

# THE Parishioner

October / November 2021



Kulbir Thapa carrying the wounded soldier

*The Gurkha Memorial stands in the Princes Gardens*



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Ash Vale



roots down, walls down

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You can Zoom in to Evensong on Wednesday nights or join us in the car park. Email the Parish Administrator to join our mailing list and receive the link. Keep in touch as arrangements are always evolving!

### Monthly Messy Church: 07730 609446



31st Oct Love & Light event  
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# Letter from the Vicarage

By Rev. Neil Lambert

*The British have a long relationship with the Nepali people. Over 200 years ago, the British East India Company was at war with Nepal, fighting battles in the Himalayas that eventually led to a mutual respect. Both sides decided they would be better as friends than enemies and subsequently Gurkha regiments began to be established within the army—we've been friends ever since.*

*And now—praise God—we are not just friends but neighbours!*

*In recent weeks a new Nepali church has opened its doors just down the road, and Pastor Laxmi and Mrs Deborah Angdembe, the secretary, very kindly invited me along to join the celebrations. This wonderful church has grown from being a few people in a living room in 2007 to having over 300 members today. They prayed that God would open doors—and sometimes, when He answers that prayer, you just have to walk through! The community initially found a home at Holy Trinity Aldershot. Now as God blesses them and they continue to grow, they are expanding further, which has brought them here to Ash Vale! We thank God that this community did indeed walk through the door He opened, as it is great to welcome them.*

*I can't tell you what a privilege it was to be part of the inauguration service on the 4th September, at their new site on Frimley Road (you might remember this as previously being the Ash Vale Christian Assembly). You can find out more about them on their website: <https://nepalichristianchurch.co.uk/>*



*Following an inspiring service and having shared some great Nepali food afterwards. I can tell we are going to be great friends!*

*Living near Aldershot I have often seen the Nepali community in the shops, on the streets, at the market in Mytchett... and we are privileged to have the Queen's Own Gurkha Logistic Regiment on the doorstep, and the Headquarters Brigade of Gurkhas only a short step away in Sandhurst... and yet I have to say until the last few weeks I haven't really got to know anyone from that community. I feel inspired to learn and make friends, and maybe even learn a little bit of their language—and perhaps others from Ash Vale who do not speak Nepalese might like to join me?*

*While at the reception after the inauguration service, one member of the Nepalese church asked me 'how can we build bridges between our churches?' My feeling is that there's no need to build bridges, because God has already built a bridge in Christ Jesus, our Lord. Our job is simply to walk across it. However, sometimes walking across a bridge can be scary—both because of the journey itself and the destination, if it's unfamiliar, or uncertain. Sometimes walking through an open door can be difficult too, when you don't know what's on the other side. But the invitation is here for us to become friends, and I know with God's help we can do this, just as those two armies did 200 years ago—and we have an advantage, as we are not fighting one another! We can cross the bridge just as they have walked through the door.*

*As a starter, if you don't speak Nepalese, see the page opposite for how to say hello! And why not join me in a challenge to learn Nepali greetings; I reckon that if I learn five a week I will be fluent by 2030!*

*As we approach Remembrance Sunday, I'm reminded of how as part of the way we mark the anniversary we pay special attention to those soldiers who were not from this country but came to fight alongside us. I know that this will have special meaning for me this year, thinking about my new friends and the proud heritage of the Gurkha regiments. People need good friends that we can trust. In a world where trust is in short supply we must treasure our friends—old and new.*

*As we make new friends we are also welcoming back old friends to our services and community café. Meeting new people, building community, sharing the good news of Jesus—it's really nice! Hope to see you all soon!*

**Neil**

# Nepali Phrasebook

**Friendship starts with hello!**

Let's learn a few phrases to help us make friends.



Hello / Greetings

नमस्ते

Namastē

Thank you

धन्यवाद

Dhan'yavāda

Welcome to Ash Vale !

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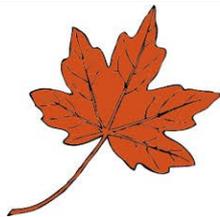
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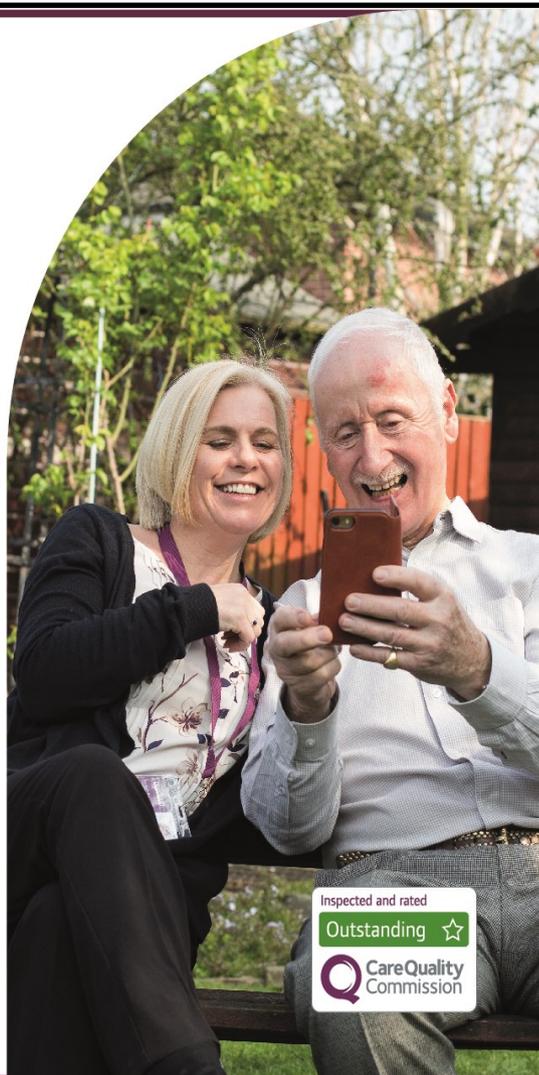
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# What's going on at Ash Manor?

By Sue Wyeth-Price



Ash Green Residents Association (AGRA) was successful in the fight to overturn the officer's recommendation for 69 more homes in Ash Green this week (8th September).

It has been a long fight for the residents and the AGRA committee, and it is far from over yet.

Ash Manor itself is a 750-year-old Manor House. It was divided into two homes in 1948 but still retains many of the original features, the most impressive being the moat, which surrounds the house on 3 sides.

The house was upgraded to Grade II\* in 2017 putting it the top 6% of the country's historic assets, and the only one of its kind in Guildford Borough.

The two other buildings on the site are the Oast House, now divided into two homes, and Oak Barn. Both of these are Grade II buildings and deserve protection in their own right.

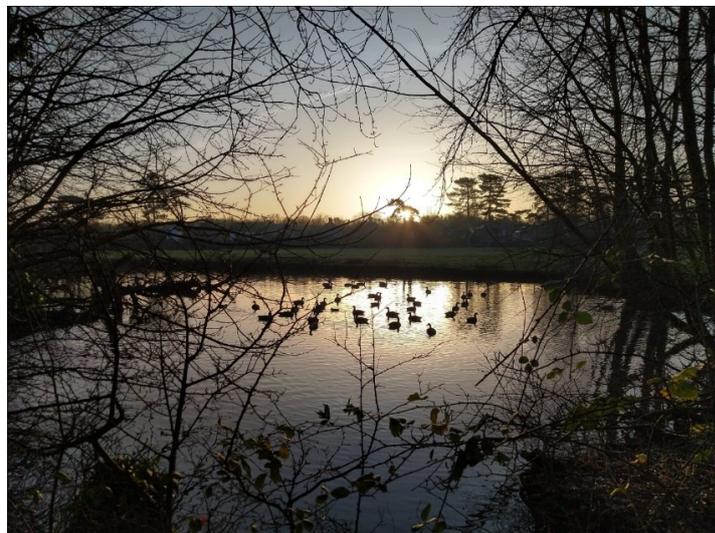
The value of the group is enhanced by their setting. The manor is currently surrounded by fields, with the veteran oak tree which is at least 250 years old and the pond which features on all the old maps of the area and is a haven to wildlife.

Over the last 7 years, AGRA initially fought off a development of 44 houses on the site in 2014. This was then followed by an application by Bewley Homes for 95 houses in 2017 which the officers did not put before the committee in time, so it went to appeal due to non-determination. AGRA were granted permission to become a "Rule 6" party



at the appeal. This gives the same legal standing to the Residents' Association as the council and the developer.

Surprisingly, the developer withdrew the appeal because they had been in negotiation with the council to produce an alternative scheme. We were awarded our costs (only due to the specific circumstances) so we could pay back the residents for the barrister and experts. It was this alternative scheme that was decided this week.



The planning committee approved the application, for 73 houses in December 2019 but AGRA were unhappy with the way information had been presented, through the officer report, to the councillors and applied for a judicial review.

Judicial reviews require a good understanding of the quite complex laws around planning applications, and we were fortunate to be granted pro bono help from the Environmental Law Foundation and Cornerstone Barristers. We were also provided with loan/grants from both Tongham and Ash Parish Councils, which we could afford to pay back when we received the successful judgment, and our costs, of £6,400 in December 2020.

The application had to be re-decided and appeared on the agenda again in both May, and June, when AGRA organised the protest during the councillors' site visit which you may have seen in the local press and on the BBC. AGRA then submitted written objections on Heritage, Ecology and Drainage Grounds resulting in the application being removed from the agenda, the tree being granted its now protected veteran status, and the number of houses reduced to 69.

When it was included on the agenda this time, with the support of our local ward councillors and some from further afield, we successfully overturned the officers' recommendation, and the application was refused.

In the meantime, Bewley Homes submitted an identical application, which the officers did not put before the committee, and so that one has not been decided. This gave Bewley Homes the opportunity to apply for an appeal to the Planning Inspectorate. The fight goes on and the appeal will be heard in January and last about 3 weeks.

This has been an amazing community effort. The latest appeal has already cost us in the region of £8,000 which has been raised through donations but is not enough to pay for legal assistance this time, so we will have to do it ourselves. If you would like more information, or to get involved in the campaign please e-mail [AGRA@AshGreen.Org](mailto:AGRA@AshGreen.Org) or you can help with the funding through <https://www.gofundme.com/> and searching for Ash Manor.

# Ash Citizens Advice

**Our team in Ash is here to help with free impartial advice**



*I'm a single parent and lost my job during the pandemic. My local Citizens Advice helped me apply for Universal Credit which has been really helpful to cover some of the income I've lost. But I'm very worried about the upcoming £20-a-week cut to Universal Credit - I don't know how I'll be able to pay for the school uniforms and shoes, especially as they grow so fast! Is there any other support out there to help plug the gap?*

If you're on a low income or unemployed, you might be able to get help with some of the costs of sending your child to school, including school meals, transport, and uniform. It's always worth talking to your local education authority to see what support is available as some of their resources and offerings can differ. The following information is for England:

**Free school meals:** Children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 automatically get free school meals. If you have older children, you can apply for free school meals if you get certain benefits. In your case as you're on Universal Credit and you applied after 1 April 2018 you would be eligible if you earn less than £7,400 a year without benefits. You can see the full list of eligibility requirements on the <https://www.citizensadvice.org.uk/family/education/help-with-school-costs/#h-getting-free-school-meals> To apply for free school meals, you need to contact your local authority, you can check the details at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals> by typing your postcode in.

**Transport:** If your children are aged between five to 16, your local education authority might offer free or lower cost transport if you don't live near school or your child's unable to walk there. You need to apply to your local education authority for help.

**Uniforms and other costs:** Your local education authority might also be able to help with some other costs, like uniforms, music lessons or trips and activities. There may also be local charitable schemes to help with these costs, it's worth checking with the school to see if it knows of any. Schools can also sometimes also advise on finding second-hand uniforms.

**What's next:** If your child is staying in education after year 11, you must tell HMRC's Child Benefit Office if you want to continue receiving child benefit and any extra support for children within means-tested benefits. When your child turns 16, HMRC will send you a letter asking whether your child will stay in education or training. You must reply to this letter to keep getting Child Benefit.

**If you need help applying for Universal Credit or any other benefit help, please contact Ash Citizens Advice Bureau. 01252 315569 [ashcab@cabnet.org.uk](mailto:ashcab@cabnet.org.uk)**

# Quiz Night

Great News! Nikki, Brian, Alex and the team are back, with a November Quiz Night for your enjoyment!

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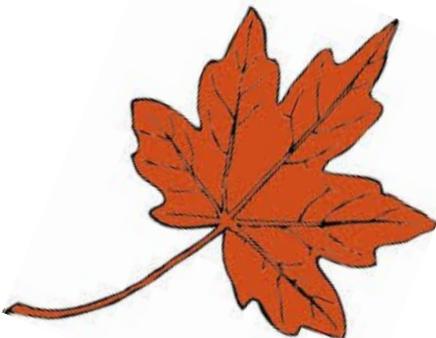
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# Shopping Local

By Jackie Scott



I'm a positive sort of person and have had much to be thankful for over the last 18 months. Yes, its been difficult at times; we have not been able to meet with family, we have not been able to travel and our lifestyles have changed dramatically due to the requirement to work from home. There have definitely been benefits though! Not only did we discover our neighbours are really lovely people, we also discovered that we can buy most of what we needed relatively easily from our local shops - within walking distance. Being constrained to stay local, we had the opportunity to walk around our area and see what local shops provide – you know the ones that we usually drive past on our way to go to a town where everything is in close proximity....

As we came out of lockdown, we were able to put some of that better local knowledge to good use. When it became possible for our grandchildren to visit, we realised that we did not have sufficient beds and needed a bunk bed very quickly. We found bunk-beds in one local shop (with an online delivery situation) but needed two 2 foot 6 mattresses within a week! Having done research during our lockdown walks, we nipped over to North Camp and thanks to our improved local knowledge, a wonderful shop and even more fantastic staff, we were able to order the required mattresses. Even better - the mattresses were delivered within 4 days.

So the lesson learned is that we have what we need – most of the time. If we have other needs we can support our local enterprises and probably receive better service than if we had gone online or driven to somewhere miles away.

So what have your experiences been during lockdown? Has life become simpler? Have you learned to appreciate all that is around you? Have you got a local lockdown story to tell? I love our locality and the people who live in it – I want to continue finding those local businesses and support them as best I can....



*Would you like to share your stories with us? Send them to [parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk](mailto:parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk).*

# Seasonal Recipe—Oat Cookies

By Jackie Scott

A very special friend died in March after a battle with cancer that had lasted about 5 years. She and her husband moved down to Cornwall about 10 years ago but we had continued to visit them regularly. I am sad that our visits to Cornwall will now only elicit fond memories; but what other things help us to remember those we have loved and lost? The two of us used to bond in friendship in the kitchen cooking and chatting together. This recipe that she shared has been a mainstay for me with our boys and often for friends who have visited, and it will forever be linked with my dear friend, Fenella.

## Melted Oat Cookies

- ⇒ 4oz Self Raising Flour
- ⇒ 4oz Rolled/porridge oats
- ⇒ ½ level teaspoon bicarbonate of soda
- ⇒ 4oz margarine
- ⇒ 4oz granulated sugar
- ⇒ 1 rounded tablespoon golden syrup

Mix the dry ingredients together and set aside.

Gently melt the margarine (or butter if you're feeling decadent), sugar, and syrup together. Remove from the heat and stir in the flour mix. Beat well.

Form rounded balls and place on a greased baking sheet. Flatten slightly and cook for 15 minutes at Gas Mark 4, 180C. Cool for 5 minutes then transfer to a cooling rack.

This is such a versatile cookie. You can use the standard recipe as a base and make many alternatives...for example:

Chocolate chip cookies: make the oat mix and cool for 15 minutes, add 2oz of chocolate chips and complete as above.

Or how about:

Chocolate crisps: make the oatie mix and sprinkle the flatten balls with caster sugar. Bake as above. Melt 6oz cooking chocolate and spoon over half of each biscuit.

Sunflower seed cookies: Add 2 oz sunflower seeds with the dry ingredients

The options are endless – try adding things like raisins, crunchie niblets...whatever you have in your store cupboard!



# What's on in October & November...

## Regular Events at St Mary's and The Chapel:

### Sundays

10:30am Church Service at St Mary's church, Vale Rd GU12 5JE followed by refreshments & chat

### Mondays

11:30am Coffee Zoom for parents and carers text Alex 07730 609446

### Tuesdays

10:00am -11:30am Babies at St Mary's Support Group, for parents and carers and their little ones 0-12mths. Join us for cuppa & chat and we finish with some songs. Text Alex to book 07730609446

12:00—12:30 Prayer time at St Mary's

8pm Choir practise at St Mary's, no auditions, contact the parish office if you'd like to join. Christmas Choir starts after half term. All welcome

### Wednesdays

11:30am-1:30pm Chapel Kids baby and toddler group at The Chapel on Vale Rd, play, story and craft followed by lunch club. Fruit snack and tea & coffee provided. (Bring a picnic lunch) contact Alex to book 07730 609446

8pm Chapel Craft Club, bring your latest project and chat while you craft.

### Thursdays

7:30pm Chapel Filmshare, our neighbourhood cinema. Fortnightly film fun. Contact Dick 01252 694314 or email Richard.elsey45@gmail.com

### Fridays

10am-11:30am Community Cafe at St Marys, all welcome.

10am-11am Hear hear is back! Pop over to St Mary's in Vale Rd and have your hearing aid batteries and tubes changed by Jackie.

10:30am bible study in church

### **Regular Bible study and homegroups -**

We have several groups running at different times during the week, please get in touch. parishoffice@ash-vale.org.uk

### **Chapel Poetry Group**

Monthly zoom workshop with Poet in Residence Max Alcazar. Join our next session on 1st October 7:30om or text us for future dates 07730 609446.

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### Music & Wellbeing Workshops

Fridays in October & November at The Chapel 12:30, see page 19 for more information. *Come to our taster on Friday 1st October!*

### Tongham Baby & Toddler Groups:

Baby Plus Thursdays 10:30-12

Toddler Plus Wednesdays 10:30-12

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### 31st October Love and Light Trail,

finishing at The Chapel with food, fun, messy church kits and hot chocolate, contact Alex to book your start time 07730609446 (**More info on our inside back cover**)

**14 Nov Remembrance Day** a short service at St Mary's and then we will all join the civic service in the village. The Churches Together team will serve tea & coffee afterwards.

**20th November Quiz Night** at St Mary's doors open 7pm for a 7:30pm start. Book with Nikki, tickets £12, Food included, byob. We have a Grand Raffle being drawn too, win a Robot Vacuum cleaner! (see page 11)

**20 November: Vivace Chorus** will perform Elgar's "The Dream of Gerontius" at Dorking Halls, 7.30pm. phone 01306 881717 [www.vivacechorus.org](http://www.vivacechorus.org) To book.

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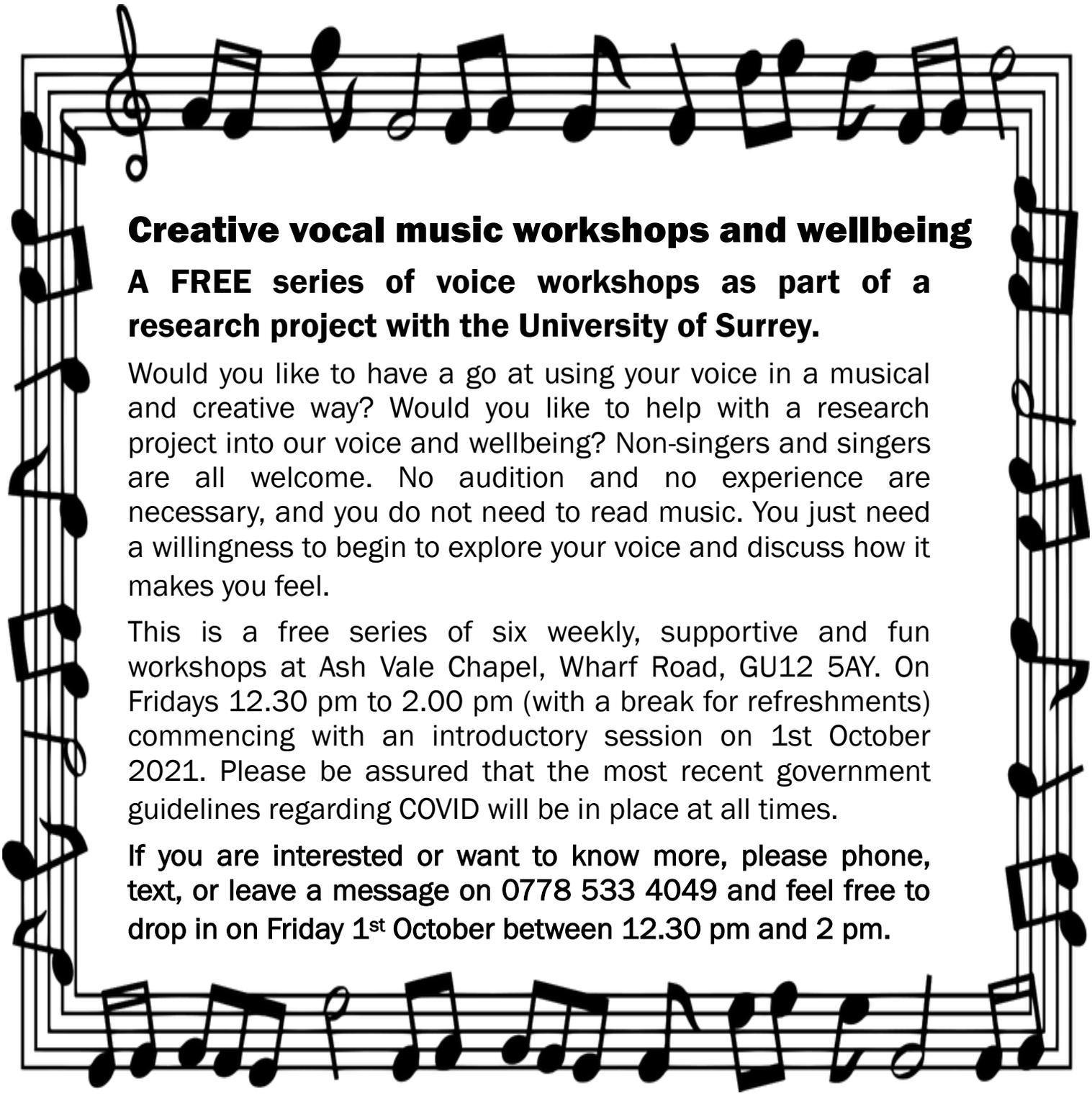
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## **Creative vocal music workshops and wellbeing**

**A FREE series of voice workshops as part of a research project with the University of Surrey.**

Would you like to have a go at using your voice in a musical and creative way? Would you like to help with a research project into our voice and wellbeing? Non-singers and singers are all welcome. No audition and no experience are necessary, and you do not need to read music. You just need a willingness to begin to explore your voice and discuss how it makes you feel.

This is a free series of six weekly, supportive and fun workshops at Ash Vale Chapel, Wharf Road, GU12 5AY. On Fridays 12.30 pm to 2.00 pm (with a break for refreshments) commencing with an introductory session on 1st October 2021. Please be assured that the most recent government guidelines regarding COVID will be in place at all times.

If you are interested or want to know more, please phone, text, or leave a message on 0778 533 4049 and feel free to drop in on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October between 12.30 pm and 2 pm.

## **Christmas Tree Exhibition**

A Christmas tree display with the theme of Christmas Carols will be held in St. Peter's Church on 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> of December. Groups or individuals can join in the fun by choosing a Carol and decorating a tree, real or artificial and any size. The church will be decorated with nativity sets, greenery and candles and help us all get in the Christmas season. If you would like get creative for Christmas please contact **Barbara Rose 07761808727**.



# **Autumn Bible Study (2 Corinthians 3:3-11; 16-18)**

**By Helen Lambert**

What do you like best about Autumn? For some, it is the bountiful ending of Summer – the “Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness”, with its ripening fruit, beautiful berries and glorious colours. For others, it is a beginning rather than an ending – the start of a new school year, or perhaps even a new school, maybe a new job, the start of a new season. This year, that newness is being felt even more keenly as we venture out into the “new normal” of living with COVID. What aspects of life have you been forced to re-think as you emerge from the restrictions of the past 18 months? Have things “gone back to normal”, or has everything changed? Have any changes been for the better? For Christians in general, and for those of us at St Mary’s in particular, we are challenged to consider what this might mean for the church? Could this be a God-given opportunity to re-think what the church should look like? Do we meet God in the security of the past, and “get back to normal” as quickly as possible? Or do we step into whatever re-imagined future he might be wanting to lead us into, building on our traditions without being tied to them?

In this month’s reading, taken from one of Paul’s letters to the fledgling church in Corinth, Paul focuses on the “new way” versus the “old way”.

It is a tricky passage to understand without some background: Paul begins by talking about the Covenant, or agreement, which God made with the people of Israel, and particularly about the Law (commandments) which he gave to Moses on Mount Sinai, and which were carved on tablets of stone (v7). This Law was God’s most precious gift to his people, for it revealed his heart and his will for them and showed them how they were to live in relationship with Him and with each other. Moreover, it was revealed to them by Moses, who met with God “as one meets with a friend” (Exodus 33:11). When Moses returned from meeting God, he would have to wear a veil over his face because he was so radiant (v7)! The Covenant was that if the people kept God’s Law, he would be their God and bless them. However, as the whole story of the Old Testament reveals, God’s people were unable to live according to God’s ways, so the Law that should have brought them life and blessing, instead brought “condemnation” (v9).

So, was the “old way” (v7) good or bad? Count how many times the word “glory” or “glorious” appears in this passage? How many of these are associated with the “old way”?

It is clear that God’s Law was indeed “glorious” – and was intended to be life-giving to those who received it. It was nothing less than God’s revelation of himself in written form. However, Paul revealed to them a “new way” that was even more glorious (v9)! What does he tell us about this new way? Where does it come from and why is it so much more glorious?

Firstly, the new way comes from the Holy Spirit, who is the presence of God himself in our lives (v8; v17). Like the Law, it is God’s revelation to us, but unlike the Law, it is written on

our hearts (v3). Secondly, the new way “makes us right with God” (v9) in a way that the old way was unable to. No wonder it is more glorious! Finally, we read that the new way has replaced the old way and, in contrast to it, the new way will last for ever (v11).

So Paul honours the “old way”, acknowledging how wonderful it was, but he does not want the believers to be tied to it when the new way is so much better in every way. Are there any lessons here for the church? Perhaps you can share your thoughts with us!

Lest we are tempted to embrace novelty for novelty’s sake (or indeed, hold on to the past for its own sake), the final verses of chapter 3 remind us of our calling and purpose as the people of God. Like Moses, we are to reflect the glory of God as we ourselves are changed by His Spirit to become more and more like His Son Jesus. Moses’ radiance (see above) was a reflection of his relationship with God – may we too, as individuals and as the church, reflect God’s glory in our community.

“Whenever someone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away...so all of us who have had that veil removed can see and reflect the glory of the Lord. And the Lord – who is the Spirit – makes us more and more like him as we are changed into his glorious image.”(v16;18)

## **(2 Corinthians 3:3-11; 16-18)**

<sup>3</sup> You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.

<sup>4</sup> Such confidence we have through Christ before God. <sup>5</sup> Not that we are competent in ourselves to claim anything for ourselves, but our competence comes from God. <sup>6</sup> He has made us competent as ministers of a new covenant—not of the letter but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life.

<sup>7</sup> Now if the ministry that brought death, which was engraved in letters on stone, came with glory, so that the Israelites could not look steadily at the face of Moses because of its glory, transitory though it was, <sup>8</sup> will not the ministry of the Spirit be even more glorious? <sup>9</sup> If the ministry that brought condemnation was glorious, how much more glorious is the ministry that brings righteousness! <sup>10</sup> For what was glorious has no glory now in comparison with the surpassing glory. <sup>11</sup> And if what was transitory came with glory, how much greater is the glory of that which lasts!

<sup>16</sup> But whenever anyone turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate<sup>[a]</sup> the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

*Bible Gateway site is available here: <https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Corinthians+3&version=NIV>*

# Ash & Ash Vale Community Street Team



**By Pat Scott**

The Ash & Ash Vale Community Street Team are a friendly group of volunteers from the local community that go out and talk to young people and anyone else they meet on their patrols. Their objective is to break down barriers between different age groups in the Parish.

Traditionally, public safety has been the domain of law enforcement. When crime and Anti-social Behaviour occurs, we tend to look to law enforcement for reduction strategies. However, increasingly over the past few years, research has shown that you can't have sustained, long term reductions in violence and crime without engaging residents in the public safety process. That's to say that you can't have "public safety" without the "public".

Our Teams of Volunteers go on pre-arranged Outings in pairs around Ash and Ash Vale and act as a service to the community, bridging the gap between the generations and offering mainly young people the chance to chat and simply talk to someone who will listen.

Since starting over 12 years ago, the Street Team have 18 volunteers of various ages. The Team originally received funding from Surrey County Council, allowing them to buy uniforms and back packs which carry hot drinks in the winter and cold drinks in the summer. Members of the team live in the local area, and are well known within the Community with their logo marked hi-viz jackets, fleeces and backpacks.

Pat Scott, who Chairs the group, said:

*"We try to go to places where young people gather. We want to let them know that not all people over the age of 40 are about to collect their pension, and similarly let older people know that not everyone under the age of 25 is 'up to no good' even in small groups."*

Often, we just listen to people who feel they cannot talk to their parents or teachers for whatever reason, Pat said. "Young people can get very pressurised at school and worry about exams etc., and it can really help to just have an outsider to talk to." or signpost local events of interest.

Helping the elderly is also important. “On one occasion, a Team met an older lady who was frightened about crossing the park in the dark because she had seen some youths there,” The Team offered their help. “We went with her, and the youths actually turned around and said “good night” to us. It made the lady feel that they are not all bad after all.”

**Can you spare an hour or two a month?** Or perhaps you are looking for something different to do, meeting new people and making new friends whilst also taking a little exercise, then why not join us?

If you would like to go out on a ‘taster session’ to see if this could be something you would enjoy please contact Pat (Scott) on [scott.lpd@outlook.com](mailto:scott.lpd@outlook.com).

## Autumn Wordsearch

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- Acorns
- All Hallows
- Bonfire
- Chilly
- Conkers
- Gingerbread
- Harvest
- Hibernation
- Hot Chocolate
- Lanterns
- Leaves
- Light Party
- Pumpkins
- Remembrance
- Toffee Apple





## Age UK Surrey and Guildford Borough Council celebrate over 25 years of Shopmobility in Guildford

We are celebrating over 25 years of Shopmobility! Shopmobility located on Level 3, Bedford Road Car Park, Guildford, is a service run by Age UK Surrey with support by Guildford Borough Council. A wide selection of manual or powered wheelchairs and scooters are available for hire to any age group (under 18s must be accompanied by an adult) and you do not have to be registered disabled to use the scheme. Free parking area is available while using the service. All hires must be pre-booked. Open Monday – Saturday 10.00am – 4.30pm (closed Sunday and on bank holidays). For hire costs and to pre-book a scooter call 01483 453993 or email: [shopmobility@ageuksurrey.org.uk](mailto:shopmobility@ageuksurrey.org.uk)

*“I would simply not be able to visit Guildford for shopping or other leisure activities such as having a picnic down by the riverbank if it were not for Shopmobility”. Anil – Shopmobility client.*

Sue Zirps, Age UK Surrey Chief Executive said *“We are delighted to have provided a Shopmobility service for over 25 years with the support of Guildford Borough Council. This is a vital service for many people, with mobility issues, who would otherwise find it difficult to access the wide selection of shops, restaurants, cafes and entertainment that Guildford town centre has to offer”.*

Guildford Borough Council’s Lead Councillor for Community, Cllr Julia McShane, added: *“Congratulations to Age UK Surrey on the 25th anniversary of their Guildford Shopmobility scheme. “Our town centre is a thriving and exciting place for everyone in the community, and should be enjoyed by everyone equally. Shopmobility is available to anyone who finds it difficult to walk because of a permanent or temporary disability, frailty, accident or illness.”*

Service user Anil has been using Shopmobility for the past few years *“I would thoroughly recommend it. Whether it’s just to enjoy cruising around Guildford without the effort of having to walk and deal with Guildford’s hilly terrain or like me you have real mobility issues! The friendly willingness to be of help shown by the small close-knit Shopmobility team, often going the extra mile for their customers, is outstanding. Should you encounter any issues whilst out and about on a Shopmobility scooter, the team are always contactable by phone”.*

Would you like to know more about Age UK Surrey? Age UK Surrey is an independent local charity. We work across Surrey to help improve the lives of older people. Our services are designed to enable older people remain independent and informed, healthy and active and connected to their communities. We help combat loneliness and social isolation. More information is available on the website: [www.ageuk.org.uk/surrey](http://www.ageuk.org.uk/surrey)

# An update on the 'Save the Ranges' campaign

**By Tim Jones**

*You may have seen news about the **Save the Ranges** campaign in a previous special edition of *The Parishioner*. We reached out to the team for an update, and here is the latest news:*

Back in May, we were copied on a letter from Michael Gove, Jeremy Hunt & Jonathan Lord (our local MPs) to Jeremy Quin (The Minister of State for Defence Procurement) and to our surprise, the letter suggested that the MPs totally understood our position and were also questioning the validity of the reasons the DIO had provided for closing the ranges. However, the good feeling was short lived as nothing happened before the parliamentary recess and despite follow up emails from the campaigners there's been no further response from any of the MPs nor Jeremy Quin.

Not to be disheartened, we took our campaign to the national press in July. Beginning with an article in the Guardian & Observer, which empathised with the local people about what has been taken away from them. Off the back of that article, we were contacted by BBC South Today who wanted a segment for their evening news. This aired on August 5th and featured interviews with people involved with the campaign as well as an excellent soundbite from Neil Lambert, barely able to contain his frustration about the issue and how it's been handled by the politicians. There has since been further press coverage of the issue via BBC Radio Surrey and Private Eye magazine.

Thanks to the press coverage, we received sufficient donations to be able to start the legal proceeding to get a clearer view on the legality of the closure. Many thanks to those who have donated. Any unused funds collected will be donated to the charity : Help for Heroes

Tim Jones - <https://saveourspace.co.uk/>



**Save Our Spaces**

Restoring Public Access to MOD Land

# Remembering Ada Young

By Nikki Glover

As Church Warden, one of my duties is taking care of the church and organising clean-up days indoors and out. Our team of helpers have been busy sprucing up the area around Ada's memorial stone, and I wanted to find out a bit about her and share it with you all, so she is remembered in our community. Here is what I was able to find out:

Ada Francis Young was born on January the 1st 1899, the second child of Edward and Francis young of 87 Heath vale bridge road. On February 15th 1899 she was baptised in the tin church that used to be on this site called the mission of St Mary.

Her father was a cab proprietor and had a boarding stables and also employed his brother. The Ash Vale hotel was 3 properties away and her father and uncle would have been quite busy driving the handsome cab to and from the train station collecting passengers.

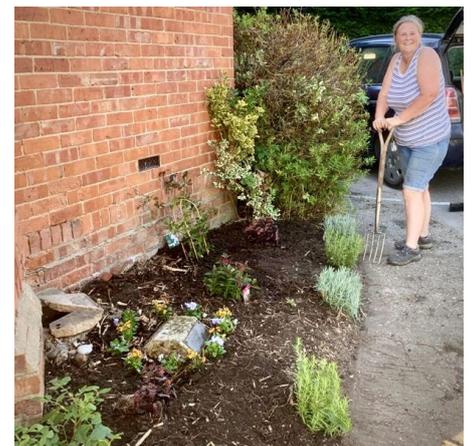
By 1911 the family and business had moved to 11 station road in Ash Vale, and Ada now had 6 siblings, on October 2nd 1911, her older brother Edwin joined the navy. In 1915 able seaman Edwin Young was sent to Gosport for torpedo training on H.M.S Vernon. Tragically, on September 10th 1915 he died in an accidental explosion when a charge exploded prematurely. Ada then became the eldest child with all the responsibility that that entails. She was courting a young man who also served and unfortunately died during the Great War. So much tragedy for an 18 year old girl to deal with, but she became a nurse and served throughout the war.

Ada loved music, particularly hymns, and she actually paid for our church organ. She was very busy within church life, and I like to believe that this helped heal her grieving heart, for she never married and never spoke about her brother or fiancé to anyone that I could find.

She was very good at getting others to do what she wanted and I would call her a woman of strong morals and faith. She loved wild flowers and liked to look through her book naming them all.

When she died on October 2nd 1987, Ada left a very large bequest to St Mary's, which has helped us for many years. This memorial stone is a very small token of remembrance for a remarkably lived life.

*If you have memories of St Mary's in years gone by, why not send them in? We would love to hear your stories. Email [parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk](mailto:parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk) or pop in for a chat.*



# Autumn Challenge

By Steph Farry

It can be so hard to say goodbye to the golden days of summer. Even if your day to day life doesn't change much over July and August, there's a sense of freedom and opportunity that can be missing from the other seasons.

If you're looking for ways to find joy in the shortening days and misty mornings, why not try this autumn challenge? There are twenty activities to help celebrate the special pleasures of this time of year. You could even challenge a friend to complete them, and share pictures to show how you're getting on! We do this each year, and it's lovely to see our friends out on their adventures. Our rules are that you have to do the challenge in order, there's no time limit on each activity, and you can switch activities as long as you keep to the 'feel' of the original (for instance, don't drink cider? Try an apple juice, or pear cordial!).

1. Go outside, smell the air, and set an intention to enjoy the new season.
2. Pick up a conker, or a handful of acorns, and put them somewhere you'll see often.
3. Bake something autumnal (eg pumpkin bread).
4. Drink some cider.
5. Watch a film or TV programme with an autumn 'feel' (eg Gilmore Girls, You Got Mail, Mona Lisa Smile, Casper).
6. Make a 'happiness capsule' with some treats or special memory items, to open if you need a boost of joy later in the season - or better still, make one for someone else!
7. Make an autumn craft (eg a leaf wreath, wooden wind chime, pinecone creatures), or put up some fairy lights.
8. Do a random act of kindness.
9. Plant some bulbs for spring.
10. Make and listen to an autumn themed playlist.
11. Mess about in some fallen leaves.
12. Practice loving kindness meditation.
13. Cuddle up with a cosy blanket and a book.
14. Clear out some old clothes to donate to charity.
15. Do a puzzle or crossword.
16. Find a really beautiful autumn tree.
17. Make or buy an autumn themed hot drink
18. Cook a stew.
19. Knit something (choose a small project!).
20. Drink hot chocolate under the stars.



Share your pictures with us on Facebook @StMarysashVale and @AshValeChapel #AutumnChallenge

# Local Action for Refugees

Here are just a few of the ways you can help...

**Donations:** Farnham Help for refugees in the UK & Overseas are collecting donations in October. Check their Facebook page for details of what items are needed and where to take them. There is a drop-off point in Farnham at Anytime Fitness where you can drop off donations at any time. If you are not able to get items to Farnham you can bring them to 50 South Lane in Ash and we will make sure they reach the October collection. Most needed are: New men's boxers and socks (size s/m) and warm clothes, coats, t-shirts, shoes, joggers and essential toiletries. (See online for more)

**Housing:** As more refugees are welcomed in to the area, housing will be needed so that families can move out of emergency accommodation. Council housing cannot be used for this, so private rental housing is needed. The diocese are hoping to help find more landlords willing to house refugee families. If you have a property you would be willing to let, to help a family, please get in touch. [Diane.peters@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Diane.peters@cofeguildford.org.uk)

**Volunteering:** Volunteers are also much needed, as an essential part of settling in, sorting paperwork and becoming part of the local community. If you can offer help with lifts, appointments, paperwork and befriending please get in touch [Diane.peters@cofeguildford.org.uk](mailto:Diane.peters@cofeguildford.org.uk)

## Shoebox time at St. Peter's

St. Peter's church in Ash will be filling shoeboxes for Christmas to send a little love to children through Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to help by making up a box or donating items please bring them to St. Peter's Church, leave them by the Rectory door or at 50, South Lane, Ash. We will be collecting until 1<sup>st</sup> November. A list of suitable toys, school supplies etc. can be found on the website. It would be great if we could be a little greener this year by buying things like wooden pencil crayons, yoyos and wooden handled skipping ropes or wind up torches and solar powered calculators. Thank you  
Barbara Rose 07761808727

<https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/>



# Harvest Home 2021

Early Autumn is hard work for the farmer, the allotmenteer and the home gardener alike. It's harvesting time. For the non-professionals there are beans and more beans, courgettes by the millions until one becomes sick and tired of ratatouille, produce to go into the freezer: jams, chutneys, pickles and damson gin to make. It's hard work time all round, but enjoyable as the fruits of the harvest are sorted and stored for the winter and the harder times ahead. The Harvest Home is a collective sigh of relief at a job well done leading to many a sore head the morning after.

But there is a sadness in the air too, as the plots are cleared the compost bins start to fill up and the ground becomes a little bare unless planted with green manure crops or one of the overwintering spring vegetables. We can plan and re-plan what we would like to do, but in reality we are blithely ignorant of what nature has in store in the future. For the moment we can enjoy our ignorance by studying the plant/seed catalogues and dreaming of next year's extra special crops for as the saying goes,

*"Yesterday is history, tomorrow a mystery, today is the present, accept it as a gift".*

But this Autumn there is more uncertainty than usual, the effects of Covid 19 and Brexit (I refuse to "do a rant" about either) are still working their way through the system and there have been warnings of commercial shortages ahead. However, what can be said is that very little can be expected to return to what was "normal" before and we are just going to have to get used to it.

Some students have found on-line learning superior to face to face learning; office workers especially, have discovered how they can successfully perform their jobs in the spare room or the garden shed; online shopping is causing a revolution on the High Street; Zoom has entered the English lexicon and many a meeting has been held with the participants sitting at home in comfortable surroundings (with good biscuits and a cup of coffee/tea) instead of round a board room table with uncomfortable "sit up and beg" chairs with knees bashing the table legs, (this may or may not lead to better decisions being taken).

So Harvest Festival 2021 is going to be a real oddball. For many of us, besides the happiness of the Harvest Home, there is the sadness of the memories of friends and relations who are no longer with us. We may not have even been able to attend the funerals in person to close the relationships and that can hurt. We can but pray and hope that the mystery that is tomorrow will give both us and those around us the chance to re-set our lives from hereon in.



# Help is at hand! Useful numbers

**Here are some of the useful numbers you may need if you need support in Ash Vale. If you think we are missing a number please let us know.**

## Local Churches:

St Mary's, Ash Vale – 07863 311165 (Parish Administrator's Mobile)

The Chapel, Ash Vale – 07730 609446 (Project Manager's Mobile)

St Peter's, Ash – 01252 331161

Holy Angels, Ash – 01252 321422

St Paul's, Tongham – 01252 782790

## Local help and support during the Covid-19 crisis:

Ash, Ash Vale & Ash Green Coronavirus Support group (volunteers doing shopping & prescription runs & emergency food parcels) – 07843 489796

Ash Parish Council – 01252 328 287

Ash Citizens Advice – 01252 315569 or 01252 314711

Ash Vale Health Centre – 01252 317551 (Out of hours phone 111, in an emergency dial 999)

Guildford Borough Council Covid-19 Community Helpline – 01483 444400

Community Wellbeing Team - 07769 642053 / 07901 513652

Safe & Settled Team - 01483 444476 for those needing help at home on arriving back from hospital or needing some help to manage at home.

## If you need to talk to someone : national helplines

Samaritans (24/7 service) – 116 123 or text SHOUT 85258

National Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0808 2000 247

[www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/](http://www.nationaldahelpline.org.uk/) (run by Refuge)

The Men's Advice Line, for male domestic abuse survivors – 0808 801 0327

The Mix, free information/support for under 25s in the UK – 0808 808 4994

National LGBT+ Domestic Abuse Helpline – 0800 999 5428

PAPYRUS—Young suicide prevention society, 0800 068 4141

Childline for children 0800 1111

Alcoholics Anonymous – 0800 917 7650 (24/7)

Narcotics Anonymous – 0300 999 1212

Cruse Bereavement Care – 0808 808 1677

## Contacting The Parishioner:

Call Alex 07730 609446 in the first instance and she will put you in touch with the right volunteer [parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk](mailto:parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk)

**Donations:** *Did you know? You can now 'Give a Little' online to support St Mary's Church and all the work we do. We very much need and appreciate your support in these difficult times. <https://givealittle.co/campaigns/47eb21e6-c2b0-4a23-a526-8d13fd24fa56> Thank you!*



# Love & Light Trail

31 October 21  
4pm-7pm

Free Community Fun!  
Contact us to book!  
07730 609446

**Book Today!** Our Love & Light trail this year starts at St Mary's on Vale Rd and finishes at The Chapel on Wharf Rd with music, fairy lights, food, sweets and hot chocolate. (outside if fine, inside if wet) Start times and group sizes will be advised once we know what the covid rules are, but please book now to secure a place. If you complete the trail you will also receive a messy church Love and Light kit to take home, so be sure to get your name on the list and we will have your bag ready for you.

**Do you live between The Chapel and St Mary's?** Please fill your windows and gardens with lights and hearts on 31st October! If you're happy to display a trail clue in your window on the day please get in touch, Alex would love to include you! Thank You xxx [projectmanager@ash-vale.org.uk](mailto:projectmanager@ash-vale.org.uk) / 07730 609446

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**Community café welcomes you at St Mary's on Fridays  
10:30-12:00. No need to book just pop in.  
Tea, coffee, chat, come and say hello :-)**

**We welcome fun, informative and local interest items!  
The copy deadline for the Dec/Jan 2021 issue is 10th November.  
Emails please to: [parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk](mailto:parishioner@ash-vale.org.uk) Thank you!**

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