



# EWELL PARISH NEWS



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**Sharing the Love of Christ, the Light of the World, with the people of Ewell**

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## CALLING ALL TEENAGERS!

The first decade of this Millennium ended with teenage girls protecting a damaged British Police van from their outraged comrades, close to the heart of government.



Well done they! The outrage had been and is being caused by dishonest greedy adults. These teenage girls have set a scene for 2011.

A short while ago here in St Mary's our Epsom Deanery Synod focussed on Fraud and how only a Jesus experience in fraudsters' hearts can bring effective change; but rather played down the anger people felt. To keep the peace between fraud and anger is now a challenge to us all.

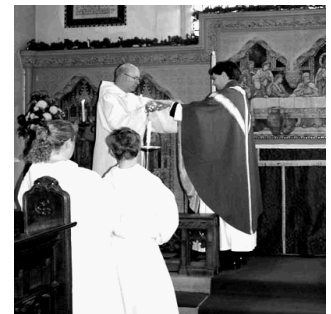
The challenge for us at St Mary's is to help teenagers find a purpose which lifts their lives to effective levels of practical action, Bible-based and socially relevant.

The behaviour of the girls who protected the police van shows a selflessness and determination which bodes well for Britain in this new decade.



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## The Vicar writes

As I write, the first great snowfall of December has finally melted almost everywhere in Ewell. More is predicted-- by the time you read this you will know if those predictions have been proved correct!



Looking out and seeing fresh snowfall is always a little breathtaking. For some it might mean a few days off school and endless snowball fights. But for many others, it's much less welcome:- snow and ice mean difficulty getting around, or danger even in leaving the house. I wonder what it means for the birds, squirrels, and foxes in my garden, who almost disappear for days on end, only to re-emerge when the thaw comes.

If there's more snow throughout January, I imagine what novelty remains will soon wear off. But I hope that our desire to look out for our neighbours is more persistent. On every street, I should imagine, there are those whose lives are made rather more difficult by treacherous conditions underfoot. Those of us who are able can help in very simple ways: with an offer to clear a garden path, or to collect some bread and milk from the shops, or just a few friendly words with someone who has been unable to get about for many days. Such simple things can make a big difference.

There is a wonderful line in the book of Job: "Hast thou entered into the treasures of the snow?" Perhaps one treasure of the snow might be that it can bring neighbours closer together in adversity. And that seems to me like an excellent way to start a brand new year, the Year of our Lord 2011.

## January in Church

We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany-- when the Wise Men finally arrive at the crib in Bethlehem-- a little early, on Sunday 2 January. You can see the Christmas crib finally completed at the 9.30am service.

The following Sunday, 9, is also a great festival, the Baptism of Christ. Fittingly, at 11am Choral Mattins, there will be several baptisms including some families very well known at

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### SUNDAY AT ST MARY'S

#### 0800 HOLY COMMUNION

#### 0930 SUNG EUCHARIST

The Wayfarers and the Sunday School meet in conjunction with this service, and there is a Crèche provided in church.

There is coffee in the church hall between the 9.30 and 11 o'clock services on Sunday mornings, to which all are welcome, and especially newcomers and visitors.

#### 1100 MATTINS

(Usually replaced on the third Sunday in each month by a Sung Eucharist using the Book of Common Prayer)

#### 1730 EVENING PRAYER

Usually a simple said service, but sometimes Choral Evensong.

Occasionally there are variations from this pattern; details are given in this paper, on the Notice Board or on the Weekly Notes available on Sundays.

### ON WEEKDAYS

Morning and Evening Prayer are *usually* said at 9 am and 5 pm Mondays-Thursdays, in church. See the Weekly notes or phone ahead to make sure. The Eucharist is celebrated on Tuesdays at 10 am, in the Parish Room (entry through the door on the Church Street side of the Church).

### THE PARISH OFFICE

#### Administrator:

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St Mary's Church is in London Road, Ewell, and the Parish Office is in the Sacristy on the south side of the church.

The Office hours are normally 9.30-12.00 Mon, Tues, Wed and Fri, but please check before visiting as appointments are usually needed.

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St Mary's. As always at baptisms, all those who usually worship at other services are warmly invited to come and support the new Christians as they join the Church of God!

On Saturday 22, there will be a board games afternoon in the church hall, 3pm-6pm: see further details about this I've included elsewhere in this issue of the EPN.

Sunday 23 falls in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The 8am Eucharist will be celebrated according to the 1662 Prayer book. At 9.30am, our Sung Eucharist will include a talk especially aimed at all ages, young and old.

The final Sunday of the month, the 30th, is the feast of Candlemas, or the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. As well as the usual morning services, there will be a service of Choral Evensong at 5.30pm on this Sunday.

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## ADVENT

The last Sunday in November was Advent Sunday, marking the beginning of the Church's year and more importantly the Coming of Our lord, the Feast of Christmas.

It was rather a special Eucharist at 9.30. It had seemed a good idea a year ago to mark our new Vicar's joining us to offer a gift to the church. What would Father Russell choose? It seemed that we lacked a fully embroidered altar frontal in purple for the period of Advent.

By good fortune a friend of the church though not a member of the regular congregation, and a resident of Manorstead the Clergy Home at Hindhead suggested a way ahead. It appeared that several of the ladies at the Home had recently completed a frontal for another church.

The Vicar worked out the design, explained it to the ladies who were skilled in embroidery and the materials were obtained. So every week for several months the work went steadily ahead until we heard that the Vicar had brought the beautifully worked frontal to St Mary's.



At the time of the offertory hymn the Vicar censed the Altar rendering the frontal fit and right for Holy use. Incense has been known for a very long time and was one of the first gifts made to the Baby Jesus. For many incense is a symbol of our prayers rising to Heaven.

I asked Blessed Mary, ever Virgin, Mary of Ewell to receive our gift on behalf of her glorious Son, Jesus Christ, Our Saviour.

*John Richard*

## St Mary's Toddler Groups

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# ST MARY'S ORGAN TRANSPLANT - KEEPING IT HEALTHY

At first sight St Mary's seems to be a straightforward building, an early Victorian church built in Gothic style surrounded by a large churchyard. But look a little more closely and there are many surprises from Tudor brass to 21st century glass. A very large, though mainly hidden, special feature is just a few years younger than the church, but was only added in the 20th century after an earlier life in North London.

No prizes for guessing that the answer is, of course, our magnificent Father Willis Organ. Built by the world famous Willis Organ Company in 1889, in the days when the charismatic founder of the company Henry Willis was still building organs. He became known as "Father Willis" because of his outstanding contribution to the art and science of Organ building, and to distinguish him from his younger relatives who were also working in the company.

The present Father Willis Organ was installed in the church in 1975 after the previous organ, also a fine Father Willis, was sadly destroyed by a fire in 1973. The fire came close to wrecking the whole of the Church interior. The resourceful Vicar at the time, Peter Hogben, discovered that an even larger Father Willis Organ was available from St Augustine, Highbury in London and the transfer to St. Mary's was arranged.

A technical description of the Organ is available for those who are interested. For the less technical, the Organ is a wind instrument which has the ability to produce a very wide range of musical sounds by the use of keyboards (ours has three), stops ( which look like knobs), and foot pedals. The sounds are produced by blowing air through pipes which vary in size from twenty plus feet to just a few inches. An idea of the range of sounds available can be deduced from some of the names on the specification - "Flute Harmonique", "Double Trumpet", "Piccolo" and "Vox Humana" while others are more obscure, such as "Posaune" and "Gemshorn".

It is very obvious that anything which produces such a wide variety of sounds by blowing air has a pretty complicated mechanism, which requires regular attention and from time to time a more complete overhaul. This is why over recent years, under the guidance of Arthur Mathews, an

Organ Fund has been set up to help to maintain and improve this historic instrument.

The following work has already been completed. The Leathers on the Open Diapason & Violone have been renewed so that the foot pedals now work correctly. Air leaks have been sealed, so that the air passes through the pipes and not into the Organ loft. As a result the tone of the organ has greatly improved and a number of strange noises have been obliterated.

Looking to the future the Organ upgrading will continue. The next project, and the most urgent, is to replace the Electronic Brain otherwise known as the Diode Switching System .This was installed in 1976, it is a delicate system which is prone to failure.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP.** The organ pipe at the back of the Church is always willing to receive a donation!!!, or you might like to purchase a brass plate and join the number of supporters, individuals and organisations whose names appear on the back of the Organ Pipe. Plates can be purchased from Arthur Mathews or the Treasurer for £25.00+, such donations can be gift aided thus increasing the value to the fund.

You can be assured that all donations received, however large or small, will be thankfully received and faithfully applied. Thank you for your support.

*Arthur Mathews*

**CAFE NESBOT**  
at St Mary's Church Hall

On Tuesdays in term time, students from NESBOT are serving simple lunches in our church hall (London Rd, opposite the church) between 12 and 2pm.

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**St Mary's Ewell**



**St David's Day Dinner**

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## Board Games Afternoon



The Board Games Afternoon on 22 January is a social event in the church hall, 3 pm-6 pm, open to all. As an avid player of board games myself, I know that they are great fun for all ages. There will be simple familiar games as well as some more modern board games which you may not know about which I am happy to teach and demonstrate-- don't worry they are not long or complicated but they are great fun! There will be games suitable for children, for families, and for adults. Please feel free to come and go at any time between 3 and 6. Tea will be served. Donations to cover costs gratefully received. No need to book, just turn up on the day!

*Russell Dewhurst*

## SUGGESTED PRAYERS

Lord of Peace, King to whom peace belongeth, Maker of peace, Creator of all things: May it be thy will to put an end to war and bloodshed on earth and to spread a great and wonderful peace over the whole world, so that nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. Rather shall all men who inhabit the earth know and acknowledge this evident truth, that we have not come into the world for strife and dispute, and not for hatred and envy and quarrels and killing: Help us and save us all, and let us always cling tightly to the virtue of peace, and let there be a truly great peace between every man and his fellow, and between husband and wife, and let there not be any discord between men even in their hearts. Let every man love peace and pursue peace always, truly and with all his heart, and let us never quarrel with any man, even with them that contend against us. Let us never shame any man on earth, great or small, and may it be granted unto us to fulfil Thy commandment, "Love thy neighbour as thyself" with all our hearts and souls and bodies and possessions:

For Thou makest peace in thy high places, and joinest two opposites together, fire and water, and with thy great and marvellous works makest peace between them. Even so spread a great peace over us and over the whole world, so that all opposites shall be joined together in a great peace and a great love, and all men shall be united in one mind and one heart.

And let it come to pass in our time as it is written, "And I will give peace in the land, and you shall lie down and none shall make you afraid, and I will rid evil beasts out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land."

God who is peace, bless us with peace.'

*From the Prayers of Rabbi Nachman of Bratzlav*

I am not worthy, Holy Lord,  
That Thou shouldst come to me;  
Speak but the Word, one gracious Word  
Can set the sinner free.

I am not worthy; cold and bare  
The lodging of my soul;  
How canst Thou deign to enter there?  
Lord, speak, and make me whole.

I am not worthy; yet, my God,  
How can I say Thee nay;  
Thee, Who didst give thy Flesh and Blood,  
My ransom-price to pay?

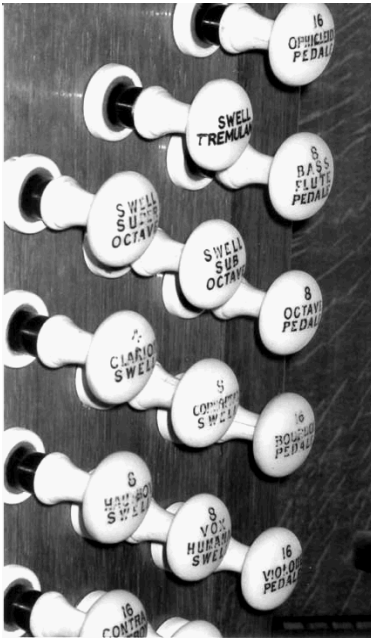
O come! in this heart-warming hour  
Feed me with Food Divine;  
And fill with all thy love and power  
This worthless heart of mine.

*Sir H.W. Baker*

## ORGAN RECITAL AT ST. MARY'S BY CHARLES ANDREWS

On Saturday 13 November, we welcomed a most accomplished young musician, Mr. Charles Andrews, to give a recital at St. Mary's as part of our on-going series of concerts aimed not only at raising badly-needed funds for the Organ Appeal but at raising awareness generally of what a priceless asset this organ is. He did justice to the range of sounds it is capable of producing. Previously Organ Scholar at Rochester Cathedral and currently studying at Royal College of Music, Mr. Andrews holds a significant post as Organist of St. John's Church, Hyde Park in London.

Tonight's concert consisted of a programme of Bach and Brahms in the first half, and some French compositions in the second; they are not as far removed from each other as one would think. Moreover, French music is particularly well suited to our organ and I made sure I was seated in a part of the church where I could hear it to best effect.



Opening the evening with Bach, Mr. Andrews played two very contrasting pieces: the exuberant Prelude in E flat, BWV 552 which makes use of the wealth of reed stops; then the much more reflective Chorale Prelude on An Wasserflüssen Babylon, BWV 653 with its intricate part-writing. Throughout his life, Johannes Brahms was a great admirer of Bach, and pays him homage in the set of Chorale Preludes he wrote late in life. We heard two of them this evening: Schmücke

dick, O Liebe Seele, opus 122 no. 5 and Herzlich tut mich verlangen, opus 122 no. 10. With its characteristic hemiolas and passing notes, I sensed the presence of Brahms himself more strongly in the second piece, even echoes of the German Requiem he had composed years earlier, surely an intentional effect. After that it was back to Bach with a French twist: Marcel Dupré's transcription of the Sinfonia from the Cantata no. 29, a very fine work indeed; finally the Prelude and Fugue in G major, BWV 541.

After a break for refreshments, we heard entirely French music. Camille Saint-Saens (1835-1921) was appointed organist at La Madeleine in Paris in 1857. The Improvisation no. 1, opus 150 finds him in experimental mood and I recalled that in his long life he knew not only Berlioz and Gounod but Debussy and Ravel. His equally modest Prelude in B, opus 99 came next. Cesar Franck (1822-1890) was appointed organist at St. Clotilde, Paris in 1858 where he remained for the rest of his life. We sometimes hear his fine organ compositions as final voluntary at St. Mary's; and tonight it was the Choral no. 1 in E, written in 1890, that

concluded the evening's concert. In much of his music, Franck adopted a strongly Germanic style influenced by one Richard Wagner: developing continually from the germ of an idea presented at the outset, the music grows to a magnificent conclusion using, of course, our brilliant reed stops. I have often felt that were Franck alive today, he would relish playing on St Mary's wonderful organ!

*Timothy Tomkins*

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## EWELL VILLAGE RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

Please put a note in your diary that the EVRA Annual General Meeting is at Bourne Hall (Begonia Room) on Tuesday 8 March 2011. Your involvement is vital if EVRA is to continue and is to represent the views of the village.

Epsom and Ewell has a unique history in that it has been controlled by independent Residents Associations ever since the formation of the Borough in 1937. We believe this is a key reason why Epsom & Ewell is the great place to live that it is - so long may it continue. If there are any issues that bother you or if you just want to know a bit more about the RA - please do not hesitate, to contact one of us.

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Thursday 10th

February 2011 - 11.45am

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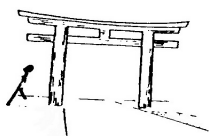
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*I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,*

*“Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.”*

*And he replied, “Go into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God.*

*That shall be to you better than a light and safer than a known way.”*

## FROM THE PARISH RECORDS

### HOLY BAPTISM

**A member of Christ, the child of God  
(BCP Baptism rite)**

12 December Lukas van Schalkwyk

### HOLY MATRIMONY

**A holy estate, instituted of God himself**

4 December Stephen Ronald Baker and  
Natalie Victoria Morgan  
Paul Andrew Catling and  
Kerry Janette Haake

### FUNERALS

**In sure and certain hope (BCP Burial rite)**

24 November Kathleen Elizabeth Tannett  
Rip, aged 86

26 November Phillip Jack Dent Ray,  
aged 92

13 December Topsy Caroline Fowle,  
aged 90

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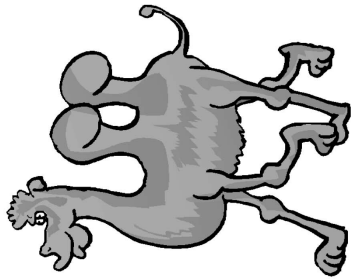
# Young Church Mag

06 January 2011, the Feast of the Epiphany



They brought out their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh

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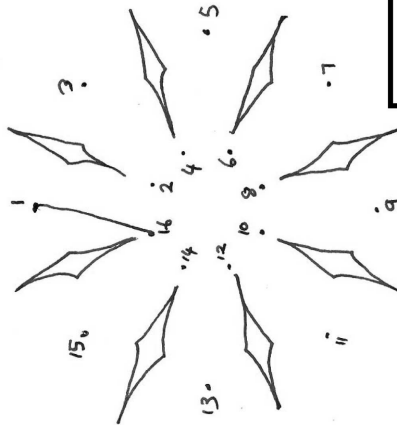


By the way, why was the camel always grumpy?  
*Because he'd always got the hump!*

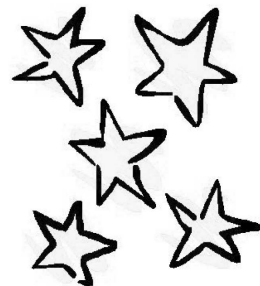
What did the lion get in the desert at Christmas?  
*Sandy Claws!*

Why is there plenty to eat in the desert?  
*Because of all the sand which is there!*

Join up the dots from 1 to 16 to see what they followed



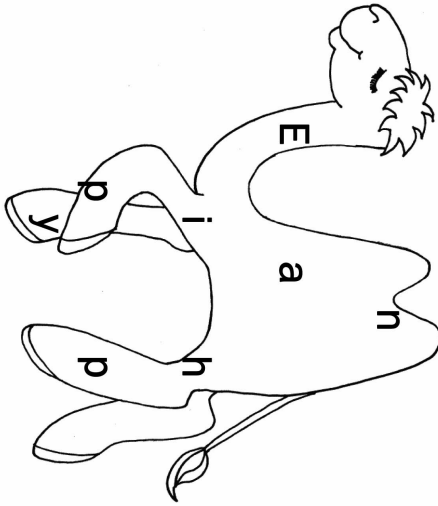
The wise men read the skies above,  
 and now we read their story  
 of how they found the prince of peace,  
 newborn from heaven's glory.  
 We come, as if to Bethlehem,  
 to offer gifts of love  
 to make this world at Christmas time  
 a piece of heaven above.  
 Amen



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We don't know if the wise men were kings or very rich or even how many of them there really were, but we do know that they followed a star across the desert all the way from their Eastern land to visit Jesus.



Write the 8 letters in their correct order to find the name of the day that the wise men visited Jesus

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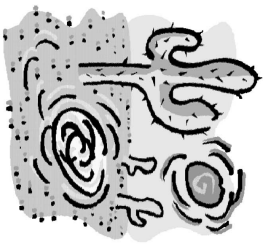
Change SAND into KING by changing one letter each time to make a new word

S A N D

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K I N G



Someone was not pleased to see the Wise men!  
Solve the clues to find out his name.

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Clues for crossword 1:

- 1: 1
- 2: 2
- 3: 3
- 4: 4
- 5: 5
- 6: 6
- 7: 7
- 8: 8
- 9: 9


Clues for crossword 2:

- 1: 1
- 2: 2
- 3: 3
- 4: 4
- 5: 5
- 6: 6
- 7: 7
- 8: 8
- 9: 9

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- S 2 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist with Procession  
1100 Mattins
- T 5** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- S 9 THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Sung Mattins with Holy Baptism  
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 10** 1430 Meeting of the External Affairs Committee in the Parish Room
- T 11** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room  
2000 Meeting of the Finance Committee in the Parish Room
- W 12** 1930 Meeting of the Estates Committee in the Parish Room
- S 16 EPIPHANY 2**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist  
1100 Choral Mattins
- T 18** 1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room
- W 19** 2000 Meeting of the Publicity Committee in the Parish Room
- S 22** 1500-1800 Board Games Afternoon in the Church Hall
- S 23 EPIPHANY 3**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist with All-Age Talk  
1100 Sung Eucharist 1662 Rite  
1730 Evening Prayer
- M 24** 0930 Communion taken to the Housebound  
2000 Meeting of the Parochial Church Council
- T 25 THE CONVERSION OF ST PAUL**  
1000 Holy Communion (said) in the Parish Room  
1100 Communion taken to "The Elders"
- Th 27** 2000 Meeting of the Children's Support Group
- S 30 CANDLEMAS**  
0800 Holy Communion  
0930 Sung Eucharist with Procession  
1100 Mattins  
1730 Choral Evensong

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