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#### **March 2025**

#### Vicar's letter . . .



Dear Friends,

As a church and community, we are blessed through our relationship with Wonersh and Shamley Green School and are particularly grateful to the school for providing our front cover this month. As it shows, Spring is upon us: new growth and new hope is coming forth, and we are thankful.

It is a joy to have the opportunity to go into the school on a regular basis, to see young lives being forged and refined, and to see life being lived with vitality and enthusiasm; some might say exuberance!

We read in the Bible that Jesus welcomed children to be part of his community and his kingdom. Luke records Jesus saying "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. I tell you the truth, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it".

This is not suggesting that belief is blind or immature; rather it is in having faith and trust that we find truth. Faith is only as good as the person in whom you are placing your trust, and Jesus is proclaiming that the children have found life because they can see the truth of what Jesus is saying and doing; the evidence was before them, and they wanted to be part of it.

And so, for me, as I see children grow in learning and maturity at school, I see the impact of people's teaching and example on their young lives. It is that same learning and maturity that I long for in all people as we see the truth of the gospel, the words and actions of Jesus Christ. He leads us to a better way of life through our relationship with God.

As we enter the season of Lent, a time of reflection and reassessment, let us all consider again how our lives are, or could be, impacted by our relationship with a God of life and truth, enthusiasm and even exuberant love.

With love.

#### David

#### www.wonershchurch.org.uk

#### **March Diary**

for St John's Church, Wonersh

Sun 2		SUNDAY NEXT BEFORE LENT		
	10am	All-Age Worship		
Tues 4	9.30am	Morning Prayer		
Wed 5	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Service at Blackheath [see p.10]		
Thurs 6	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)		
Sun 9		1 <sup>st</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT		
	8am	Holy Communion (BCP)		
	10am	Morning Worship		
Tues 11	9.30am	Morning Prayer		
Thurs 13	10.30am	Morning Worship		
Sun 16		2 <sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT		
	10am	Holy Communion		
Tues 18	9.30am	Morning Prayer		
Thurs 20	10.30am	Holy Communion (CW)		
Sun 23		3 <sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT		
	8am	Holy Communion (CW)		
	10am	Morning Worship		
Tues 25	9.30am	Morning Prayer		
Thurs 27	10.30am	Discovery Service		
Sun 30		MOTHERING SUNDAY / 4 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT		
	10am	Holy Communion		
April				
Tues 1	9.30am	Morning Prayer		
Thurs 3	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)		
Sun 6		5 <sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT		
	10am	All-Age Worship		
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CW = Comr	CW = Common Worship (2000) BCP = Book of Common Prayer (Traditional 1662)			





Thursday services take place in the church and are followed by coffee and a chat in the Selwyn Room.

Transport is provided for those needing it, and many say that this quiet and reflective service is the highlight of their week.

Everyone is welcome!

#### **Connect Groups**

We want to encourage each other to grow in faith. Our small groups offer a place where we can learn and develop in an informal environment.

Groups of around 10-12 people meet on a regular basis (usually weekly) in local homes to study the Bible, pray, get to know each other and develop deeper friendships. Most groups meet in the evening, but there are some during the day.

If you are interested in joining a group or would like to find out more, then please contact **David Peters** (vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk / 07521 090179).

#### **Church Office**

The Church Office (in The Vicarage) is open as follows:

Monday 9 am - 2 pm Tuesday - Thursday 9 am - 1 pm Friday 9 am - 2 pm

The office number is **01483 890266** (if outside office hours you may leave a message), or email **office@wonershchurch.org.uk**.

#### **Copy Deadline for April 2025**

Please submit articles for the April issue by <u>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> March</u>.

E-mail address for copy is **magazine@wonershchurch.org.uk**.

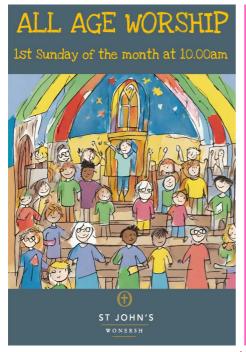
For advertising, please contact John Gosden (JohnGosden@aol.com or tel.502076).

#### **Children and Families Update**



In our first All-Age service of 2025, it seemed apt to look at the theme of 'new beginnings', and therefore at the story of God's creation from Genesis Chapter 1. With involvement from the whole church we created a tableau of the story, so that by the end we were presented with a beautiful image of His world [see photo above]. We have these All-Age services on the first Sunday of each month, and Kids Church (with around 15-20 children aged 2-9) runs on the other Sundays. You are so welcome to join us.

Thinking of creating beautiful things, we have a 'Mothers Day' Crafting Afternoon planned! It will be in the Vicarage at St. John's Wonersh, on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> March, 3-4.30pm, and is intended for dads, grandparents, etc. to bring children and make something lovely for their mums. Places are limited so please book by emailing me by 21<sup>st</sup> March: clare@wonershchurch.org.uk.









## Electoral Roll Belong Participate Contribute

#### **New Parish Electoral Roll**

Do you consider yourself to be a member of St John's, Wonersh, or St Martin's, Blackheath? Then you need to ensure that you are on our Parish Electoral Roll.

Every 6 years, we are required to complete a new Electoral Roll which means that **everyone must complete an application form** if they wish to be included.

The preparation of the new roll will begin on  $10^{th}$  March. Application forms need to be submitted electronically or on paper forms that will be found in St John's or St Martin's; and emailed or returned to either church by Friday  $18^{th}$  April at the latest. The new Electoral Roll (names only) will be displayed in both churches for 2 weeks from  $20^{th}$  April.

Please note that only those on the Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) - planned for **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> May** this year - or stand for election to the Parochial Church Council (PCC).

If you wish to be emailed a form, please contact wonershchurchelectoralroll@gmail.com after 9<sup>th</sup> March.

Rosie Couzens Electoral Roll Officer

#### **Jazz Concert**



A hearty and enthusiastic crowd filled St John's church on 24<sup>th</sup> January for another of our hugely enjoyable Jazz evenings - once again featuring students from Eton College and the Royal Marines School of Music. These incredibly talented youngsters had a great time showing off their musical skills and really appreciated the opportunity to play with their peers. It always amazes me how quickly they gel never having met before, let alone played together! It was a joy to be part of it.

Do keep your eyes peeled for our next musical performance! It will be advertised in the Church Magazine as usual.

Liz Hayley & friends

#### **Church Walking Group**

The next Church walk will be on **Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March** - further details from Catherine Keech (catherine@keechonline.com).

#### **North Guildford Food Bank**



More than ever, this year, the cold winter months and inflated fuel costs have been keeping the Food Bank busy as clients struggle to heat their homes and feed themselves and their families. Thanks to your support we can help them through until the warmer days of Spring. Our requests, this month, are for:

Tinned Meat Easter Eggs
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In addition, we always need strong carrier bags / bags for life.

Donated items can be left in the foyer of St John's church, or in the crate on Rosie Couzens' doorstep (10 Little Orchard Way, Shalford, GU4 8JY).

If you would rather make a financial donation, please refer to our website: **northguildfordfoodbank.co.uk** (if you are a taxpayer, Gift Aid can be claimed by the Food Bank on personal donations).







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#### **Meet Steve Vinall**

My wife Alex and I moved to the area about 25 years ago and soon found ourselves part of the congregation at St John's, Wonersh. Our three children were all born at the Royal Surrey and grew up going to local schools and as part of St John's children's groups.

I spent most of my career working as a management consultant, latterly running and growing a consulting company that was sold in 2018. My working life now falls into two parts: I spend half of my time investing in, and advising, start-ups across a number of sectors.

Before going into business, I was a Regular Army Officer serving in Northern Ireland, Bosnia and Iraq. Since 2020, I've spent the other half of my time in the Reserves. In the last few years this has given me the opportunity to work extensively in Zambia, supporting Wildlife Rangers on counter-poaching operations and also, more recently, in delivering regular training to the Armed Forces of Ukraine. This work has been immensely rewarding and humbling, given the risks that these individuals take.

My Christian faith has always underpinned the approach I've taken to work. In business, this was a key driver in wanting to run my own company so that I could develop an honest, fair and inspiring work culture – the type of business in which I'd want to work.

I also believe that this translates into the military. Regardless of where our politicians send us, the individual soldier or officer has more influence than many might think in ensuring the right thing is done. In my experience, the British Army is a force for good and, despite being put in highly pressured situations, its young men and women typically do the right thing.

One of the most rewarding aspects of being part of St John's church has been supporting a charity called Five Talents (<a href="www.fivetalents.org.uk">www.fivetalents.org.uk</a>). I believe that economic empowerment is the best way to positively impact communities for the long term. Six years ago, a group from St John's funded a Five Talents project in Western Kenya. These programmes train community groups to pool savings and draw down peer-approved loans to start (often very small) businesses that then grow. Our funding has enabled Five Talents to train community savings groups that have expanded to include over 3,000 families. These savings groups are led by their members and manage their own money, with no outside involvement other than the training and advice that Five Talents provides. After six years of support these groups are now fully equipped and funded so that Five Talents can step away. Some of them will continue to grow, eventually becoming fully regulated community owned 'building societies'.

Our group has recently agreed to support a new programme starting in Malawi. I'm hoping that Alex and I might be able to visit the programme, and combine this with nipping over the border to Zambia to connect with friends and some of the Rangers with whom I previously worked.

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# VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Would you be able to spare a couple of hours a month delivering our church magazine?

Please contact:

office@wonershchurch.org.uk

## Blackheath Focus March 2025



#### **Services at St Martin's**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	<b>Sung Holy Communion</b>	10am
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	Ash Wednesday Service	7.30pm
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	Services in Wonersh	8am / 10am
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> March	Choral Evensong	6pm
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	'Be Still with God'	6pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Morning Prayer	9.30am
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	Service in Wonersh	10am
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Sung Holy Communion	10am

#### Ash Wednesday - 5th March, 7.30pm



Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent and the service will follow a traditional pattern, allowing reflection on the season, marked with the imposition of ashes on the forehead.

#### **Blackheath Care Team**

The Blackheath Care Team has a pool of volunteers for residents in Blackheath who need a lift to hospital appointments, or dentist or surgery appointments; the volunteers can also collect prescriptions, etc.

If you need assistance,

please contact Penny Kirkwood on **07973 836987** (phone or text), or otherwise Alex Jones on **07810 486521**.

We are happy to help!

#### Study Morning: Flannery O'Connor Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, 10.30am - 12.20pm St Augustine's Abbey, Chilworth, GU4 8QR

Members of the public, of all faiths and none, are invited to delve into the works of **Flannery O'Connor**, "the **Storyteller**", a profound Catholic writer whose stories reveal God's love in unexpected ways. In Britain, many may not have heard of Flannery O'Connor, perhaps because she is American and Catholic. But, according to Bishop Barron, her influence on contemporary culture



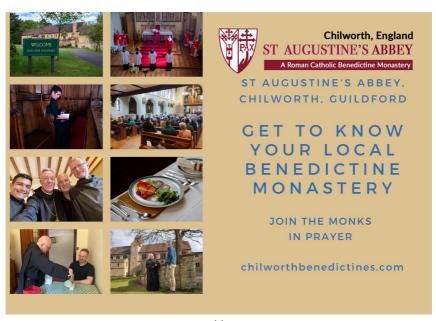
is 'profound' both in literature and film. We might have our own idea what religious fiction should be, but O'Connor radically changes it. Fundamentally, she makes us aware we are all sinners in need of salvation.

Fr John Seddon OSB, resident Benedictine monk at the monastery, will present Bishop Barron's video and then lead the discussion about it afterwards. You need no prior knowledge, do not have to be Catholic and don't have to contribute anything to the discussion if you prefer.

Optional holy Roman Catholic Mass is at 9am in the Abbey Church. Then we meet at 10.30am in the Assisi Room at the rear of the monastery for the video and talk.

Refreshments will be freely available; please bring a friend. To attend the Study morning, there is a charge of £10 per person for refreshments and room hire. **ADVANCE BOOKING** strongly recommended owing to limited seating - book now at <a href="https://www.ticketsource.co.uk">www.ticketsource.co.uk</a> (search 'Flannery O'Connor').

For more information, visit www.chilworthbenedictines.com.



#### **Village News**

#### **Wonersh & District Garden Club**

On **Wednesday** 5<sup>th</sup> **March** at Wonersh Memorial Hall, we shall be welcoming Ben Pope who will give a talk on Container Gardening. Alongside his role as Head Gardener of a private Sussex garden, Ben enjoys lecturing at the Chelsea Physic Garden for The English Gardening School and West Dean College of Art and Conservation.



He has recently gained the RHS Master of Horticulture and is a member of the RHS Herbaceous Committee. He also regularly writes for Gardens Illustrated and other publications.

Meetings start from 7.15pm - for more information, please contact Hilary Goodridge: hilarygoodridge@ymail.com or phone 01483 535108.



#### Wonersh United Reformed Church

Minister: Revd Graham Hoslett (tel: 07425 569807) Facebook - Wonersh United Reformed Church

#### March 2025 - News

Please see details below of our activities at Wonersh URC.

We are very much looking forward to Film Club on 5<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be showing 'The Miracle Club'. Our Taizé Service begins again on the third Wednesday of each month - a gentle service of reflection and song, to which all are welcome. And don't forget Tea@3 on Thursdays at 3pm.

Please note that we have no morning service on  $23^{\rm rd}$  March, when we shall be holding our **Spring Youth Service** at **3pm**, with the Squirrels, Cubs and Scouts.

God bless you this March! Revd Graham Hoslett

DATES	DETAILS	
Sunday, 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	10.30am: Livestreamed Holy Communion	
Wednesday, 5 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm: Film Club - 'The Miracle Club'	
Sunday, 9 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am: Recorded Service - Revd Graham Hoslett	
Sunday, 16 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am: Morning Worship - Rosemary Lee	
Wednesday, 19 <sup>th</sup> March	7pm: Taizé Service - Revd Graham Hoslett	
Sunday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> March	3pm: Spring Youth Service - Revd Graham Hoslett	
Sunday, 30 <sup>th</sup> March	10.30am: Livestreamed Service	

#### Wonersh History Society Saturday 15th March, 2.30pm Wonersh Memorial Hall



Albury Park and Mansion have between them a long and interesting history. The original village of Albury lay in the area of the park, and the Church of St Peter and St Paul predates 1066. The park was designed by John Evelyn in the mid-17<sup>th</sup> century and contained many curious features including a tunnel under Silver Wood and a chamber in imitation of a Roman bath. The manor, largely rebuilt after a fire in 1697, has additions designed by John Soane from the early 19<sup>th</sup> century. Later the architect Augustus Pugin was commissioned to design a gothic tower and 63 different brick chimneys. Trevor Brook will expand upon this fascinating history when he delivers his talk "Albury Park and Mansion" to Wonersh History Society. Visitors are welcome for a fee of £3. Find out more about the Society at www.wonershhistory.co.uk.

#### **Football on Wonersh Common**

Residents will have noticed that the Parish Council has provided two small football nets on the common for children and families to use during the winter months. These have kindly been funded by the <u>Wonersh Foundation</u>, to whom we are very grateful. This is a trial over the winter to see if they are well-used and do not cause undue damage to the grass or disturbance to local residents.



If you have any views, do please contact the clerk at the Parish Council: email clerk@wonershparish.org or phone 892601.

#### Village Barn Dance Saturday 8th March, 7pm for 7.30pm start Wonersh Memorial Hall

Come and join the D'Arcy Spice band (<u>darcyspice.co.uk</u>) for what promises to be another great evening. No previous experience needed - the band will tell you what to do!

Tickets  $\pounds 18.50$ , to include a delicious supper - family discounts available. Bring your own drinks.

Please email Graham on **grahamjhealy@gmail.com** or phone **01483 898539** to book, or for more information.

#### **U3A Wonersh & District**

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#### What's on in March 2025 - join us for these activities

Mon 3	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Tues 18	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
	AGM: Bramley Village Hall	Wed 19	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
Tues 4	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall	Thurs 20	Long Walk: meet Shere main car park
	Exploring Churches: St Peter's,		Latin: Godalming
	Hascombe, GU8 4JD		Pottery: Farley Green
Wed 5	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall	Fri 21	French: Godalming
Thurs 6	Mah Jong: Bramley Library Room	Mon 24	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
	Latin: Godalming	Tues 25	Coach Trip: Stansted House, Hampshire
	Pottery: Farley Green		Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall
Fri 7	French: Godalming		Listening to Music: Memorial Hall, Wonersh
Mon 10	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh	Wed 26	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall
	Book Club: Selwyn Room, Parish Church	Thurs 27	Latin: Godalming
Tues 11	Tai Chi (2 groups): Lawnsmead Hall	Fri 28	Art: Bramley Village Hall
Wed 12	Table Tennis: Bramley Village Hall	Mon 31	Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh
Pub Lunch: Onslow Arms,		Join u	s for some very interesting talks, visits
West Clandon, GU4 7TE		and	activities. Newcomers are welcome.
Thurs 13 Line Dancing: Shalford Upper Hall		For fu	rther details, please phone Cilla or Alex

For further details, please phone Cilla or Alex on 01483 892348, or visit https://u3asites.org.uk/wonersh

#### **Bereavement Support Group** Wednesdays 5th March - 30th April, 10am - 12pm

The Brigitte Trust runs free structured 8-week bereavement programmes with a professional facilitator, for anyone in Surrey struggling with their grief. The next programme starts in Guildford on 5<sup>th</sup> March. These sessions are limited to a maximum of 12 people.

The aims of the programme are to:

- provide support with focus
- encourage mutual support
- share experiences

Latin: Godalming

Mon 17 Pilates: Lawnsmead Hall, Wonersh

- learn new coping strategies
- develop some altered thought patterns

Further session dates to be announced.

For more information or to book a place, please contact Sarah Pattenden on 07469 932192 or email sarah.pattenden@brigittetrust.com.





#### **Memory Lane**

March is a busy month for Memory Lane, who have a return visit by Catherine Johnson, the Social Prescribing Link Worker for East Waverley, on

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. On the following Monday (10<sup>th</sup> March), Memory Lane guests will enjoy a breath of fresh air in their monthly 'Walk in the Park' at 10.30am around Knowle Park, Cranleigh [see right]; and then back to the Cranleigh Arts Centre for the final meeting of the month, at 2.15pm on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> March.



Next month, the Memory Lane Carer Group looks forward to hearing from Dr Susan Tresman, who is the Independent Carers Lead for NHS Surrey Heartlands. This will be on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April**, starting as usual at 2.15pm in the Cranleigh Arts Centre. Then we will have another 'Walk in the Park' on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> April**.

For further information on events or help available, please call Memory Lane on 01483 274398 or email mamwild@aol.com.

#### Bringing Patients and Practice Together Saturday 5th April, 10.30 am - 12 noon Chilworth Village Hall, New Road, GU4 8LZ

Patients of Wonersh Surgery are invited to attend a Public Engagement Meeting hosted by Wonersh Surgery Patient Participation Group (PPG).

Members of the surgery, and of the PPG, will give updates about services offered at the Surgery, and you will have an opportunity to raise any general, non-medical questions or issues.



#### **Surrey Host Families**

If you want to earn a little extra from an empty, additional bedroom, why not become a host family for a foreign student visiting the UK? We are searching for new host families in the Surrey area now, to look after international students when the schools are closed.

Becoming a host family is a fantastic way to welcome a new visitor into your home, exchange cultural ideas and earn a little extra income!

#### Benefits of being a host family:

- Earn extra income from an unused, spare room
- Meet new people from different countries and cultures
- Enjoy extra company around the house
- Choose to host for a few weeks to three months whatever suits you.

For more information, visit questguardians.co.uk.



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**Bramley Knitwits** every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 1 - 3pm. If you can knit, crochet, sew or any other craft please come along and meet this friendly group.

NHS Hearing Aid Clinic every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 10.30am - 12pm.

**Opening times** 

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 10am - 12.30pm & 2 - 4.30pm.

Wednesday and Saturday: 10am - 12.30pm

Bramley Library can also be followed on **Facebook** and **X** (Twitter).

## Manager Needed for the Villages Wednesday Club

We are looking for a new manager to run the Villages Wednesday Club day centre (<u>fourvillages.co.uk</u>) at Blunden Court in Bramley. The Club provides a day out each week for elderly people living in the local community who are a bit lonely and isolated, or to give their carers a day off.

The role involves working with the deputy manager and a team of volunteers to provide a warm, friendly and caring environment. It includes organising the activities, maintaining the records and carrying out the associated administrative functions. It also necessitates close contact with the members, their families and health professionals; and may suit someone who has nursing or care experience, or has worked with elderly people.

Whilst the role is voluntary (not salaried) a nominal amount is paid, as a retainer, each quarter.

For more information, please contact Nicola Mendelssohn on **07711 043665** or email manager@fourvillages.co.uk.



Please visit www.stcatherines.info for more details.



### BABY CATS | SPRING EXTRAVAGANZA Friday 7th March | For 0-4 yrs

Come and join the fun at our Spring celebration. 9.30 - 10.30am | St Cats Prep Gym

There is no charge, but please book your place on tinyurl.com/349c3673.

#### **Open Gardens**



Sign up for Phyllis Tuckwell's Open Gardens event, and raise money to help fund local Hospice Care. Whether you have flower meadows and woodland streams, or small shrubs and pots of flowers, Phyllis Tuckwell would love for you to join in and open your garden for members of the public to browse around.

Visit <a href="www.pth.org.uk/open-gardens">www.pth.org.uk/open-gardens</a>, email <a href="fundamental-gundens-gunden

#### The Great Wall of Wonersh



Two hundred years ago this year, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Lord Grantley enclosed the front garden of his mansion with what one later magazine called 'The Great Wall of Wonersh'. The wall [above] was 18 feet high and at the time attracted some speculation as to the reason. One suggestion was a falling-out with the neighbours; another was just to prevent prying eyes. The fact that the noble Lord had just married 'a young and handsome bride' attracted the poetic wits of the day, who likened it to the wall of a jail. One such epigram (with thanks to the Morning Herald of 18<sup>th</sup> August 1825) read:



Grantley at Wonersh build's a King's Bench wall, And Surrey views a supplemental jail, Is it the prowling poacher to appal? No! - 'Tis his bride from poaching eyes to veil.

The high wall remained in place for 110 years until, in 1935, the area we now know as Church Green was purchased by Beatrice Cook. She had the wall reduced in height to about 3 feet, as it is today. The image on the left shows Mr George Bain actually taking it down.

Mrs Cook placed the Green in trust for local adults to enjoy as a quiet, open space.

#### Icons on Ammunition Boxes Wed. 5th March - Mon. 21st April, 10am - 4pm Guildford Cathedral, GU2 7UP

A deeply moving exhibition, **Icons on Ammunition Boxes** highlights religious icons painted on reclaimed ammunition boxes from Ukraine's war zones. These poignant works bear silent witness to the violence and suffering of conflict, while offering hope and reflection during the Christian season of Lent.

Free admission - no booking necessary. Free parking available.





#### ST JOHN'S & ST MARTIN'S

PARISH CHURCHES

## Men's Breakfast

Come for a Fry Up! 1st March 8.30am-10am Lawnsmead Hall. Wonersh



Please contact: vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk to book your free place

#### **Old Wonersh Fair Photographs, Please!**

Wonersh Village Fair committee is looking for old photos of the Fair, preferably before the year 2000.

If you have any black and white or coloured ones that can be copied please email wonershfair@hotmail.com.



## Want to Make a Difference in your Village? Become a Parish Councillor

Wonersh Parish Council is looking for a new Parish Councillor to help represent Shamley Green village.

No special qualifications are required to be a councillor - indeed it is important that all sorts of people serve as councillors to give a good representation of the community. Training for new councillors is available, and we are supported by our Clerk and a team of paid staff.

If you would like to put yourself forward as a Wonersh Parish Councillor for the Shamley Green Ward, please get in touch with the Clerk (01483 892601 or clerk@wonershparish.org) and/or download the application form from our website: www.wonershparish.org. Forms to be returned by 14<sup>th</sup> March.

If a number of people indicate their interest in the role, candidates will be asked to give a short verbal statement about why they are interested, at the Council meeting on Thursday  $20^{th}$  March.

#### What do Parish Councillors do?

Wonersh Parish Council is made up of 9 voluntary councillors - 4 from Wonersh Ward, 4 from Shamley Green Ward and 1 from Blackheath Ward - who meet once a month to discuss and act on issues of importance to the local community.

The Parish council sets and monitors how a proportion of local taxes are spent in the Parish, make comment on planning applications in the parish and consider projects to help maintain, improve or enhance the local area.

Local Government is changing, and Parish Councils are seeing an increase in the responsibilities and opportunities to influence decisions made that affect our local community.

#### What hours will I need to commit to the role?

The role is voluntary and unpaid. The Council holds meetings on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month (not usually in August or December) at 7.30pm, generally in Wonersh Sports Pavilion.

There are opportunities to sit on committees and working groups, and the role can be as little or as much as you make it.

The Parish Council is also seeking an <u>Assistant to the Clerk / Bookkeeper</u> please get in touch with the Clerk (clerk@wonershparish.org or 01483 892601) to find out more.

VICAR: Rev'd David Peters

CHURCH OFFICE

01483 890266 (for all other church contacts)

07521 090179

vicar@wonershchurch.org.uk office@wonershchurch.org.uk

#### Village Contact Points

Wonersh & Shamley Green CE Primary School

892345

Headteacher: Mr Tim Cheesman

Police: Emergency 999 or 112

Non-emergency 101 waverlev@surrev.police.uk

Safer Neighbourhood Team

Inspector Rob Brian (ID 3048)

Sergeant Phil Bayman (ID 40264)

PC Gavin Greenaway (ID 40221) PCSO Felicity Lock (ID 14267)

Phil.Bayman@surrey.police.uk Gavin.Greenaway@surrey.police.uk

Felicity.Lock@surrey.police.uk

Rob.Brian@surrev.police.uk

Waverley Borough Councillor: Michael Goodridge MBE

535108

michael.goodridge@waverley.gov.uk

Lawnsmead Hall: Church Office

Memorial Hall: Hilary Solt

WonCares (Monday to Friday)

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Wonersh Connections www.wonershconnections.org

#### 1st Wonersh Scout Group

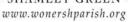


**Group Scout Leader: Robin Beeson** 07766 641777

email: 1stwonershgsl@gmail.com

#### Wonersh Parish Council

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Please telephone any of us if you have a local issue you would like to discuss.

The Parish Office, located at Wonersh Sports Pavilion, is open by appointment - call the Parish Clerk (Lisa Davison) on 892601 or email clerk@wonershparish.org.

Email and telephone messages are monitored Monday to Thursday.

#### Your councillors:

Anthony Shutes (Ch	air) 890831	
Max Gibbs	07766 994005	
Chris Howard	894437	
Ben Knight	07966 269182	
Stephen Lavender	07966 533951	
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