

Roundabout

The Parish Magazine for St. Anne's Church
February 2020



St Anne's is seeking to be a home to invite everyone into.

WEST

Welcoming
Encountering Jesus
Serving others
Telling His Story

HEATH

Hospitality...
Everyone...
Acceptance...
Teamwork...
Helpful...

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The Editor Writes...

Firstly I would like to apologise for the lack of a magazine in January. This meant that there were no reports about all the Christmas activities at St. Anne's. This will probably be the only February parish magazine to contain some Christmas photos but it would be a shame not to include them.

The Christmas Concert was wonderful despite several members of the choir having colds and the afternoon raised over £100 for the Building Project. One of the highlights of the afternoon was

when the children came to the front to sing 'Away in a Manger'. This was unrehearsed but very charming. Barbara's Ball and the Mothers' Union joined forces for a Christmas party with dancing and home grown entertainment including Father



Paul and Charitas singing Silent Night.



The Christmas Fair was well supported and raised £371 for the Building Project.



Carols by Candlelight was really well attended with



several people reading in church for the first time.

A new website for the church was launched in January and has many more photographs from Christmas on it:

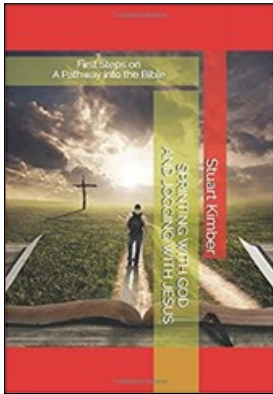
www.stannewestheath.org

There is also:

a Facebook Page: www.facebook.com/SaintAnneWestHeath

and Instagram: www.instagram.com/stannewestheath/

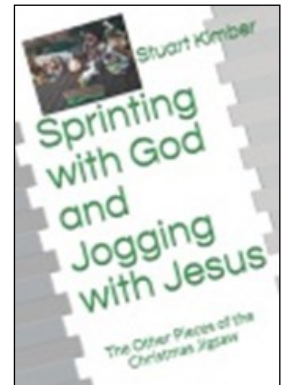
Charitas is the Web Manager so if you have any ideas about content that could be added to the website please speak to her.



PREPARING FOR EASTER A LENT COURSE WITH A DIFFERENCE!

**Ash Wednesday
Holy Communion
26th February - 7.30pm
in Church**

**Wednesdays - 2.30pm
4th 11th 18th and 25th March
1st and 8th April
in The George Goodger Hall**



The Crucifixion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus is the focal point of the Christian year and, of course, we celebrate it all at Easter. But Easter is the focal point of far more than that.

The *whole of human history* revolves around these events!

Never before had God demonstrated His love for humanity so convincingly, as when Jesus died on the Cross for our forgiveness. And ever since, it has never been so certain that God has prepared eternal life for those who turn to Him.

We prepare for Easter this year with an unusual Lent Course.

We'll be looking at the *whole* 'back-story' of the Easter events by surveying the *whole* story of the Bible, the book that opens with the start of human history and closes with its end - and points forward to eternity.

In six studies we'll survey the *whole* Bible and see the *whole* of God's dealings with humanity – with Easter at the centre.

Bring along my book that has the studies in it, or if you don't have that, buy my booklet '*Sprinting with God and Jogging with Jesus*' (£2.50) which also contains them.

Also bring a Bible

Stuart Kimber

Remembering Mary Young

Mention the name of Mary Young and those who knew her would have used some of the following descriptions:

kind, generous, faithful, fearless, forthright (sometimes even a bit stubborn!), active, humble, generous, understanding, sympathetic, the Lord's name always on her lips, worshipful and all served up in LOVE!



As a toddler Mary went to live with her grandmother who was very particular that Mary ate wholesome food with additional 'health shop' food. Mary at 75 years of age complained that was why she never got ill and was unlikely to die at 75 years as she desired. "I don't want a card from the Queen," she said. Her wish was granted - she only made 98 years!

Mary adored her grandmother who was an officer in the Salvation Army and Mary loved the noise and bustle and joyful singing. She also thought it great going to Quaker services with her uncle, sitting quietly and very proudly thinking, "My uncle is the most important person here and the preacher."

Later Mary married a young soldier and they had a daughter but a few months later he was killed in the war. Mary started coming to Saint Anne's, her in laws looked after the baby each Sunday. Mary helped with Mothers and Toddlers group, Sunday School. She joined the worship at Morning and Evening Prayers. As time went on she cleaned the church, polished the brasses, and washed the altar cloths. She was a member of the Mothers' Union for over 50 years. She ran a 'prayer and bible study' class in her own home for over 17 years and frequently preached at a local Baptist church she attended every Thursday afternoon.

Apart from all this Mary often invited several newer

members of St. Anne's home for the very good meals she had cooked. She did this very often. Many newcomers to the church received a lovely welcome from her with the service book and an invitation to sit by her and she helped them follow the service. A great way to welcome anyone by this friendly, gently smiling lady: a gesture so much appreciated.

During nearly all this time Mary was also working as a Home Help. In her 80's Mary's health began to deteriorate, her deafness increased and there were signs of dementia. Despite the valiant efforts of Polly, Muriel, Eileen and others Mary needed more care and had a placement at Redhill Court Retirement Home until she died. Her first question to visitors was always, "How is the church?"

Mary, dear lady, the Lord's name on her lips and in her heart, the Lord's love in all she did and was, what an example she is for us all.

Eileen Tudor

Shrove Tuesday is Pancake Quiz Night

Tuesday 25th February

6:30 pm in the Church Hall for Pancakes followed by the Quiz.

£2 per person for the quiz and a donation for the pancake would be appreciated.



There will also be a raffle.



Messy Church

The latest Messy Church was held on Friday 24th January. The theme was Jesus as a boy in the Temple. Janet and her team had worked hard to prepare a range of activities for the children and their parents to enjoy. The poster was put up outside of church and the children and their families arrived ready to enjoy themselves.



Thank you to Charitas for taking the photographs. If you would be interested in helping at a Messy Church event please speak to Janet Bradley. The afternoons are always fun and your help would be appreciated.



Messy Church



Messy Church

Joan looked after everybody's work for them. At the end of the session everyone gathered in the church to listen to Joan talk about the theme of the evening. Thank you to everyone who helped. The next Messy Church will be held on Friday 6th March.



Church Services During February

Every Wednesday

9 am Morning Worship in St. Francis Chapel

Every Thursday

10:30 am Holy Communion in St. Francis Chapel

Sunday 2nd February 2020

11 am Family Communion

Sunday 9th February 2020

9:15 am Holy Communion

11 am Morning Worship

Sunday 16th February 2020

9:15 am Holy Communion

11 am Morning Worship

Sunday 23rd February 202

9:15 am Healing and Holy Communion

11 am Morning Worship

Wednesday 26th February 2020 - Ash Wednesday

7:30 pm Holy Communion

Activities taking place at St. Anne's

Monday

West Heath Tea and Chat in the main hall 2 pm - 4 pm

Rainbows (for girls aged 5 - 7 years) in the main hall 4:30 pm - 6 pm (Chrissie: 0121 421 1474)

Brownies (for girls aged 7 - 10 years) in the main hall 6 pm - 7:30 pm (Stephanie: 07784030304)

Activities taking place at St. Anne's

Tuesday

Little Stars (for mothers and toddlers) in the main hall and church 9:30 am - 11:45 am (Chrissie: 0121 421 1474)

Mothers' Union (2nd Tuesday of each month) in George Goodger hall 2:00 pm - 4 pm (Janet: 0121 475 4259)

AA in George Goodger hall 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Wednesday

Colourstrings Music Classes for 3—6 year olds: 10:30 am - 11:10 am in the church (Erin 0121 624 2202)

Move It Or Lose It (Exercise class) £4 per session, in the main hall (Michelle: 07843945178) 10:30 am - 11:30 am

Sing-along in the main hall 1:30 pm - 4pm (Angela: 0121 2511700)

Thursday

Little Stars: (for mothers and toddlers) in the main hall and church 9:30 am - 11:45 am (Chrissie: 0121 421 1474)

Barbara's Ball: (dancing for all ages) First Thursday of the month in the main hall 1:45 pm - 4 pm (John: 01214583686)

Cofton Crafters: Last Thursday of the month in George Goodger hall 2 pm - 4pm (Chloe: 01905775757)

Guides (for girls aged 10—16 years) in the main hall 7:30 pm - 9 pm (Chrissie: 0121 421 1474)

Friday

AA meets in the George Goodger hall 11:30 am—2 pm

AA meets in the George Goodger hall 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Saturday

Choir rehearsal 10 am - 11:30 am in the Church

AA meets in George Goodger hall 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Sunday

AA meets in the main hall 7:30 pm - 9:30 pm

Puzzle Page

About Jesus (Part Two)

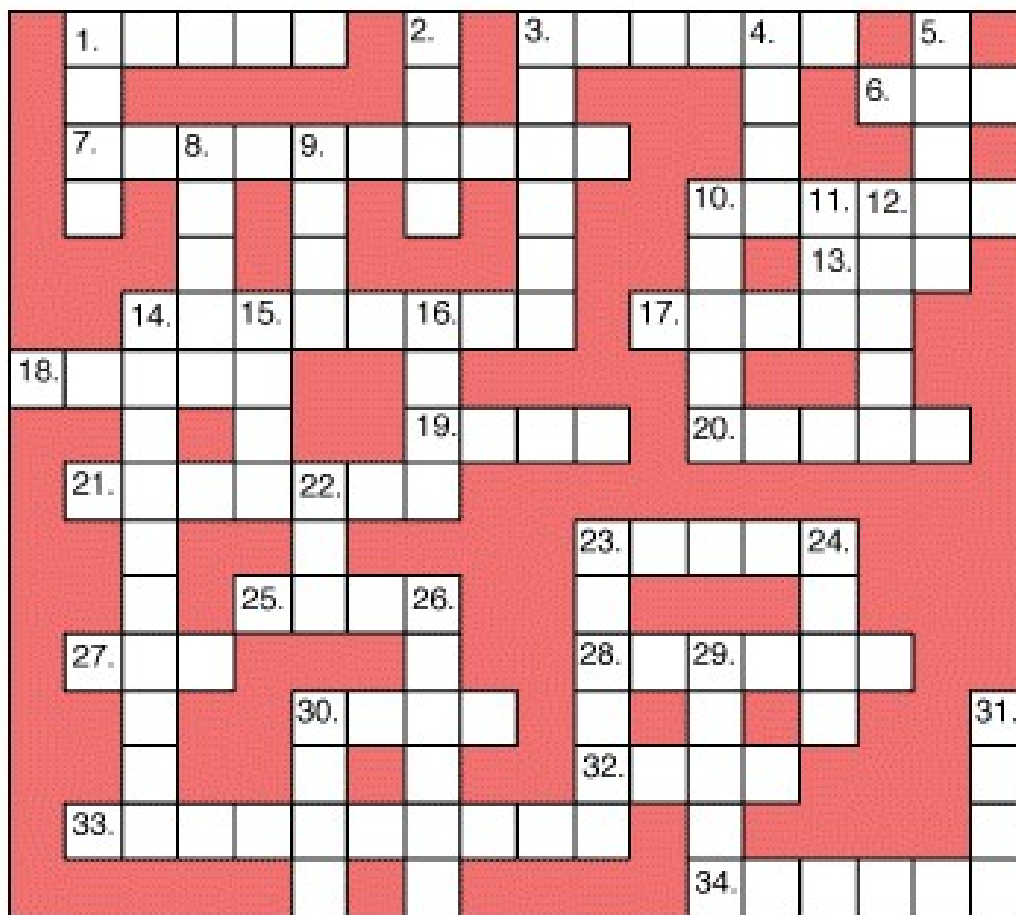
1. With whom did Jesus hold a conversation on Jacob's well at Sychar?
2. Whom did Jesus raise from the dead at Bethany?
3. Which three parables of Jesus concerning something 'lost' are told one after the other in Luke, Chapter 15?
4. How were the disciples to find the Upper Room where Jesus was to eat the Passover with them?
5. Where did Jesus pray long and earnestly immediately before his betrayal?
6. Who betrayed Jesus and what sign did he give to those who had come to capture Jesus?
7. What happened to Malchus at the time of the betrayal and what did Jesus do for him?
8. Who was the Roman governor before whom Jesus was put on trial?
9. What is the meaning of 'Golgotha', the place on Mount Calvary where Jesus was crucified?
10. Who were the three women who, on the first Easter morning, found the stone rolled away from the sepulchre and were told by an angel: 'Ye seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified; he is risen?'

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Joyce Arnold

Children's Page

Valentine's Crossword

**Across:**

1. Opposite of boys
3. Valentine colour
6. ____ goes there?
7. St. _____ Day
10. The targets of Cupid's arrows
13. This little piggy is one
14. Valentine month
17. Tolls paid
18. ____ change, pocket money
19. Sign above door
20. Donald's girlfriend
21. Crayon maker
23. He shoots love arrows

25. Short form for animal doctors

27. Valentine's colour
28. Cupid shoots these
30. Valentine colour
32. Choose
33. Sweet valentine gifts
34. _____ admirer

Down:

1. Bestow
2. ____ the bottle
3. Attractive
4. Frilly trim
5. Valentine colour
8. Mickey ____ Minnie
9. Close to
10. Listened

11. Past tense of eat
12. Red flowers
14. February ____ is Valentine's
15. ____ valentine.
16. Length x width
22. Single, __, 2, 3, ...
23. Winners
24. Opposite of up
26. First day of the week
29. Speed contests
30. Scheme
31. Pepper ____ candy



Children's Page



Ian and Janet Bradley

Answers to February's Puzzle Page

1. A woman of Samaria.
2. Lazarus.
3. The lost sheep, the lost piece of silver, the lost (prodigal) son.
4. Jesus told them to go into the city where they would meet a man carrying a pitcher of water and they were to follow him into the house he entered.
5. In the garden of Gethsemane.
6. Judas Iscariot; he kissed Jesus.
7. Peter cut off his ear with a sword; Jesus restored the ear whole again.
8. Pilate.
9. The place of a skull.
10. Mary Magdalene; Mary, the mother of James; Salome.

Health and Safety Concerns

If you notice any health and safety issues when you are in the church buildings please could you make a note of them in the Health and Safety book which is hung on the display board opposite the toilets. The PCC will then be able to address your concerns. If everyone is vigilant we will be able to ensure that we keep all the church buildings safe for everyone to use.

Thank you.

Security of Church Buildings

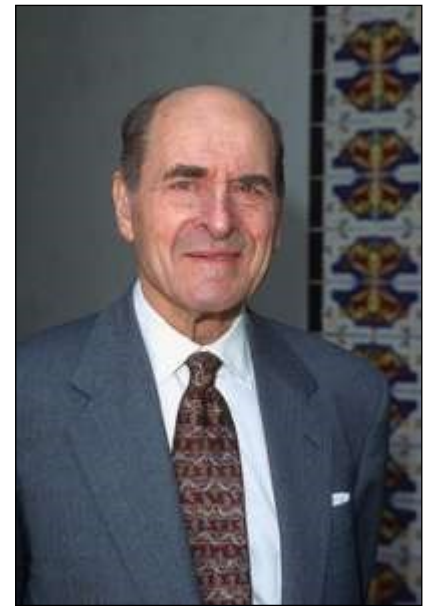
The PCC has become aware that our security is not as good as it could be. Please make sure that the back door is closed and locked at all times, that the Vestry door is kept locked and that if you are alone in the church or George Goodger Hall that the front door is locked.

Thank you.

February 1920

3rd February

Henry Heimlich, (Henry Judah Heimlich), an American physician was born on 3rd February 1920. He developed a simple procedure, known as the Heimlich manoeuvre, to dislodge solid foreign bodies from the throat of a choking person. The technique, which involved wrapping one's arms around a choking person and making sharp upward thrusts with joined hands to force air from the lungs into the trachea, was credited with saving the lives of thousands of would-be choking victims.



20th February



Robert Edwin Peary was born on 6th May 1856 and died on 20th February 1920. The American Arctic explorer is usually credited with leading the first expedition to reach the North Pole on 6th April 1909 on his third attempt. Peary returned to civilization only to discover that his former colleague, Cook, was claiming to have reached the North Pole independently in April 1908. Cook's claim was subsequently discredited. Peary's claim to have reached the North Pole was almost universally accepted, but in the 1980s the examination of his 1908–09 expedition diary and other newly

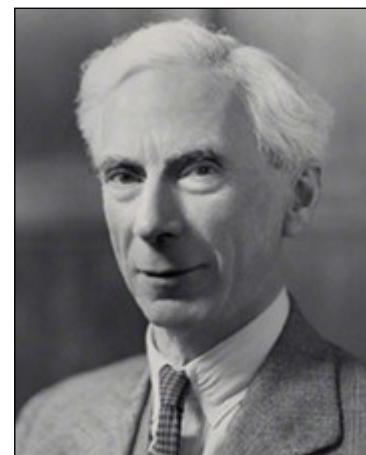
released documents cast doubt on whether he had actually reached the pole. Through a combination of navigational mistakes and record-keeping errors, Peary may actually have advanced only to a point 50–100 km (30–60 miles) short of the pole. The truth remains uncertain.

February 1970

2nd February

Bertrand Russell, English mathematician and philosopher died aged 97.

Bertrand Russell, in full Bertrand Arthur William Russell, 3rd Earl Russell of Kingston Russell, Viscount Amberley of Amberley and of Ardsalla was born on 18th May 1872 in Wales. He was a British philosopher, logician, and social reformer, founding figure in



the analytic movement in Anglo-American philosophy, and recipient of the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1950. Russell's contributions to logic, epistemology, and the philosophy of mathematics established him as one of the foremost philosophers of the 20th century. To the general public, however, he was best known as a campaigner for peace and as a popular writer on social, political, and moral subjects. During a long, productive, and often turbulent life, he published more than 70 books and about 2,000 articles, married four times, became involved in innumerable public controversies, and was honoured and reviled in almost equal measure throughout the world.

2nd February

The first nerve transplant operation was performed, in Munich, Germany.

9th February

A Bill giving women equal pay with men by 1976 passed its second reading unopposed in the Commons. Employment Secretary Barbara Castle warned bosses that women would still expect to keep their special privileges in such matters as pregnancy. Barbara Castle believed the Bill would lead to a better use of labour and greater efficiency. However, one back bencher said that he feared many women would lose their jobs if employers had to pay them the higher rate.

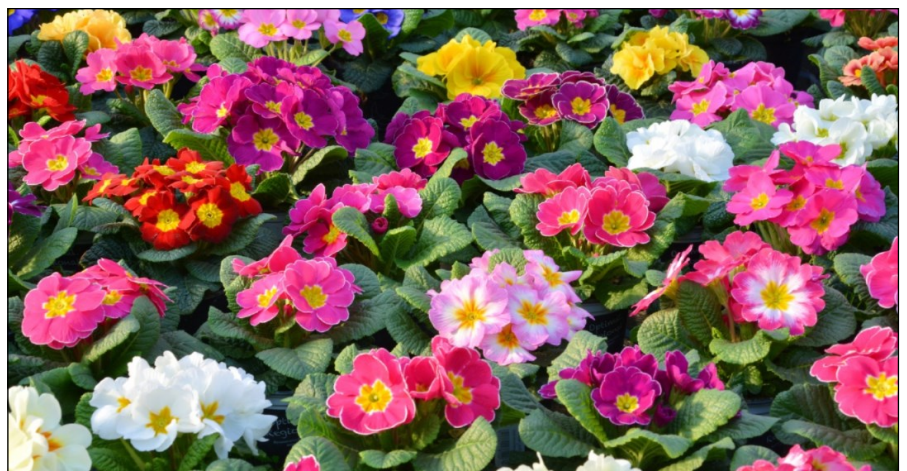
Thoughts From the Garden - January 2020

I have not been able to do much in the garden due to the cold or wet weather. I did plant a few bulbs in the border near the front door and some Cyclamen and Violas. Plus a few bulbs and a Cyclamen in the small border on December 18th. I checked the flower boxes January 22nd and some of the bulbs were growing. I did add a few more bulbs and unstacked the boxes so the bulbs have room to grow properly. I put the net back over the boxes to stop the Grey Squirrel digging in them.



The Winter Jasmin has continued to flower as have the Heathers and there were Daisies in flower in the lawn last week. The Snowdrops near the back car park are just coming up. We have had some in flower at home for 2 weeks now.

As I walk to church I pass a garden full of Vinca minor (Lesser Periwinkle) it has lovely white star like flowers which really show up on these dull mornings. At home I planted white Cyclamen and Violas at the bottom of the garden so they brighten the dull areas. We have lots of Primroses in flower at home and there are some in the church lawn just coming out. They too add a good splash of colour on these dark days. Still we have passed the shortest daylight day and many plants and bulbs will be growing and soon flowering, so do look out for signs of spring.



Regards,

Elaine.

Saint Ansgar - 3rd February

Saint Ansgar, Ansgar also spelled **Anskar**, or **Anschar**, (born probably 801 - died 3rd February 865; canonized 865; feast day 3rd February), missionary of medieval Europe, first archbishop of Hamburg, and the patron saint of Scandinavia.

Of noble birth, Ansgar entered the Benedictine abbey of Corbie in Picardy, where he was educated. After 823 he taught in the monastic school at Corvey ("New Corbie"), Westphalia, where he also began his pastoral work. When Harald, an exiled Danish king, appealed to the Carolingian emperor Louis I the Pious for support, Louis dispatched Ansgar to accompany and assist the king in evangelizing Denmark. Ansgar in 826 began short-lived missionary work in Schleswig. Harald's downfall in 827 and the death of his assistant, Autbert, were blows to the mission, and in 829 Ansgar returned to the Franks. With the help of Witmar, a monk from Corvey, Ansgar began his evangelization of Sweden. The first to preach the gospel in Sweden, he was cordially received by King Björn.

Louis recalled Ansgar in 831, making him abbot of Corvey and bishop of the newly established diocese of Hamburg. Consecrated in 832, he initiated a mission to all the Scandinavian peoples and went to Rome, where Pope Gregory IV made him archbishop and papal legate to the Scandinavians and Slavs, thereby earning him the title of "the Apostle of the North." At Hamburg, Ansgar founded a monastery and a school, and in 834 Louis endowed him with Turholt Abbey, to be used as the centre of his activities.

When Denmark had become united under King Haarik (Horec) I, he allowed the revival of Ansgar's work in Schleswig. Ansgar lost Turholt after Louis I's death (840); and in 845 Northmen destroyed Hamburg, and the Swedish missions were extinguished by the expulsion of Bishop Gautbert. Returning to

Saint Ansgar - continued

paganism, Sweden and Denmark rejected Christianity.

In 847 Louis the German, king of the East Franks, made Ansgar bishop of Bremen, from where he revived and redirected his northern evangelization. He dispatched a missionary to Sweden in 851 and converted the succeeding Danish king Haarik II. He then went to Sweden (853–854), where the king (himself destined for conversion) allowed the Christian missionaries to preach. Ansgar succeeded in thwarting a pagan rebellion before returning to Bremen.

He devoted himself to the diocese and to reducing the horrors of the slave trade.

He had wanted to be a martyr because he thought this was commanded him in a vision. His followers, however, said that his whole life was a martyrdom of hardship, danger and self-sacrifice. He died on 3rd February. His successor, Rimbert, wrote his life story.

He was proclaimed a saint by his successor, Rembert, and Pope Nicholas I the Great approved the proclamation.



Statue of Saint Ansgar, Hamburg

Articles for Publication

Please submit articles either by email to:
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Or leave a printed copy in the Parish Office clearly marked for the attention of the Editor.

Submission Deadlines

Items for inclusion in the March 2020 edition must reach the Editor, Georgina Arnold by 4pm on Friday 28th February 2020.