking on more active, outdoorsy 5K Challenges for Raise the Roof! Hasn't everyone been busy! With running, walking, reading, writing, knitting, baking and much, much more, it's brilliant that thanks to everyone's incredible efforts we have already nearly hit our 5K Challenge target of £5,000! However, needless to say that is just a small portion of the overall amount that needs to be raised so do please continue to dig deep and give whatever you are able and encourage your friends and family to get on board and help us out too! Our official 50 days is now in full swing, having been kicked off so energetically by Simon, Sarah and Steve back on 5<sup>th</sup> September! With another month or so to go there's still plenty of time to sponsor someone who is currently taking part in a challenge or to set up your own, or both! For more information on what's happening take a look at our website [www.stedmundschurch.org.uk](http://www.stedmundschurch.org.uk)

Mike Warrick is currently in the midst of his own, particularly challenging 5K Challenge - 'From Pen to play in Fifty Days' where he is aiming to write and present a completely newly written play in 50 days which Arrow Players will perform at the beginning of November. The play is being written with Covid safety as a top priority for both performers and audience and we hope that you will be able to join us for the results of his epic efforts!

Sarah Parnaby's sermon this morning I think captured all our interests and contemplations as she led us so capably in considering the notion of humility based on today's readings. She directed us towards the difference in today's society where we are encouraged to sell ourselves through exaggeration whilst a few decades ago such behaviour would have been wholly discouraged. She went on to consider the sense of entitlement which can grow out of such views and actions. Sarah explained that humility isn't about doing yourself down, that by doing a job well that you feel called to do you may indeed be able to serve extremely effectively. She also explained to us that the root of the word is the Latin 'humilis' - of the earth. And we are of the earth - we are human - also from the same Latin root. I also liked her reference to the armour we wear around ourselves a couple of weeks ago and have found myself being mindful of this image a few times recently.

Wasn't Emma Raducanu outstanding in the tennis! There - I said I'd mention some sport somewhere! What an inspirational young woman and so refreshingly down to earth too. I think Sarah would approve of her humility whilst achieving such excellence and clearly being a role model for others striving to follow in her footsteps!

I always enjoy it when Mark strikes up the rousing opening motif of the Songs of Praise theme tune - otherwise known as the Toccata for Organ by Robert Prizeman which we processed out to today - so I was sad to hear of the composer's passing last week aged just 69. He also formed the successful boys' choir Libera whose 'Salva Me' is a particular favourite of mine.

Whilst on a musical note (!?) I am hoping to be able to offer piano lessons here at St Edmund's in the near future. More details to follow. I warmly welcome learners of all ages and abilities, including adults, so it is never too late! Do get in touch if you or anyone you know might be interested. Thank you.

In the hope that we can continue to move forward with our currently planned activities, we have a lot to look forward to over the coming weeks. By the time you read this you will have already been to the Book Sale which Carol Diggins has been busy organising in aid of our Raise the Roof appeal. Many thanks to all involved in this major fundraising initiative. We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival of Thanksgiving on 3<sup>rd</sup> October with the Eucharist at 11am followed by a tasty lunch. The following weekend the Choir will be representing St. Edmund's at the Harrow Deanery Choirs Festival taking place at Pinner Parish Church. This is one of many activities to have been unavoidably cancelled last year and so I am sure there will be an even deeper sense of coming together with our neighbouring parish church choirs in what is always a very uplifting occasion. And there will be more music to enjoy at the end of the month on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October at our re-scheduled Pimm's and Hymns - do speak to Mark if you'd like to request your favourite hymn with proceeds also going to Raise the Roof. Looking further ahead to November we have the Quiz evening to look forward to on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> and the Bazaar which will also be returning after a year away last year takes place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>. Do support these key events in the St. Edmund's calendar if you can especially at such an important time for us as we strive to Build up the Church in our Parish.

There - not too much sport and plenty to look forward to! I think I've done OK! Such a lot has happened since I last wrote NFTP that we could never have imagined. I remember the reality and enormity of what was happening really hit me when at very short notice we cancelled our PCC meeting and before the days when we automatically reverted to Zoom it seemed strange that I wouldn't be able to see the people there. Very sadly we have lost several members of our church family here at St. Edmund's in recent months many of whom we have not been able to say goodbye to in the way we would have liked. We have grown ever stronger as a family and have shown resilience and hopefully humility in the way we have worked as a team and faced the challenges of the past couple of years. I have enjoyed being a sidesperson when needed - it has helped me to get to know members of the church who I hadn't really spoken to before and I think as a Church we have grown closer. I hope that this strength will carry us forward as we - hopefully - emerge from the pandemic and continue to grow, develop and flourish. Our roofs are only the start! It has been wonderful to see our Servers back in the sanctuary and seeing Joash learning the ropes ably guided by Ian is a joy to watch. I do hope that you and your families continue to stay safe and well and until I write again, wishing you a happy, healthy and steadfast journey forward.

**R.I.P. ANGELA GAMMON** 14<sup>th</sup> July 1943 - 27<sup>th</sup> July 2021

from Fr. Michael's Sermon at Angela's Funeral

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Angela was born in Pinner and grew up in Hazelwood Drive, just over the road from the church. She lived in that house for almost 50 years before moving to Chamberlain Way in 1992. Her mother Phyllis was a devoted member of the St. Edmund's congregation. Her father Harry was a master shoemaker and had his boot and shoe repair shop in Bridge Street, Pinner, opposite the Langham Cinema and next to the Oddfellows Arms. When Harry died in 1970 Phyllis then Angela took over the running of the shop, as a collection agency. The shop closed in January 1976. Angela then worked at Sainsbury's in Pinner for over 30 years.

Angela had two older brothers, Roger and Bruce. Sadly, Bruce succumbed to cancer at the age of 20, when Angela was only 16 years old. Roger was a scientist at the UK Atomic Energy Research Establishment in Harwell, before being recruited by the University of Technology in Sydney, Australia. So Roger emigrated to Australia in 1972 with his wife and three young children.

Angela made her first trip to Australia in the late 1970s, staying with Roger and her nephew and nieces for almost a year. This sparked her passion for travel and in the ensuing years she travelled widely, with trips to Madeira, Spain and many other places and including Moscow.

Angela had many hobbies over the years, belonging to rambling and fishing clubs. She loved working in her garden and at one stage had a very large cactus collection.

After Phyllis died in 1989, Roger and his children became Angela's only remaining close family. They were able to make a number of trips to England over the years, and Angela made frequent journeys to Australia; she had at least six visits between 1990 and 2013. Another was planned for 2020 but that was put that on hold as Australia closed its international borders.

Roger sadly died in 2016 and Angela missed him terribly. Angela's nephew Philip and his wife Bernadette and their three children visited Angela in 2019, and were able to take her on a short holiday to Brighton and the Sussex coast where we were able to visit her cousin Jenny. Angela, like her mother, was a regular member of the congregation here at St. Edmund's. She clearly had a strong faith and would often struggle to walk here in all sorts of weather. She was also a member of the cleaning crew and would quietly turn up and do her work and then slip quietly away. Angela was a regular attender at the lockdown Zoom coffee mornings.

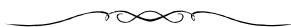
Her faith was clearly an important part of her life and I have heard from people who Angela helped when they lost a loved one providing comfort and understanding. These small acts of kindness are I think so important and often go unnoticed by other people but that is how we put our faith in action and how Angela lived out her faith.

As St. Theresa said Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world.

As a regular communicant Angela would have been very familiar with today's Gospel reading. Her faith meant that she knew that death does not signal the end but a new beginning. It is a transition. It is not a break in existence. It is a transformation. We believe that when the hour of our death arrives, when our existence on this earth reaches its end, we don't find ourselves facing nothingness. We end up facing the merciful hands of the living God who welcomes us and converts our death in to the beginning of our resurrection.

We thank God for Angela's life, for the love and compassion she showed to others for all that she meant to us and especially her family and above all for her faith.

May she rest in peace.



## **In Memoriam – Cliff Brookes**

It was with much sadness that we at St Edmund's received the news of Cliff Brookes' passing. He had been a faithful member of the Choir and a cheerful supporter of St. Edmund's for many years. Personally I will remember him fondly as someone who always offered a smile and an encouraging word to me. Hilda Greenfield and I attended his funeral on the beautiful sunny afternoon of Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September at St. Mary's Parish Church in St. Neot's. The service was a beautiful and moving celebration of his life and reflected the love and affection in which he was held. Two poems were read, the first in-person by his Great-Grandchildren Maya and Dilan and the second pre-recorded from Australia by Great-Grandchildren Hudson and Charlie. We sang his favourite hymn "Love Divine" and heard a wonderful tribute from his Granddaughter Emma, which is included below. I read a passage from the Bible which was taken from St. John's Gospel, chapter 14.

After the service we were glad to be able to talk, albeit briefly, with wife Connie, daughter Ros and Granddaughter Emma. I know I can speak for all at St. Edmund's that our condolences are with them and all the family. May he rest in peace.

Steve Castle



## R.I.P. CLIFF BROOKES 27<sup>th</sup> March 1920 – 25<sup>th</sup> August 2021

From a Funeral Tribute by his Granddaughter Emma Khanna

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We are here to celebrate the amazing life of Clifford Brookes, a man that I have been blessed to call my Grandad for almost 40 years. They say that the older you get, the more you appreciate your grandparents. This couldn't be more true for me. The years would roll by, and at each milestone birthday I remember being so grateful that Grandad had made it and we were there to celebrate it together.

Grandad was born in Kilburn in 1920, during the post war baby boom, an only child to father Fredrick and mother Rosina. He was a devoted son, always helping his parents whenever he could. Lots of odd jobs and chores for his mother were always on the agenda, as well as helping his father a great deal with his confectionery business. Perhaps that's where Grandad's love of chocolate started from. Most weeks he would ask me to pick him up a "slab of chocolate", as he called it, when I popped out to St. Neot's High Street. He grew up and went to school in Kilburn. At 14 he was selected by his headmaster to become a laboratory assistant at a hospital in the area, further fuelling his love of chemistry. He worked in this role for a few years before embarking on a chemistry course at night school. He qualified as an industrial chemist and quickly secured a job at Sellotape in Borehamwood, a career which he adored for the rest of his working life.

He lived through the great depression, the second world war, where he worked in wireless operations for the RAF, the creation of the NHS and the social and civic transformation of the 1960s, and most recently of course, a global pandemic to add to the list. Grandad was thrilled to receive his card from Buckingham Palace, and proudly showed it off on his milestone 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

As I reflect over the years that we shared together, he was always a wonderful Grandad to Mark and I. He always lead by example, and taught us numerous life lessons. He was a humble man full of love, strength and encouragement to us both.

Having him, and Nanny of course, at my wedding to Akhil in 2010 was magical. His first time to an Indian wedding, but you would never have known! He embraced the culture more than I could have ever wished for. Wearing traditional Indian clothes, savouring the food and even joining in with Bhangra moves on the dance floor!

I will particularly remember Grandad's little notes of love to me. Every Valentine's Day, for as long as I can remember, Grandad would send me a special card. I would look forward to receiving it each year, and particularly treasure the home made ones! I have kept every single card. He will always be my "original Valentine", something I called him right up to his passing day.

We all know that Grandad Cliff could be spectacularly stubborn and strong minded at times! If he had a viewpoint and a perspective on a given topic, nothing you could do or say would alter that. It's easy to laugh about it now but there were a few heated moments over the years.

Perhaps the most serious example of Grandad's stubbornness was the refusal to give up his beloved blue Ford Fiesta "POG". In his mid 90s with his shakiness increasing and his eyesight deteriorating, we told Grandad it really was time to surrender his licence and stop driving. But would he listen and admit that we were right? Absolutely not! Clinging on to his independence, he was adamant that he was still fit to drive, when clearly he wasn't. He would still have been driving up until last year if he had it his way! After mounting a roundabout and blowing a tyre it was time we took matters in to our own hands and give the DVLA an anonymous call, which his GP totally got the blame for! On the subject of driving, Grandad was particularly proud of being one of the only people in the UK to have a driving licence without ever actually taking a driving test! He reminded me of that fact many times over the years, particularly when he received his first ever speeding ticket, at age 94 years! I was secretly very proud!

I have been touched by many different messages of condolence over the last couple of weeks, but part of one message particularly stood out. It reads "Your grandfather was such a charitable man. He was always lending a hand to others and reaching out when they were in need". This got me thinking about Grandad's altruistic ways .. not just giving money regularly to charities each month, which he did all his life, but also how dedicated he was to St. Edmund's Church in Northwood Hills. He just loved to lend a hand at St. Edmund's. Of course the biggest memory from Grandad's time at Church was of him being in the Choir, where he sang bass for over 25 years, practicing every Friday evening, singing in church every Sunday morning and at all religious celebrations.

I have adored having Grandad at The Old Vicarage under my careful watch for the last 3 years. I am aware though that I was able to spend more time with him than the average Grandchild, and the moments we shared were precious. I thank my staff at The Old Vicarage for caring for him so wonderfully, even though he sometimes wasn't all that easy, and for their compassion and kindness that they showed throughout his time with us, particularly his last few days. They've also been a huge support to me, Nan and Mum, and we are extremely grateful.

I will never be able to look at another Sudoku puzzle, crossword, jigsaw puzzle or scrabble board again without thinking about Grandad. His love of stamps was like no other! A huge collection from all over the world that he was so proud of, particularly his penny blacks! He ran the stamp club at St. John's, the preparatory school that Mark attended in Northwood for many years, which he was so dedicated to, providing encouragement to the boys there about their growing collections and providing selections of stamps for sale, all proceeds of which went to the local hospital Mount Vernon.

I feel so privileged that I could create so many wonderful memories with him that will last a lifetime. So let us celebrate Grandad's life and continue his legacy. Thank you Grandad. I will always love you and save a special corner of my heart to keep you with me. The best Grandad a girl could have. I will miss you forever.



ST. EDMUND'S CHURCH

## QUIZ EVENING



SATURDAY 13<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER  
at St. Edmund's Hall

Hall opens at 7.00 pm; Quiz starts at 7.30 pm



Tickets - £8 per person

Bring your own drinks

There will be a raffle

Tables of 6 - make up your own  
or join with others on the night

Tickets available from Clare Moses 07950 863 250

Profits in aid of St. Edmund's Raise the Roof Project



**Eastcote and Ruislip Choral Society perform regularly at St. Edmund's.**

On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm,  
we are performing **Handel's Messiah** with the Hertfordshire Chamber Orchestra.

If you know Messiah well, why not join our **"Come and Sing"**,  
for Tuesday rehearsals on 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> October  
in Ruislip Methodist Church Hall, Ickenham Rd, HA4 7BZ,  
and on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> October for the rehearsal and concert at St. Edmund's: £25 only.

**AND Christmas Concert** – Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 3.30 pm, followed by tea.

It will include Christmas music and carols for all and is also at St. Edmund's.

# HYMN OF THE MONTH

Mike Godden

It sometimes feels a little odd to celebrate Harvest Festival, in the middle of suburban London, with the traditional themes of scythe-wielding rustic folk among stacks of corn and bounteous feasts in gloriously be-decked farmyards. But of course it isn't odd at all - in fact, it becomes more and more important as we become ever more aware that our harvests in the widest sense are beginning to be just as fragile as they were when all the harvesters had to worry about were potentially dodgy local weather conditions. So we continue to raise the song of harvest-home, and pray that our needs will indeed continue to be supplied.

To Thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise  
In hymns of adoration,  
To Thee bring sacrifice of praise  
with shouts of exultation:  
Bright robes of gold the fields adorn,  
The hills with joy are ringing,  
The valleys stand so thick with corn  
That even they are singing.

And now, on this our festal day,  
Thy bounteous hand confessing,  
Upon Thine altar, Lord, we lay  
The first-fruits of Thy blessing:  
By Thee the hungry soul is fed  
With gifts of grace supernal;  
Thou who dost give us earthly bread,  
Give us the bread eternal.

We bear the burden of the day,  
And often toil seems dreary;  
But labour ends with sunset ray,  
And rest comes for the weary:  
May we, the angel-reaping o'er,  
Stand at the last accepted,  
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore  
To garner bright elected.

O blessèd is that land of God,  
Where saints abide for ever;  
Where golden fields spread far and broad  
Where flows the crystal river:  
The strains of all its holy throng  
With ours today are blending;  
Thrice blessèd is that harvest-song  
Which never hath an ending.

The words of the hymn were written in 1867 by William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898). He was born in Bristol, the son of a Doctor. His career was spent in Insurance but he had a life long passion for writing lyrics for hymns and carols, including "Alleluia, Sing to Jesus" and "As With Gladness Men Of Old".

The tune usually used for the hymn is "Golden Sheaves", written in 1874 by Sir Arthur Sullivan (1842-1900). Although he is most noted for the operettas for which he provided the music for W.S.Gilbert's texts, he also wrote a large number of hymn tunes.



**HEREFORD CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of St. Mary the Virgin and St. Ethelbert.** Founded in AD 676 by Putta, formerly Bishop of Rochester. The original building was destroyed in 1055 by raiders from Wales and Ireland. The present building was built between 1079 and 1148, with many alterations over the next 300 years or so. But in 1786 there was a major collapse of the West Tower; restoration work was carried out, but the Cathedral didn't fully re-open until 1863. The Cathedral has the largest library of chained books in the world, its most famous treasure being the *Mappa Mundi*, a mediæval map of the world created around 1300. The Cathedral also holds a 1217 copy of Magna Carta, and an 8<sup>th</sup> century illuminated Gospel Book, the Hereford Gospels, which is the only artefact still at the Cathedral to have survived the disaster of 1055. A stunning contemporary addition is a huge candelabrum, the 'Corona', which hangs over the crossing.

**SALISBURY CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of The Blessed Virgin Mary.** The original Diocese, of Sherborne, was founded in AD 705, with St. Aldhelm as its first Bishop. Later, in AD 909, the Diocese of Ramsbury was created out of part of the Diocese of Winchester, covering Wiltshire and Berkshire. Around 1059 the Dioceses of Ramsbury and Sherborne were amalgamated, and in 1075 the seat of the Diocese was moved to Sarum (now Old Sarum), where a cathedral was completed in 1092 under Bishop Osmund, then in 1220 to a new (the present) site, the Bishop eventually becoming the Bishop of Sarum. Berkshire was transferred to the Diocese of Oxford in 1836. The area Bishops within the Diocese now have the historic titles of Sherborne and Ramsbury. The ruins of the cathedral at Old Sarum still exist, overlooking the City now known as Salisbury. Salisbury Cathedral has the tallest spire in England, at 404 ft, although both Lincoln Cathedral and Old St. Paul's were higher (the former, at 524 ft, collapsed in 1569, the latter, at 489 ft, burnt down in 1666). The cathedral houses one of only 4 existing copies of the original 1215 Magna Carta.

**WORCESTER CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of Christ and The Blessed Virgin Mary.** Founded in AD 679 by St. Theodore of Canterbury. The present building was built between 1084 and 1504, so its architecture is a mixture of different styles. Major restoration work was carried out in the 1860s. Burials at the Cathedral include those of King John and of Prime Minister Stanley Baldwin.

**DURHAM CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of Christ, The Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Cuthbert.** The Diocese of Durham was founded in 995, although its predecessor, the Diocese of Lindisfarne, was established in 635. The present Cathedral was built largely between 1093 and 1133. It is built on a promontory in a loop of the River Wear and thus has a position of monumental significance over the surrounding area. Among the many superb features of the Cathedral's magnificent (Norman, but later some Gothic) architecture are the splendidly decorated columns, each with various geometric carvings. The Cathedral houses relics of St. Cuthbert, St. Oswald and the Venerable Bede.

**EXETER CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of St. Peter.** Founded in 1050, when the Bishop of Devon and Cornwall was transferred from Crediton to a Saxon Minster in Exeter. The present building was started in 1133, but wasn't declared complete until about 1400. During that long period, the original Norman structure was rebuilt in the Decorated Gothic style. It is thought that the building has the longest uninterrupted mediæval vaulted ceiling in the world. Unique among English Cathedrals, it also has a wonderfully carved Minstrels' Gallery.

**LINCOLN CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** The Diocese of Lincoln was founded in 1072, it having been preceded from 679 by a Diocese variously called Leicester, Dorchester and Lindsey. The building of the present Cathedral started in 1072, replacing an earlier Minster. On completion of its central spire, in 1311, it is claimed that the building became the world's tallest, until the spire was blown down in a storm in 1548. It remains the 4<sup>th</sup> largest English Cathedral in floor area. The building was largely destroyed by an earthquake in 1185, although the west end with its 2 splendid towers survived. The rebuilding was overseen by St. Hugh, the then Bishop of Lincoln. The Cathedral was the starting point for the grand funeral procession of Eleanor of Castile, wife of Edward I, which ended at Westminster Abbey. To mark the 12-day journey, 12 elaborate stone crosses ("Eleanor Crosses") were erected at the places of nightly stops, the final one being Charing Cross in London. Only 3 of the crosses still survive - the one outside Charing Cross station was built in 1865 to replace the original, demolished by Cromwell in 1647.

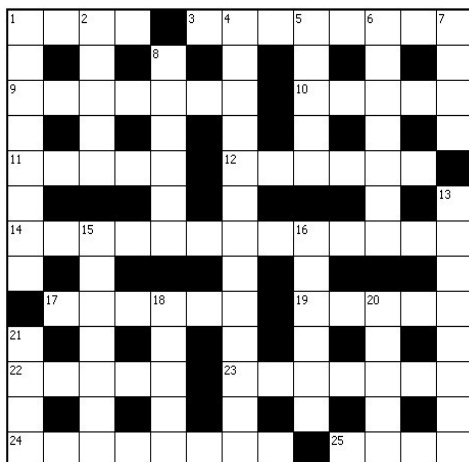
**CHICHESTER CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of The Holy Trinity.** The Diocese was founded in 1075, replacing the older Diocese of Selsey, when the building of the present Cathedral was started. It had to be substantially rebuilt after a fire in 1187, but the central spire was not completed until 1402. That spire collapsed in 1861, rebuilding being completed in 1867. The Cathedral became an important place of pilgrimage following the canonisation of St. Richard of Chichester (Bishop from 1245 to 1253, but his shrine was destroyed in the Civil War).

**NORWICH CATHEDRAL - The Cathedral Church of The Holy and Undivided Trinity.** The Diocese of Norwich, was founded in 1074, its Bishop having been preceded by the Bishop of the East Angles (from 630) at Elmham, then Thetford. The present building was started in 1096, initially completed in 1145, with the present spire, second tallest in England (315 ft) after Salisbury, finished in 1480.

SEPTEMBER  
Crossword Solution

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# OCTOBER CROSSWORD



## ACROSS

1. 'Those who were standing near Paul said, "You — to insult God's high priest?"' (*Acts 23:4*) (4)
3. They were assigned to guard the tree of life (*Genesis 3:24*) (8)
9. 'Elkanah son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the — of —, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite' (*1 Samuel 1:1*) (3,4)
10. Surrender (*Joshua 24:23*) (5)
11. Where American livestock can be reared (5)
12. Listen (anag.) (6)
14. Alternative name for Kiriath Jearim (*2 Samuel 6:2*) (6,2,5)
17. He founded Westminster Abbey, — the Confessor (6)
19. Hebrew word for the place of the dead (5)
22. Allies of Persia in the fifth century BC (*Esther 1:3*) (5)
23. Where John Wesley was forced to preach a lot (4,3)
24. Rebellion against God; abandonment of religious belief (8)
25. Note (anag.) (4)

## DOWN

1. Give an account of (*Mark 4:30*) (8)
2. 'I — — the path of your commands, for you have set my heart free' (*Psalms 119:32*) (3,2)
4. 'He took the ephod, the other — — and the carved image' (*Judges 18:20*) (9,4)
5. 'You are a chosen people, a — priesthood' (*1 Peter 2:9*) (5)
6. The meek, the merciful and the mourners are all this (*Matthew 5:4-5, 7*) (7)
7. Musical Instrument Digital Interface (1,1,1,1)
8. He was the son of Nun (*Deuteronomy 34:9*) (6)
13. 'Let the little — come to me' (*Matthew 19:14*) (8)
15. 'About three thousand were — — their number that day' (*Acts 2:41*) (5,2)
16. In John's vision, the wall of the new Jerusalem was made of this (*Revelation 21:18*) (6)
18. 'Our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly — a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ' (*Philippians 3:20*) (5)
20. 'Glorify the Lord with me: let us — his name together' (*Psalms 34:3*) (5)
21. Young Men's Christian Association (1,1,1,1)





*The Church of St. Edmund the King has been serving  
the Parish of Northwood Hills since 1934.*

*The Parish is in the Harrow Deanery of  
the Willesden Episcopal Area of the Diocese of London*



*Edmund was the devout young King of the East Angles,  
martyred by the Danes for his allegiance to Christ  
in the year 869 when he was 29 years old.  
The crown and arrows of the church crest  
symbolise his Kingship and Martyrdom.*

