

# THE CLARION

The Magazine of the Parish of St Mary The Boltons  
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December 2022 - January 2023

## From the Vicar The Advent Calendar

It's that time of year again: the new Advent Calendars are out, and this year's crop does not disappoint.

Advent calendars used to be simple things, with just a Bible verse or a picture behind the doors, the best and most beautiful behind number 24.

Calendars have moved on since those primitive days: simple cheap chocolate is *de rigueur* nowadays; the Gin or Whisky ones are old hat. The one that caught my eye this year was one that combined both Advent, and that other religious observance this year, the World Cup, containing 24 toys. I am hoping the last

one is a little trophy, but perhaps that is coming on the day of the Cup Final game, 18 December; but then where would they go for the rest of the season?

### The Advent

Calendar seems to be about counting the days (or 'sleeps' if you are a child) down until Christmas Day itself, when all that expectation is finally fulfilled. And we all know what that means: for most people it means that Christmas is over for another year; out goes the tree, the decorations, and even the unwanted gifts go back to the shops to be exchanged.

Yet for us here in Church it is not over, and thank God for that. For us, it is only the beginning of the

story of our encounter with God in that vulnerable Child, who comes to be with us and among us; the beginning of the story that we will see through to the end, at Good Friday and Easter. And even that is not the beginning or the end either, because God's love for his world and for us really begins at creation, when God declares 'Let there be...', and ends with the promise that he is with us always.

Do we not need to hear that story more than ever this year? Our year has been like a maelstrom, chaotic, with the ongoing low rumbling of the pandemic, the devastating war in Ukraine and its effect on the price of grain and gas, and in the lives of the people living with conflict all around them.

We need to hear the story that begins with God's voice claiming that what he has made is very good, and ends with a promise of his world, and this creation being

restored, redeemed and saved. Think of the doors we would need to look behind to discover such a story. There would be pictures of us there: of our world, and our times, too; some pictures would be lovely, others dreadful, but all of them telling God's story, which is also ours.

We wish you all an expectant Advent, a joyful Christmas, and a very happy and peaceful new year.

Jenny Welsh, Vicar

Image: Rifle Paper Co. via [www.papersource.com/gifts](http://www.papersource.com/gifts)



## He Comes in the Small Hours An Advent Poem (after Luke 3.1-9)

Stay awake for he comes in the small hours  
While all the world sleeps.

The owl hunts and the curlew cries,  
But let him come as light from a star.  
Make his path straight without deviation.

Make the boats ready for he comes from the sea  
Where ships go down.

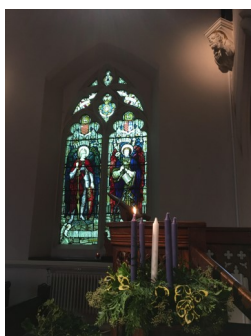
The waves muffle and stifle his cries  
But the harbour lights on the shore are blind.  
He calls from the depths. Go out to meet him.

Don't be surprised if he comes all alone  
Without bell or candle.  
For the axe is laid to the root of the tree  
And many a highway ends in sand.  
Even the stones are bearing fruit!

Make straight his path for he comes from a field  
Where no plough went.

Where the hidden treasure lies buried within,  
Where cattle shift in the draughty shed  
And field mice tunnel the virgin hay.

*Tim Cullen, with permission*



## Advent and Christmas at St Mary's

We are thrilled to be able to fill our church once again, after two years of social distancing. Everyone is welcome!

**6 – 7pm Mondays in Advent, beginning on 28 November** Be Quiet! Warm church, candlelight, and stillness at the end of a busy day. Join us for Evening prayer beforehand at 5.30pm or come in for just a few minutes. All are welcome.

**7.30pm Tuesdays in Advent beginning on 29 November** Advent Discussion Group using the

new book by Bishop Nicholas Holtam, *Sleepers Wake: Getting Serious about Climate Change*, helping us to look hard at the Climate Emergency, and our response as Christian people. Join via Zoom link <https://tinyurl.com/SMTBSleeperswake>, Or join the conversation by telephone, 0203 481 5237 Meeting ID: 867 6319 9363 Passcode: 148121.

**Thursday 1 December, 6pm Susan Metcalfe Estate Agents** are sponsoring their annual Charity Carol Service followed by refreshments. A collection will be made for the Parkinsons UK. Free admission, donations to the charity very welcome.



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**Sunday 4 December, 6pm Community Carols in Redcliffe Square Gardens.** Once again we are joining with St Luke's Redcliffe Square for an outdoor Carol Sing. Mulled wine, and mince pies sponsored by tlc. All are welcome. Bring your friends and neighbours.



Image: tlc

**Wednesday 7 December, 6.30pm Carol Service on behalf of Cruse, the Bereavement Charity.** Tickets £30, or £20 for children under 16, via <https://donate.givetap.co.uk/f/cruse-bereavement-support/carols-for-cruse>.



**Thursday 8 December, 6.45pm for 7pm**  
**The Friends of Chelsea & Westminster Hospital** warmly invite you to **An Evening of Carols** in aid of the 'Best for You' Child and Adolescent Mental Health Project. Guest Reader: acclaimed novelist Victoria Hislop, with soprano Ana Maria Rincon and the ChelWest NHS Choir. To purchase tickets please visit [www.eventbookings.com/b/event/an-evening-of-carols](http://www.eventbookings.com/b/event/an-evening-of-carols) or call 0203 315 8825.



**Glass Door** At 7.30pm on Wednesday 14 December, Join us for an evening of Christmas carols and readings from special guests, including current Glass Door guest Elaine and BBC Health

Editor Hugh Pym, all while raising money for Glass Door Homeless Charity.



Following the Carol Service, the festive cheer will continue at a reception in the adjacent church hall where refreshments will be served. [https://](https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/glass-door-christmas-carols)

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If you have any questions about the event, please get in touch at [RSVP@glassdoor.org.uk](mailto:RSVP@glassdoor.org.uk)

## Stewardship and Serving: Can you do it? Yes you can!

Jenny asked me why I was on the readers' list in church – apart from my inability to say 'No' to most requests – and then asked me to write about it for the Clarion, which as you can see, proves my previous point.

My immediate response was 'because I have always enjoyed reading aloud.' Both my parents were performers in a way and Saturday mornings were spent with Mrs Johnson for elocution lessons and poetry recitations, so I have never been scared of my own voice although I am sure some people would wish otherwise. At school we all read in assembly and at church in reading the lessons. Debating was encouraged across the curriculum, as well as in the Debating Society. Most people did it as a child without thinking, but somehow feel they cannot or should not as an adult, which is rather sad, especially in church where you are surrounded by people who you might not know well, but who are familiar and probably would like to consider themselves as friends, as we are all part of the congregation.

Even so, when I was first asked to read at church as an adult, it was a bit daunting; my immediate reaction was that I was not 'good enough' or 'religious enough' to warrant the opportunity. I do not mean it as false modesty, but I have always felt rather daunted by people who are so confident in their faith and belief, while I just muddle along and try my best and do not understand the technicalities and the niceties and certainly do not have the depth of knowledge of the Bible and religious teachings that others do.

Saying all that though, I do enjoy reading the lesson as part of the service, which has made me pay attention more closely to the readings during services. I love it when I see the reflection in the hymns from the texts in the reading (John Ward is a master of this skill) and had never really registered it. There is also something about understanding it better if I read it out loud. I am sure educationalists have the reason that you are constantly using not only the sense of sight but also of hearing, and of

touch. For me, holding the lectern or just the page of the book reinforces the physicality of the reading, which seems to make it register more.

The NRSV text that is used at the 10.30 service is very easy to read. It is perhaps not as musical or lyrical as the King James Version, but it does flow and it is always easier to read something in language you understand. Different voices appeal to different people and a new voice can change the way a familiar text is received by the brain from which everyone in the congregation can benefit. Perhaps that different voice is yours? If you feel that you need to be an outgoing personality to manage it, you do not. The lovely thing about the brass eagle is that he is rather magnificent so it is quite easy to hide behind him and, as with most things, the more you do it the easier it becomes. My mother's advice when public speaking has served me well: think of a lemon; read slowly; and speak to the hair on the head of the person at the back of the room.

Go back to Bob the Builder, and corralling in my mother and also your old school teacher – Can you do it? YES, you definitely can.

*Katrina Quinton*

## **Glass Door Sleep Out**

At St Mary's, one of the four pillars of our mission statement is "caring for the whole of God's creation." Recently, several members of the parish community made a demonstration of that caring spirit by participating in the Glass Door Sleep-Out 2022, the tenth organised by the charity. The event takes place across London with the dual goals of raising awareness for the plight of the homeless in our city, and providing funds for Glass Door's efforts. Over winter, Glass Door will provide emergency shelters and meals for those of God's creation without safe and consistent homes; additionally, and perhaps more importantly, they offer advice and support to help those people to move beyond homelessness.

On 7 October, our parishioners joined members of St Matthew's Church in Fulham and an estimated 130 others in various locations across London -

garden squares, schools, churches, and back gardens - for one night of 'sleeping rough,' without the comforts of their own homes. Our 2-church group of approximately a dozen people originally planned to spend the night outdoors in South Park, nearby to St Matthew's. However, with windy, cold and wet weather, and given the participation of younger children, the decision was made to sleep indoors in the unheated church instead. Clearly God had it in His plan on that night to provide an example to participants of the dire hardships faced by the truly homeless. Our group did not suffer

nearly as roughly indoors, but a cold night's sleep on the hard church floor was an

enlightening experience in itself for those who braved it.



In all, Glass Door raised more than £70,000 through the event, which the organisation estimates will be sufficient to fund a full month of operations this winter. In total last year, Glass Door provided support to nearly 1,500 individuals; 263 were able to successfully move into permanent housing and improved living situations; and 94% of those served indicated that they felt more optimistic about the future on account of Glass Door's assistance. It is our hope that many more of God's least fortunate creations will benefit from these services in the winter to come, in these especially hard times post-pandemic and amidst the rising cost of living crisis.

To learn more about Glass Door and their efforts, please visit their website at: <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/>. Feel free to donate, or better yet - enquire about how you, too, can show that you care by getting involved in helping the less fortunate!

*Damon Walvoord (photo: William Rogers)*

## St Mary's Late Autumn Fair

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the rescheduled Late Autumn Fair, which took place in the church and hall on Saturday 19 November. We hope that everyone had a good day. We are still finalising the figures, but will let you have a grand total once it is all confirmed.



Photos:  
Jenny Welsh

## A Passion for Churches

Some years ago there was a series on BBC2 featuring the impressive achievements of ordinary people who were determined to keep alive a church building that was special to them. Churches, though, should be living buildings, which can only happen if there are people to make them that way. Living churches seem invariably to owe debts of gratitude to the faithful few that are found in every congregation. It is their unstinting work that keeps these churches open so they can be of service to their parishioners and provide a place of worship both for local people and visitors. In spite of some reports, churches are still places where people want to get married and to have their children baptised.

Partly prompted by that television programme, but also by my desire at that time to find a new church, I started attending different services at a variety of churches north of the Thames in south west London. It was heartening to discover that such a small area contained more churches than I ever realised would exist, all of them in their own way beacons of hope and faith made possible by those faithful few. I came to realise how fortunate I was to have such a wide variety of churches almost on my doorstep, each offering something different both in surroundings and form of worship. Some of the buildings were in obvious need of investment, others had been sensitively modernised. Most seem to have modest congregations, although at one church the congregations miraculously doubled when the Sunday School children and parents came tumbling in. For me as a visitor, it was an unexpected and very wonderful experience.

I was always grateful when there was a sense of peace. It can be hard trying to communicate with God; without that peace it can become almost impossible and a service is nothing like as meaningful as it should be. Peace seems to depend both on the building and the people as individuals. I found a welcoming atmosphere in some large buildings, but I feel more at home in churches of a modest size. By inclination I am more at the low end of the Anglican middle of the road, rather than high church, but that does not mean 'happy clappy' and unrobed priests. I attended one very simple

(non-communion) service that was so informal that it left me empty. On my visits I compared both the way that a service was conducted and the use of music and a choir. Some churches have professional choirs, some just a cantor. One had a four-voice choir performing from a balcony, but at a service of 30 years ago, which contained nothing as new-fangled as the peace and shaking hands. I was clearly a visitor because I was not wearing a jacket and tie.

Experience has shown me that while music is an important element of a service, I do prefer it when a choir leads the congregation rather than replacing them (fine though choir singing might be) except on special occasions. I came to realise that some 'theatre' and symbolism is important in ensuring that we give due reverence and respect to God, but not when the performance overwhelms the meaning. (Perhaps I am not as low church as I thought I was.) Simplicity can be more powerful and a simple act of reverence in one church moved me to tears.

My visits reminded me of the often satirical church web site Ship of Fools, which has reports on services by 'mystery shoppers', but I did not mean my visits to be that type of test of the churches I attended. However, I could not ignore the fact that some buildings are hot, cold or noisy, or whether the pews or chairs are comfortable (pews are definitely more practical for prayer.) I tried not to judge churches by the kneelers – or lack of them – the communion wine (non-alcoholic seemed wrong), the coffee, nor how easy it was to park. They are however, not things that can be ignored. Similarly the quality of the sermon, which should be an important element of a service, has to affect one's judgement on whether the church is one you want to attend. (I did feel cheated by one sermon that lasted only four minutes.) The only real test is whether a church is one that you would *want* to go to each week, where you can find peace and an inclusive love of God, and not one that you would attend out of habit, duty or guilt. It was heartening that several of the churches that I visited seemed to pass the 'want' test. I eventually chose the one that I still attend many years later.

*Anthony Williams*

## A Time to Decide

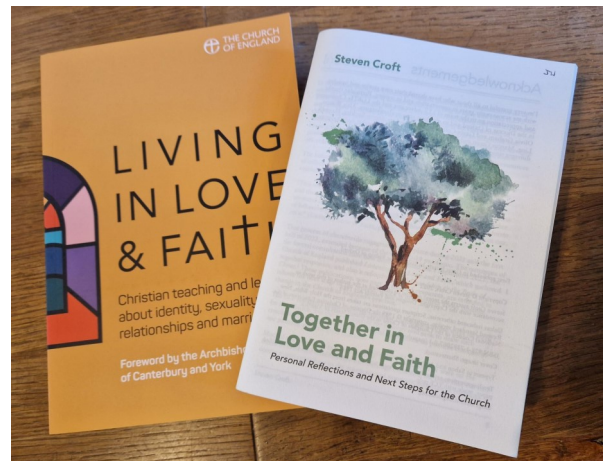
In the opening chapter of Nicholas Holtam's book *Sleepers Wake: Getting serious about climate change*, which we will be studying together this Advent at St Mary's, there is a striking anonymous prayer: 'From the arrogance that thinks it knows truth; from the laziness that is content with half-truth; from the cowardice which shrinks from new truth; O God of Truth deliver us, Amen'.

This is particularly appropriate to Advent when we mark the movement from darkness to light. However, I am not writing about the climate crisis, but about the decision the church now faces in another long-running theological debate about human sexuality, gender identity and the Church of England's approach to same-sex marriage and civil partnerships, both among laity and clergy.

The arguments on both sides of this debate have been fully explored in the years since the Church of England started to discuss a new approach to this difficult subject. Most recently it has been covered in the report on *Living in Love and Faith*, published in 2017. There are deeply held convictions on both sides of the debate, but the time has come for a decision. Although the Church of England has shrunk from espousing a new approach to human sexuality for years, church leaders appear now to have recognised that the time has come for the matter to be grasped properly and there will be a discussion at General Synod in February next year. While acknowledging that this is a contentious issue, it has to be pointed out that the church has managed, eventually, to decide other matters of deeply held convictions, most recently the ordination of women to the priesthood, and as bishops. On the question of gay marriage most research shows the church is out of step with the majority of the wider society. A recent poll in *The Times* newspaper, for example, showed that 63% of its readers were in support of the Church blessing same sex marriages and 37% were against it.

A milestone was reached in November following a meeting of the College of Bishops at which the *Living in Love and Faith* report~\* was discussed. After years of being bound by a collective decision not to

express personal views publicly, the Bishops of Oxford and Worcester decided it was necessary to issue a public statement of their position supporting same sex marriage. This was widely reported in the press and media at the time and the Bishop of Oxford published a very readable account of his journey from opponent of change to advocating for same sex marriage in a booklet called *Together in Love and Faith*; a few copies are available from the Parish Office.



Reflecting the second point of our mission statement that we aim to be a church that is open in thought, the Parochial Church Council discussed this development at its November meeting and unanimously passed the following resolution:

'The PCC welcomes the statement by the Bishops of Oxford and Worcester and others, that the time has come for the Church of England to celebrate and honour same sex couples, and supports a similar statement by the Campaign for Equal Marriage that "there can be no more delay. We look to the bishops to allow freedom of conscience for clergy who wish to bless same sex couples, and for clergy married to their same sex partners to serve in the ministry. The bishops must give a clear message that marriage equality will follow". The PCC accepts that this approach is not shared by all members of the Church of England and exhorts the bishops to find a way forward that will accommodate those who do not share this view'.

Leo Fraser-Mackenzie

\* copies of this report are available from the Parish Office if you would like to read it.

## **PCC Meeting Report**

St Mary's Parochial Church Council met on 9 November in the recently redecorated Church Hall.

The PCC analysed the income that has resulted from the recent Stewardship Campaign and Philip Bedford-Smith was thanked for his work in this area. Twenty-five responses had been received and we have seen a small increase in pledged income, in one off donations and in people offering to serve in church. If you have yet to reply to our stewardship information (even to notify us of 'no change') you can still do so through the Parish Office.

Carolyn Stubbs, our Treasurer, presented a proposed Budget for 2023 that was discussed in detail. The 2023 Budget was adopted by the PCC, though with the caveat that if we are to undertake the outlined major repairs to the fabric of our building, we expect to have to draw upon some of our cash reserves in the Redcliffe Gardens Trust.

The Diocesan Advisory Committee have instructed us to commission a survey of our Craigie Aitchison window, which has a crack and condensation appearing. We have engaged the York Glaziers Trust who are the experts in this field and we await their report on how best to repair and preserve this important memorial window.

Finally, the PCC unanimously agreed a statement in support of the Bishop of Oxford's efforts to encourage the Council of Bishops to celebrate and honour same sex couples. If you would like to read a copy of Bishop Steven's essay it is available online and the Vicar has some copies.

*Joanna Hackett*

*Secretary, St Mary's PCC*

## **Used postage stamps for the Leprosy Mission**

Please remember to bring your used postage stamps with a small margin of envelope still round them, to church to be given to the Leprosy Mission who raise money from them. There is a specially marked collection box at the back of the church.

*Image: [www.leprosymission.org.uk](http://www.leprosymission.org.uk)*



## **Silent Prayer in Church**

The Silent Prayer meetings continue in church on the second Wednesday of each month, 11am to 12 noon.

The next dates are:

14 December

11 January

8 February

A group of people gather to sit together in silence for some 40 minutes. No spoken prayers are said, just the tinkle of a bell at the beginning, end, and half-way through. Being silent for a little while is an invitation to listen to what is happening inside. In our liturgies we are used to address God in praise and song, but listening to the inner 'still small voice' may take some more attention. Doing it with other people forms a creative power that can be felt and can be powerful. Letting go of the need to be busy even for a little time is not only relaxing, but will eventually lead us to the truth of our selves that seems to be the big task of all our lives. There is no need to join anything, book or apologise; just come if and when you can.



## Services and Events

### Sunday 27 November Advent Sunday

8am Holy Eucharist  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
Readings Isaiah 2.1-5  
Matthew 24.36-44

### Monday 28 November

6pm Be quiet! An hour of silence in church at the end of the day

### Tuesday 29 November

1pm Funeral of Robert Palmer  
7.30pm Advent Group (Zoom) <https://tinyurl.com/SMTBsleeperwake>

### Thursday 1 December

6pm Charity Carol Concert (Susan Metcalfe) on behalf of Parkinsons UK

### Friday 2 December

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

### Saturday 3 December

11am Wedding of Lydia Waterbury and François O'Neill

### Sunday 4 December Advent 2

8am Holy Eucharist  
10.30am Holy Eucharist and Sunday School  
Readings Isaiah 11.1-10  
Matthew 3.1-12  
Speaker Dr Caroline Hoffman OAM, PhD, RN, BSW, Chief Executive, Paul's Cancer Support Charity  
6pm Earls Court Community Carols In Redcliffe Square Gardens

### Monday 5 December

6pm Be quiet! An hour of silence in church at the end of the day

### Tuesday 6 December

7.30pm Advent Group (Zoom) (see the link above)

### Wednesday 7 December

3.45pm Sunday School on Wednesday  
630pm Charity Carol Concert on behalf of Cruse Bereavement Charity

### Thursday 8 December

7pm Charity Carol Concert on behalf of the Friends of Chelsea and Westminster Hospital

### Friday 9 December

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

### Sunday 11 December Advent 3

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Family Eucharist with Nativity Play (by Little Lambs)  
7pm Nine Lessons and Carols by Candlelight

### Monday 12 December

6pm Be quiet! An hour of silence in church at the end of the day

### Tuesday 13 December

7.30pm Advent Group (Zoom) (see the link above)

### Wednesday 14 December

7.30pm Charity Carol Concert on behalf of Glass Door Homeless Charity

### Friday 16 December

10am - 1pm Second Half Club – last of term

### Sunday 18 December Advent 4

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16  
Matthew 1.18-end

### Monday 19 December

6pm Be quiet! An hour of silence in church at the end of the day

### Tuesday 20 December

7.30pm Advent Group (Zoom) (see the link above)

**Wednesday 21 December**

11am Carols and home communion  
at St Teresa's Nursing Home

**Saturday 24 December Christmas Eve**

4pm Crib service for families  
11.30pm Midnight Mass - the first Eucharist  
of Christmas

**Sunday 25 December Christmas Day**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist with music  
Readings: Isaiah 9.2-7  
Luke 2.1-20

**Monday 26 – Friday 30 December**

**Church closed.**

**Sunday 1 January 2023 The Naming and Circumcision of Christ**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
The President and Preacher will be  
the Reverend Philip Welsh  
Readings: Numbers 6.22-end  
Luke 2.15-21

**Sunday 8 January Epiphany Sunday**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
and Procession of the Magi  
Readings: Isaiah 60.1-6  
Matthew 2.1-12

**Wednesday 11 January**

11am Silent Prayer

**Friday 13 January**

10am – 1pm Second Half Club resumes

**Sunday 15 January Epiphany 2****Baptism of Christ**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
and renewal of Baptism Promises  
Readings: Isaiah 49.1-7  
John 1.29-42

**Wednesday 18 January**

11am Home Communion  
at St Teresa's Nursing Home  
7pm PCC (in the church hall)

**Friday 20 January**

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

**Sunday 22 January Epiphany 3**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
Readings: Isaiah 9.1-4  
Matthew 4.12-23  
Speaker: Maria Spink *Lyra in Africa*

**Friday 27 January**

10am – 1pm Second Half Club

**Sunday 29 January Presentation of Christ in the Temple – Candlemas**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am All Age Eucharist for Candlemas  
Come and Sing Choir  
Readings: Malachi 3.1-5  
Luke 2.22-40

**Sunday 5 February 3<sup>rd</sup> before Lent (Ordinary Time)**

8am Holy Eucharist (BCP)  
10.30am Holy Eucharist  
with Little Lambs Sunday School  
Readings: Isaiah 58.1-9a  
Matthew 5.13-20

## **Year's Mind December - January**

Randoll Coate  
Stephen Long  
Ethel Doris  
Angela Raynor  
Sybil Sassoon  
Richard Waterbury  
Georgia Pemberton  
Margaret Payne  
David Bowden  
Alexandra English  
Antony Gowan  
Patricia Coghill  
Charles Dwight  
Fatima Andrade-Thomson  
Joyce Mundy  
David Lidderdale  
Victoire Ridsdale  
Gerda Turner  
James McGowan  
Fiona Brown  
George Bosworth  
Jacqueline Lewis  
Edward Sloane  
Doris Stone  
Charles Foster-Taylor  
Georgina Davson  
May Irvine  
Ethel Sutcliffe  
Bea Spicer  
Basil Robinson  
Joan Rawle  
Albert Beauchamp  
Wendy Wood  
Keith Kerry  
Timothy Pringle  
Elizabeth Graham

David Tann  
Anstice Goodman  
Bill Kirkpatrick  
Julian Beck  
Tilly Halliwell  
Mary Millbourn  
Dorian Chinner  
Charles Sprawson  
Anthony Sheil  
Clarissa Morse  
Michael Zurbrugg  
Frances Perry  
Gilbert Reuss  
Arthur Tait  
Noel Patrick  
Leonard Waight  
Anita Dowbiggin  
Emily Greenland  
Francis Mundy  
Margot Macpherson  
Francis Spicer  
Anthony Glyn  
Alexander Fleming  
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**Safeguarding at St Mary's**

The St Mary The Boltons' Safeguarding Officer is Clair Gordon. Her role is to help us to safeguard and promote the welfare of children and adults at risk. She is the first point of contact for children, adults at risk and other members of the congregation regarding suspicions of abuse and other safeguarding concerns. If you have any concerns, please contact Clair on 07850 944 834. In the event of Clair not being available, Rosie Meckiff Mengel may be contacted at 07905 245652. Alternatively, speak to Sheryl Kent, Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser: 020 7932 1224 Churches' Child Protection Advisory Service (CCPAS) helpline: 0845 120 4550 Family Lives: 0808 800 222 (Previously Parentline) Childline: 0800 1111.

**Children's Champion**

The St Mary The Boltons' Children's Champions are Chris and Katie Fowkes. Their role is to ensure that the voices and needs of the children and young people are heard and reflected in parish life. They can be contacted via: children@stmarytheboltons.org.uk.



**There is a Hearing Loop in operation at St Mary The Boltons**

**Contributions for the February Clarion should be sent to the Parish Office by 23 January, please.**

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