

## PCC – the January Meeting

will be held on Monday January 15th at 7.45 pm in St Luke's Church. The December Meeting discussed and itemised preparations for Advent and Christmas. The application to the Carnival Fund has been successful and we were awarded £250 with Antony Wood securing a donation of £130. Financial costs were discussed and with the Gift Aid due donations received, the Church should not have financial concerns as the year ends. The Church Clear-ups have not been well attended and dates will be in the Newsletter next time. Data Protection has New Regulations which come into force next May and these will have implications for us. Matters to be included in early 2018 Agendas were itemised.

## Suggested Readings for January 2018

### Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61: 10 – 62:3                      Galations 4: 4 – 7                      Luke 2: 15 - 21

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Sunday

Isaiah 60: 1 – 6                      Ephesians 3: 1 - 12                      Matthew 2: 1 - 12

### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> January - Epiphany 2

1 Samuel 3: 1 - 10                      Revelation 5: 1 - 10                      John 1: 43 - 51

### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January - Epiphany 3

Genesis 14: 17 - 20                      Revelation 19: 6 - 10                      John 2: 1 - 11

### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 4 / presentation of Christ in the Temple

Malachi 3: 1 - 5                      Hebrews 2: 14 - 18                      Luke 2: 22 – 40

## REGULAR SERVICES

8 am	9.15 am	11.15 am
St Luke's Church	St Peter's Middle School Hall	Parish Church of St Peter & St Andrew
Said Service of Holy Communion - BCP 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> Sundays	Worship for all ages, Featuring Jamzone kid's club	Holy Communion Service - Common Worship

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# OLD WINDSOR PARISH NEWS

KNOWING GOD TOGETHER AND MAKING HIM KNOWN  
A Christian Community at the Heart of Old Windsor

## January 2018

*Surely LORD, you bless the righteous;  
You surround them with your favour as with a shield. [Psalm 5: 12]*

Dear sisters and brothers, I hope you had a festive, reflective and joyful Christmas this year; both our 'traditional' and 'informal' services were well attended and we were able to serve many people for whom Christmas otherwise would be without worshipping and adoring Christ, which is the reason for the season.



I would like to thank all the people in our congregation who worked very hard during their busy time of Christmas, in order for others to enjoy the different Christmas services and be able to hear the Christmas story once again. It would not be possible without all of you.

Now it is a new year, a time for the adventure of discovery and exploring. "What is around that next corner for us?" It is an exciting question for some; while for others it is a challenging one. Whether the former or latter applies to you, we all need to trust God while going through each day of the year ahead of us. We need to trust God, even when we do not know where we will be at the end of the year; trusting His unchanging faithfulness and His sufficient grace whatever 2018 is carrying for us. While we are surrounded with its ups and downs, its challenges and changes, we ought to trust that He, who has crowned the year with His bounty [Psalm 65: 11], will continue encircling us with His favour (pleasure, delight) like with a shield. [Psalm 5:12]

What a great image to begin this year with, you are walking through the days of this year encircled with a protective shield of God's pleasure and delight in you.....Yes, You. Such delight in you is not because you do good, but because He is good and this delight will lead you to be and do good.

Let us then walk the journey of 2018 with a steady step and assured heart, knowing that whatever will happen there is God, whose delight is to crown you and me always with glory and honour [Psalm 8: 5].

*Circle me, Lord. Keep YOU within and evil without.  
Circle me Lord. Keep hope within and despair without.  
Circle me Lord. Keep love close and hatred be a stranger.  
Circle me Lord. Keep life within. Keep death be no more.*

CELTIC TRADITION

Happy New Year  
Revd Adel Shokralla

## SERVICES

A reminder that on Sunday 31st December, there will be one Joint Service in the Parish Church at 10.30 am only. There will **not** be 8 am at St. Luke's nor 9.15 am at the school.

### 7<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany Sunday

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill *with Holy Communion*  
11.15 am at the Parish Church

### 14<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 2

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill  
11.15 am at the Parish Church

### 21<sup>st</sup> January – Epiphany 3

8 am Holy Communion at St. Luke's Church *which is said worship*  
9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill  
11.15 am at the Parish Church

### 28<sup>th</sup> January – Epiphany 4 / presentation of Christ in the Temple

9.15 am at St. Peter's Middle School Hall, Crimp Hill  
11.15 am at the Parish Church

### The Pastoral Team

consists of several Church members whose role in the Parish is to contact anyone who is unwell, lonely, bereaved or has other needs, including bringing Communion to your home if you are housebound. If you, or anyone you know, is in need of some help or would like a visit, contact Mary Hutchinson Tel. 01753 862347.

### Thank you

We would like to say an enormous THANK YOU to you all for all the wonderful contributions to go into the Christmas Hampers and the many donations of chocolate related items for the Chocolate Tombola stall at the village Christmas Fayre. Your generosity has been much appreciated.

### 10<sup>th</sup> January - House Group

meets every second Wednesday in the month, so the next will be on 10<sup>th</sup> January in Maggie Hodgkins' home, 62, Kingsbury Drive, Old Windsor, at 8 pm. Mary Sibley is facilitator. For further details please contact Antony Wood Tel. 01753 855344.

### 12<sup>th</sup> January - The Day Centre Communion Service

held in the Day Centre on the second Friday of every month and lasting for about 30 minutes, invites all church members to attend. The first service in 2018 will be held on January 12<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 11 am.

### 14<sup>th</sup> January - the Manor Care Home Service

is held every second Sunday of the month by the United Churches group. It will be held at 3 pm on 14<sup>th</sup> January and all are invited to attend.

### The 5p coin collection

will continue in 2018 so please save and bring your 5p coins.

## Around the Bible

Our Bible Study group re-convenes on Monday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1.30 pm or Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm, both in the Vicarage, Church Road. Under the title '**The coming King**', we will be studying St. Mark's Gospel Chapters 1 to 8. You are very welcome to join either group.

### 17<sup>th</sup> January - Ecumenical Prayer Group

The Old Windsor United Churches Prayer meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm in the Vicarage, Church Road.

### Revd Cannon Roy Taylor

Many of you will remember Roy who conducted many services for us during past interregnums. Sadly, Roy passed away at the end of November and by way of a celebration of his life, his family have arranged a Thanksgiving Service. It is to be held on Friday January 19<sup>th</sup> at 12.30 pm in Maidenhead at St. Mary's Church. Everyone is welcome to attend and, as a tribute to Roy who had a great love of nature, his family are encouraging everyone to wear a flower.

## Fundraising

**For Charities:** The Remembrance Sunday Collection was £434.50 for The British Legion and the Christmas Festivity Concert raised £163.20 for ARC in Wokingham which cares for Youth Mental Health.

**For Old Windsor Parish:** Quiz Night raised £263, the Christmas Raffle raised £600 and the Chocolate Tombola Stall at the Village Fayre made £157.10.

## 50 Club Draws

The **November Draw** winner was Jeannette Gough and the **Christmas Draw** winners this year were: Valerie Snapes, Ken Norriss, plus John Hardman.

## Mid -Winter Fayre

will be held on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February from 11 am until 2 pm at St. Luke's Church. Please save your unwanted Christmas presents and [only] 'as-good-as-new' gifts for this Fayre. There will be Gifts, Cakes, and Books on sale, with a Tombola and a Raffle.

## Windsor Foodshare

With no further update received, we should continue with donations of tinned meat and tinned vegetables, with some tinned pasta and some tinned deserts plus other items suitable for winter weather. Thank you for all donations in 2017 for which Foodshare is always very grateful Your generosity in 2018 will be much appreciated. A reminder too that financial donations to Foodshare can now attract Gift Aid, but please email [sarah@windsorfoodshare.org.uk](mailto:sarah@windsorfoodshare.org.uk) for further information.

## Coffee Mornings

The Methodist Church, in St. Luke's Road, holds a weekly Coffee Morning every Tuesday from 10 am until 12 noon and we are invited during this two hour slot. For details, please phone Sean Alexander, who regularly attends, on 01753 864979.