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News from the Parish of Kingsley, Northampton

JANUARY 2021



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Services at the Parish Church of St Matthew

Currently due to Covid-19 restrictions our normal timetable of services has been suspended and replaced by the following :

Sundays	10.15am	The Parish Mass
	5.30pm	Evening Service
Monday, Wednesday and Friday	11am	Said Mass

These are subject to change so please check our website or Facebook page for up to date information.

Sundays

9.00am	Mass, with homily (with traditional language)
10.15am	The Parish Mass (sung)
5.30pm	Evensong — according to The Book of Common Prayer

First Sunday in the month

10.15am	All Age Mass for the Parish Family
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

*When the choir is on holiday (coinciding with school holidays and half terms)
Choral Evensong is replaced with Congregational Evensong*

Second Sunday in the month

9.00am and	Laying on of hands and Sacrament of Anointing is
10.15am	offered in the Lady Chapel
5.30pm	Congregational Evensong

Third Sunday in the month

5.30pm	Choral Evensong with Congregational Benediction
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Fourth and Fifth Sundays in the month

5.30pm	Congregational Evensong
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Weekdays *(During the winter months of November to March, held in the Parish Centre)*

Morning and Evening Prayer are said publicly at 9.00am and 5.30pm daily

Monday	7.00pm Mass (on Bank Holidays at 9.30am) (Healing Mass and Devotions on the first Monday in the month)
Tuesday	9.30am Mass <i>(suspended for the foreseeable future)</i>
Wednesday	9.30am Mass <i>(followed by coffee)</i>
Thursday	9.30am Mass
Friday	12 noon Mass
Saturday	9.30am Mass (Walsingham Cell Mass on second Saturday in the month)

Major Feast-Days Procession and Sung Mass at 7.30pm
(Always held in church. The morning Mass may be cancelled — refer to literature in church)

Sacrament of Reconciliation, commonly known as Confession, is celebrated in the Lady Chapel by appointment with the clergy. They are also available for advice and guidance on any matter of concern. All aspects of the sacrament are in confidence.

Worship Calendar for January

<i>Date</i>	<i>Observance</i>	<i>Intention</i>
1	HOLY NAME OF JESUS	Being worthy of the name 'Christian'
2	Ss Basil and Gregory	
3	SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS	The Parish
4	Monthly Requiem	The Faithful Departed
5	Feria	
6	EPIPHANY OF THE LORD	Christ manifest in our lives
7	Feria	
8	Feria	The NHS and vaccine rollout
9	Feria	
10	BAPTISM OF THE LORD	The Parish
11	Feria	For schools, colleges and universities
12	Aelred of Hexham, Abbot of Rievaulx	
13	Feria	The ministry of healing
14	Feria	
15	Of OLW	The Shrine and Society
16	Feria	
17	SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	The Parish
WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY		
18	Feria	For our ecumenical partners
19	S Wulfstan, B	
20	Feria	Failing businesses and the unemployed
21	S Agnes, Child Martyr	
22	Feria	The Ministry of Healing
23	Feria	
24	THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY	The Parish
25	The Conversion of S Paul	For fresh turning to Christ
26	Ss Timothy and Titus	
27	Feria	Unprejudiced understanding of mental health
28	S Thomas Aquinas, Pr and Dr	
29	Feria	Our mission charities
30	Feria	

NB For details of weekday said services please refer to the weekly notices.

The Church prays for the community daily

Please include these topics in your daily prayers

January Letter from the Vicar

The Star, the Dove, and the Wine

The Church has traditionally linked together three January feasts: Epiphany, with the star and the Three Kings (6th); and Jesus' baptism in the River Jordan by John (10th), with the dove descending and the voice from heaven; the marriage feast at Cana – not a feast as such – with the miracle of the water turned to wine (24th). These are three strange events in the service of an even stranger one, to point out the stranger among us, Jesus Christ, Emmanuel, God with us.

For he needed to be pointed out, to be revealed. In the words of a medieval lyric, 'He came all so still ... Like dew in April ... That falleth on the grass', traditionally at midnight, and in circumstances of great poverty, obscurity and insignificance. But the essential point is that we and the whole world had to know about it. It had to be broadcast. It was important not only that he came among us in great simplicity, but that this fact should be known. This helps explain what is perhaps a puzzling feature of our celebrations at Christmas, the enormous stress laid on the appearance of God among us. The meaning of the word 'epiphany' is manifestation, showing forth. After all, somewhat ironically perhaps, how should we have known of the humility of the Eternal Son if no one had proclaimed it?

So the three moments with which I began are essentially feasts of the 'appearing' or manifestation of God, as they are described by the early fathers of the Church. Christianity is a religion of truth and enlightenment, though not in quite the rationalist eighteenth-century sense of the word, because it is also a revelation. God himself from time to time takes away the veil from his nature and enables us to see by faith what we could never grasp by reason alone, the deep truths about himself. So it was that, through strange and miraculous moments – the star, the dove, the wine – the true nature of Christ was made known to Magi (the Gentiles), the Jewish crowds, the disciples. And let us not despise or undervalue the miraculous or supernatural in religion, for how should we recognise Christ without their help?

This means, in brief, that our faith is a religion of revelation. It matters immensely both that we believe the truth and what that truth is. In the last resort, however, our human minds can only recognise and accept the truth about Christ with the help of God. The illumination, the enlightenment that we so much need and want comes to us by divine favour, as God's gracious gift.

Your sincere friend and parish priest,

Fr. Nicholas

New Year – New Hope

I am writing this on Advent Sunday, such is the way of deadlines. I want to suggest that at New Year, we should be looking forward rather than back, but I've already fallen into the trap of checking to see what I wrote this time last year – so there goes my first resolution, more than a month before January!

I'm glad, though, to see that, in innocence and ignorance of all things covid, I wrote (in capital letters, which I usually resist) GOD CAN BE TRUSTED. That will certainly be worth remembering in 2021 as well.



By the time you read this, we will or won't have trade and other agreements with the EU; Parliament will or won't have agreed to the strict new three-tier coronavirus regulations; the first vaccines will or won't have been approved and rolled out for use; England will or won't have won the first Autumn Nations Cup rugby championship, and the one-day cricket series against South Africa; Donald Trump will or won't have accepted defeat ... a lot can happen in a month.

And if a lot can happen in a month, what about a whole year? Who could have predicted so many aspects of our lives being overturned in 2020? (There I go, looking back again. That's two forfeits so far.) So, how can we look forward into a new year, when it could be overwhelmingly good, or equally bad, or just not very memorable at all? We can probably rule that third option out, but the question remains: How can we look forward?

The answer, of course, is by looking to Jesus: Jesus the King of kings and Lord of lords, the Lord of the years, the Lord of the future; Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith (I hope you can join in my course of Bible studies on Hebrews this spring); Jesus our hope.

We have very little idea of what is in store for us in this new year. But it is still the Year of our Lord 2021, so we enter it with hope in him.

With best wishes

+Donald

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Donald".

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Fire at Flore

Jean Duncan

Each time I read Dorrie's plea for contributions to the magazine I feel guilty that I haven't sent her anything, and then I justify my lack of effort by telling myself I haven't anything to write about and the pandemic has put a stop to all our social activities.

Recently I've been thinking again and I realised that there is certainly one thing in Norman's and my lives over the past months that the pandemic sadly didn't stop – and that was a fire. Many of you probably know that on 16 September our house in Flore was affected by a fire which began in the stables on the farm next door to our house. I thought you might like to learn a few more



details. I should explain the layout first. Our boundary fence (wooden) is situated about 4 and a half metres away from our back door. Between the fence and the door stood a shed and 4 wheelie bins. Immediately adjacent to the fence, stretching the entire length of the boundary fence, was a very dense, tall, hedge of leylandii trees. The stables, where the fire is said to have started, were situated beyond the trees.



The first we knew about the fire was when Jamie, our grandson, who is living with us at the moment, calmly walked into our living room where Norman and I were watching a Mary Berry cooking programme. It was about 8.45pm. He asked if he could “have a word”. Wondering what on earth could be the matter – it sounded such a formal request – when we got outside

the door he said he thought there was a fire next door. He had seen sparks floating past his bedroom window. I followed him into the utility room and from the inside of the house I could see that some of the leylandii trees were well alight and the fire was spreading quickly along the trees. Then, within seconds the fire caught our wooden fence (old, brittle dry) and it just swept along that and within a minute or two my beautiful new fence – erected in August with nothing in it – went up in this big orange ball of flame and Jamie said “we’ve got to go”. We went back via the living room and collected Norman who at this point had no idea about the fire, and went outside onto the lawn, both of us ringing for the fire brigade. By this time the neighbours were out and some were moving their cars further down the Close as burning straw from the stables was being blown in the wind. My immediate neighbour, with the help of others, was moving his precious bicycles (he has a selection). If the wind had taken the fire further along, his garage would certainly have been involved.

The fire engine came. It was like something out of a film. Before it had hardly stopped firemen were spilling out and one had got a hose and was running with it across our garden round to the back of the house. It was an impressive well-rehearsed action by the firemen. In no time at all they were putting out the fire on our side and were removing paving slabs and digging a hole to get to the gas pipes. There was a distinct possibility of an explosion. Thank goodness that was prevented. Also, the fire was prevented from getting to the roof rafters. Flames had already reached the guttering and had melted the down pipe, and the fascia board would have been next. In the meantime we were all out in the Close. Norman was in a neighbour’s house and kind neighbours were giving me a brandy but at first I was shaking so much I couldn’t hold it and handed it back. Then I had second thoughts and sat down and drank it. To think I had got to this great age and never had brandy before. I quite liked it! As the night went on cups of tea appeared – I’m not sure from where, but they were most welcome. Even more welcome was the way Jamie and I were kept informed, about every 20minutes or so, by one designated fireman, who told us what was happening. He eventually said that although the house was habitable we shouldn’t stay there for that night as the smoke would linger for some time. Neighbours were already making up beds for us. It was about 1.45am that the fire crew went away, but Jamie and I needed to be up by 6am as that fire crew (or some of them) would come back again to check. I didn’t sleep much anyway and at 6 Jamie and I were back in the house and with two of the officers we went over the entire interior of the house looking for ‘hot spots’. The house was pronounced OK and although the smell of smoke lingered, we could return. That was a relief.

The next thing was to go and review the damage. I was dreading that moment as there was very little to be seen from the front of the house. I was greeted by a burnt-out black mess. There was nothing left. We could walk straight through into the farmyard. A big swathe of the trees was burnt to the stumps, most of the fence gone, no trace of my shed and all that was left of the wheelie bins was 4 sets of wheels. There was nothing. The electric and gas meter cupboards were charred beyond recognition and the meters burnt and melted. The back gate had gone, as had the trellis. The boiler and extractor vents coming from inside the house had melted. Outside lights had gone. It was a mess.

Then began the really hard work because all this devastation had to be dealt with. The insurance company provided a PCC (Personal Claims Consultant) – in old terms, a loss adjuster. I thought it stood for something else completely different! For the next two weeks I seemed to spend every waking hour on the phone talking to insurers and building repair contractors. It was exhausting and at the same time I was trying to deal with normal activities such as cooking (not easy when the gas supply (we have a gas cooker) was not restored for 3 weeks – but that is another story.

As I complete this account (13 December) almost all the repair work has been finalised and we are about back to normal. We were fortunate. The inside of the back door (still awaiting replacement) is a constant reminder to us just how close we were to having the fire inside the house.

We are now hoping for a year free from pandemics, face masks and also disasters such as happened on 16 September...

Our best wishes to you all, Norman and Jean Duncan

Christmas Wordsearch Answers

Did you manage to find all these in last month's quiz?

ADVENT	MARTYR	WREATH	CANDLE
LIGHT	FASTING	WAITING	HOPE
EMMANUEL	STAR	VIRGIN	ASS
MANGER	ANGEL	NIGHT	

Prayer for Epiphany

Epiphany is a Greek word meaning 'manifestation, showing forth, revelation'. This feast proclaims our faith that in Jesus, God is revealed to all people – not just to an inner circle or a chosen few, but to all people, in all places, and throughout all time. Christians believe that in the person of Jesus we see who God is, and in the words and actions of Jesus we see God at work in the world. Epiphany marks a series of occasions at which Jesus was revealed to be God's Son

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May your light open our eyes to see those in need.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May the works of our lives demonstrate your love.

Jesus, you are the light of the world:

May your wisdom enlighten our decisions.

Jesus, you are the light of the world,

hear the prayers of our hearts:

*(Here, the people may add particular intercessions
or thanksgivings.)*

As you enlighten our lives,

May we be light for others.

Amen.

This is an extract from Daily Prayer for All Seasons (Canterbury Press).

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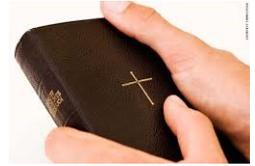
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Weekday Scripture Readings for January

Our weekday scripture readings, one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament, taken from the 'Additional Lectionary' which was constructed by the Church of England principally for use in Cathedrals at weekday Evensong.



Friday	1 st	Deuteronomy 30 [1-10] 11-end	Acts 3.1-16
Saturday	2 nd	Isaiah 66.6-14	Matthew 12.46-50
Monday	4 th	Isaiah 63.7-16	Galatians 3.23-4.7
Tuesday	5 th	Isaiah 49.1-13	John 4.7-26
Wednesday	6 th	Isaiah 60.1-9	John 2.1-11
Thursday	7 th	Genesis 25.19-end	Ephesians 1.1-6
Friday	8 th	Joel 2.28-end	Ephesians 1.7-14
Saturday	9 th	Isaiah 61	Titus 2.11-14; 3.4-7
Monday	11 th	Isaiah 41.14-20	John 1.29-34
Tuesday	12 th	Exodus 17.1-7	Acts 8.26-end
Wednesday	13 th	Exodus 15.1-19	Colossians 2.8-15
Thursday	14 th	Zechariah 6.9-15	1 Peter 2.4-10
Friday	15 th	Isaiah 51.7-16	Galatians 6.14-18
Saturday	16 th	Leviticus 16.11-22	Hebrews 10.19-25
Monday	18 th	1 Kings 17.8-16	Mark 8.1-10
Tuesday	19 th	1 Kings 19.1-9a	Mark 1.9-15
Wednesday	20 th	1 Kings 19.9b-18	Mark 9.2-13
Thursday	21 st	Leviticus 11.1-8, 13-19, 41-45	Acts 10.9-16
Friday	22 nd	Isaiah 49.8-13	Acts 10.34-43
Saturday	23 rd	Genesis 35.1-15	Acts 10.44-end
Monday	25 th	Isaiah 56.1-8	Colossians 1.24-2.7
Tuesday	26 th	Ezekiel 20.39-44	John 17.20-end
Wednesday	27 th	Nehemiah 2.1-10	Romans 12.1-8
Thursday	28 th	Deuteronomy 26.16-end	Romans 14.1-9
Friday	29 th	Leviticus 19.9-28	Romans 15.1-7
Saturday	30 th	Jeremiah 33.1-11	1 Peter 5.5b-end

What's in a name?

An aspect of church life that I know many of us have missed over the last nine months is being able to sing as part of our worship. It is a very communal activity and indeed a very physical thing. You will have your favourite hymns – some perhaps very traditional, others more modern or even a contemporary so called 'Praise Song'. I have favourites from all genres.

The words of our hymns are much loved and, in some cases, very familiar, but very often, what people recall first is the tune. No matter how profound the words of a hymn, a complementary tune makes it memorable. Think of *Guide me O thou Great redeemer* or *To God be the glory*.

Hymn tunes – and I mention this for those who may not know – usually have names. Now, there are books and articles which tell the origin of hymns but finding the origin of the names of the tunes is not always so clear and sometimes requires a little detective work.

A Victorian writer of tunes that I greatly admire is the Revd John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876). He spent much of his ministry at St Oswald's Church in Durham and it was there that he wrote many of his hymn tunes, indeed he was a major contributor to the original 1861 edition of *Hymns Ancient and Modern*.

In terms of names of tunes, Dykes is an interesting case study. Here are a few examples. The definitive Trinity Sunday hymn is probably *Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty* and the tune is Nicaea, after the Council of Nicaea (AD 325) at which church leaders began to formulate the doctrine of the Trinity.

Another hymn which is lodged in the collective consciousness of church goers is *Eternal Father, strong to save*, the so-called seafarers hymn. That familiar tune is called Melita which is the Roman name for the Island of Malta where St Paul was shipwrecked on his journey to Rome. The Roman name came from the Greek which meant 'honey sweet' for the island was known for its honey.

The words of *Praise to the Holiest in the heights* come directly from John Henry Newman's poem, 'The Dream of Gerontius' and so Dykes called the tune quite simply Gerontius.

Believe it or not he composed over 300 hymn tunes and many had understandably simple names; the names of local villages; of saints; the tune Hollingside was the name of his cottage outside Durham.

We express our faith in a variety of ways, but for many people, music plays an important part. Indeed, it can play a very intimate part; think of the importance of selecting just the right hymn for a wedding or the funeral of a loved one.

One final story – Dykes was schooled near Wakefield and knew the nearby village of Horbury. His tune for the hymn *Nearer my God to thee* by Sarah Adams is called Horbury. But there is an interesting postscript; there are three other tunes to the words. A much-debated question – which tune was played as the Titanic sank?

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January Wordsearch

It's a trickier start to the year to wake up the brain cells!

Can you find the words listed in the grid?

Do you also know what links these words together?

	DOGS	CATS	RABBITS	
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*Update from the County
Organiser, Paul Stothard*



Ride and Stride 2020

Just a note to thank all of you who went that extra mile to make the Ride and Stride such a success in September. I am delighted to report that we have raised a fantastic £39,347, with still some more promised. Another record-breaking year!

In this strange year there were lots of deliberations as to whether we should encourage churches to take part and Riders to get on their bikes, but we knew that there was a great need to raise money for the NHCT as, without normal fundraising events, the need for grants from churches is even more needed.

We were helped by perfect weather on the day and so many of you managed to have a warm welcome waiting, either in person or with refreshments and notices in church porches.

Thank you to all of you who supported us – Riders and Striders and Sponsors who helped to raise so much money.

(We raised £615 for NHCT, with St Matthew's receiving half the amount back.)

St Matthew's Parish Christmas Card Scheme 2020

A huge "Thank You" to all the 46 individuals, couples or family groups who participated this year!

The total from your contributions is a magnificent **£843.00**, which with Gift Aid where appropriate will realise an impressive **£1013-17**— all of which goes to church funds.

Apart from the fundraising side, to quote one participant who emailed on receiving their card: "That is a lovely card. At this weird time it is extra special to have and to see all those names that have become a bit of a memory..."

St Matthew's Residential Homes Singing Group



This group was formed over eighteen years ago, with the aim of entertaining the residents of the homes within our parish.

We usually visit four establishments each year: Oakwood Nursing Home (8 The Drive), St Matthew's Nursing Home (21-23 St Matthew's Parade), The Crescent Care Home (3 The Crescent), and Margaret's Rest Home (30-32 Kingsley Road). However, due to the Covid-19 Coronavirus, we are unable to function as we cannot enter their premises.

In the meantime, please pray for the residents of these homes.

Currently there are ten singers in the group (including some of our Methodist friends from across the road), but there are occasions when not all of them may be able to attend. Therefore we would welcome new recruits to join our happy band when the current restrictions are lifted.

If you would like further details, please contact Jonathan Starmer Telephone 01604 406009, or email jonathan.starmer@yahoo.com

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32nd St Matthew's Multi-Aged Unit

Mandy Ludlow

Well, I write this on 7 December, our last Zoom meeting of 2020 – what a year it has been. The last time we saw the girls and met at the Parish Centre was 16 March.

Zoom meetings have become the norm since the beginning of the new academic year in September. We, as a leadership team, have had to become very resourceful and find ingenious ways of doing things. Tonight was no exception; we had a Christmas Party and Fun night, incorporating Christingle.

We started the evening with Pin the Tail on Rudolph – all the girls had been given a 'Rudolph' and some tails; all the girls had to either close their eyes or use a blindfold, and on 'Ready, Steady, Go!' they had to stick a tail on. This was followed by making candy cane mice.

A party is not a party without party food – all the girls received as part of their bag drop a Christmas food box (a bit like a McDonalds Happy Meal box but Christmas-themed. In this they had a bottle of drink, crisps, sausage roll, a pizza to cook, chocolate mini roll and a bag of party ring biscuits. We all shared the food at the same time.

Next came the making of crowns to wear, bejewelled with sparkles and stickers. A lot of fun and laughter ensued at our next activity – seeing who could eat a penguin biscuit without using their hands – can you imagine the hilarity! A rendition of *Jingle Bells* followed,

by which time Fr Nicholas had joined us for our Christingle making – again in the bag drop all the component parts for the making of the Christingles was provided; we made these all together with Fr Nicholas making his for display in the Vicarage. He also spoke very briefly to the girls about what Christingle meant and in turn some of the girls told the rest of us what all the component parts meant, ie the red ribbon being the blood of Christ etc. We followed this by a number of girls lighting their candles and putting off their lights – not the same as Christingle at St Matthew's but very effective nonetheless. Fr Nicholas had to then leave as he was to attend PCC, and we carried on with our party, pulling crackers and



sharing the jokes in the crackers. A final chorus of *Jingle Bells* and it was now way past 7.15pm and time to say 'Happy Christmas' and goodnight to the girls – we had been on the Zoom meeting for almost 2 hours!

So what have we done in the weeks prior to tonight? The Rangers have made mince pies, making their own mincemeat and pastry, recipe included – please note that this is not the recipe for 'Mandy's Boozy Mince Pies' – they have had to do their own washing and ironing for a week, whilst the younger girls had chore charts to complete. Snowflakes have been made and displayed. On the Zoom we have played bingo and had quizzes, the Guides have made microwave mug cakes whilst the Rainbows and Brownies have decorated gingerbread jumpers.



As best we can we have continued to follow what we would normally be doing with the Church. We have done Christingles, I have done the hampers which Fr Nicholas has kindly said he would deliver to people, and in years gone by we have decorated the Church in some way; previously we have decorated a window ledge, hung snowflakes or put up a Christmas wishes tree, this year as with Remembrance this has had to be an outside display.



As I said at the beginning of the article, tonight was our last night of 2020 and following the end of the meeting, we have received lots of messages from parents, some of which are copied below – when we read these, we know we are doing the right thing by meeting on Zoom.

With every good wish to you all for 2021 from all the girls and leaders of 32nd St Matthew's Multi Aged Unit.

From the parents:

Thank you to all the leaders.

This has been a difficult year for all.

You have worked so hard preparing all these activities and meetings.

It is very much appreciated.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chrissie has really enjoyed the meetings.

Thank you from us all.

Thank you all leaders for your hard work through this difficult year. Have a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Merry Christmas everyone and thank you so much for all the fabulous Zoom calls and activities, it's been very much appreciated.

Thank you so much for the time and thought all the leaders put into the Zoom meetings and activities. Wishing you all a Peaceful and Happy Christmas.

Merry Christmas everyone and let's hope 2021 is the year the girls can all meet in person again. Thanks so much for all the excellent meetings and activities you have provided for all of the unit. Livvy has found them a really positive lifeline and has learnt so many new things. As parents Rob and I have appreciated all the effort that goes into these sessions. The level of effort put in has at times made me really emotional and grateful to you all. Have a restful festive season (will miss the Christmas Fayre!) – you have definitely earned it.

Thank you everyone for making Tallulah very welcome doing her Zoom sessions at Brownies. She has had great fun and always looks forward to her Mondays. Merry Christmas everyone and wishing you all a better 2021.

Thank you so so much to all the leaders and all the girls for taking time for all the preparation, bag drops and for everything you have done in this year – it has been so greatly appreciated by us all and has been a lovely, excellent fun packed time in the most challenging time for everyone.

The meetings have been brilliant for Felicity and especially in the times we couldn't go out it was nice to see friendly faces and have some fun.

Going back to the parish is certainly one thing Felicity can't wait for but the Zoom will be the next best thing!

Have a fantastic festive period and relax and have fun!

Felicity wishes all her friends a Happy Christmas too.

Thank you to you leaders for all the effort you have put into the Zoom calls and bag drops – most appreciated and enjoyed by the girls. After several weeks of home schooling this has cheered up Jasmine no end!

Happy Christmas to you all!



Granny Flo's Special Mincemeat:

Ingredients

- 175gm currants
- 175gm raisins
- 175gm sultanas
- 175gm dried cranberries
- 100gm mixed peel
- 1 small cooking apple, peeled, cored and finely chopped
- 125gm butter, cubed
- 225gm light muscovado sugar (also known as light brown sugar)
- ½ teaspoon ground cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon mixed spice
- Finely grated rind and juice of 1 lemon or small orange, or a mixture of the two
- 200ml brandy, rum or sherry



Introduction

I prefer the flavour of butter to suet in mincemeat – which makes it suitable for vegetarians, but use suet if you wish, vegetarian suet is available. The butter makes the mincemeat look cloudy in the jar but this disappears once the mincemeat is cooked in mince pies etc.

Preparing ahead

Make the mincemeat up to six months ahead and store in a cool place – it is not necessary to freeze mincemeat as it stores very well.

Tip

Simply use clean sterilised screw top jars, saved from bought marmalade and jam.

Method (makes 4x 370g jars)

- 1 Measure all the ingredients except the alcohol into a large pan.

Heat gently, allowing the butter/suet to melt, then simmer gently, stirring occasionally, for about 10 minutes.

Allow the mixture to cool completely, then stir in the brandy, rum or sherry, stirring in very well.

Leave for about an hour for the fruit to start to absorb the alcohol.

- 2 Stir well again and spoon into your sterilised jam jars. Seal tightly, label and store in a cool place.



Mince Pies

For the Pastry:

Ingredients

- 225gm (8oz) plain flour
- 115gm (4oz) butter, diced
- 50gm (2oz) lard, cut into small pieces
- 25gm (1oz) icing sugar
- 1 egg lightly beaten
- 2 teaspoons cold water
- 450gm homemade mincemeat



Method

1. To make the pastry, sift the flour into a bowl, and add the butter and lard. Rub the fats into the flour until the mixture resembles breadcrumbs. Best done to start with using a round-ended blunt (dinner) knife.
2. Stir in the icing sugar.



3. Then add the egg and the water.



4. Bring together to form a firm dough.



5. Place in a plastic bag and refrigerate for 20/25 minutes – if time allows.
6. Preheat the oven to gas mark 4/180°C Electric/160°C Fan oven.
7. Dust the work surface with a little flour, also your rolling pin. Roll out just over half of the pastry to thickness of 3mm ($\frac{1}{8}$ inch) about the depth of a £1 coin.



8. Cut out circles using a pastry cutter large enough to fit the base and sides of your tart tin. You will need to re-roll the off cuts.



9. Fill each one with mincemeat, making sure you don't add too much, or it will spill out of the pastry during cooking.
10. Using the remaining pastry plus the remains from the bases, roll out and cut the tops using a slightly smaller cutter. I used a star cutter to make them look attractive.



11. Carefully brush a little water on to the pastry tops using a pastry brush, or your finger and light press, dampened side down, on to the mincemeat.
12. Bake in the oven for 15-20 minutes – look after 15 minutes, until the mince pies are a light golden brown.



13. Allow them to cool in the tin for a few minutes, then dust with a little icing sugar.



14. Leave to cool until you are able to touch them and then place on a wire cooling rack.



15. **ENJOY! – HAPPY CHRISTMAS...**





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Memorial Chapel WW1 Hero

The following is an account by Martin and Lindsey Stone of the background and military service of Lance Corporal Charles Frederick Fitzhugh Tolliday who was killed in France on 5 April 1917, during the prelude to the 2nd Battle of Arras. He is remembered as one of the 168 brave men of the parish listed within the memorial chapel at St Matthew's Church, Northampton.

Lance Corporal Charles Frederick Fitzhugh Tolliday, Serv. Nos. 6495 & 512631, 1st/14th Battalion (London Scottish) the London Regiment, fell 5 April 1917, Aged 26

Charles Tolliday's military history story was relatively straightforward to research once he had been correctly identified; the identification itself was made easier by a relatively unusual surname and initials. However, the family aspects were complicated, and overlaid the sadness of Charles's death with further family loss and hardship; this was thankfully offset by his tertiary educational background. As the author, the sadness of his loss culminated in the personal inscription on his headstone which was most likely penned by his only full-blood sibling, his sister Alice Maude Tolliday.

Amongst the list of the 168 fallen from both world wars, inscribed in gold on the hardwood screens located within the Memorial Chapel at St Matthew's Church, Northampton, is the inscription, *CF Tolliday*. Although our focus is on military history, we often use genealogy to support the correct identification of the man or woman that we are considering; it is all too easy to pick a matching name and initial from the lists of the many who served in the two world wars. For example, just from the dead of the two world wars there are twenty-two Tollidays listed in the Commonwealth War Graves Commission records and several of those include the initial 'C'. The genealogy aspects combined with the military records enabled us to be clear that the listed person was Charles Frederick Tolliday and that his sister lived at Junction Road, Kingsley Park, Northampton, within the parish of St Matthew's.

CF Tolliday, full name Charles Frederick Fitzhugh Tolliday, was born at Northampton in 1891, and because he was baptised at St Michael's Church, we can unusually for the period see the precise date of his birth, 1 March 1891 (the Vicar of St Michael's at this time was one of the few who supplemented the 'Date of Baptism' column on the Baptism Register with the

Date of Birth as well). Charles was born to Fredrick William Tolliday (1854 [St Ives, Hunts.] - July 1925 [at Bath]), a Boot Salesman, formerly a Soldier and latterly a Butler, and his wife Alice Tolliday (nee Fitzhugh). Charles had a sister, also named Alice, Alice Maude Tolliday, but they lost their mother so early, in 1894. Alice appears to have been staying in Bristol or Cardiff at the time and like many of the families of our fallen men, travelled a surprising amount within mainland Britain. After the loss of their mother, their father Frederick re-married, to Mary Florence Annie Wright, at Barton Regis in Gloucestershire during 1895. Their stepmother Mary and their father went on to have three children of their own, two half-brothers and a half-sister to Charles and Alice. Mary died in 1964 at Weston super Mare. (Charles's mother, Alice Tolliday nee Fitzhugh, who died in 1894, had been born in approximately 1870, to John and Emily Fitzhugh of Shakespeare Road, Northampton.)

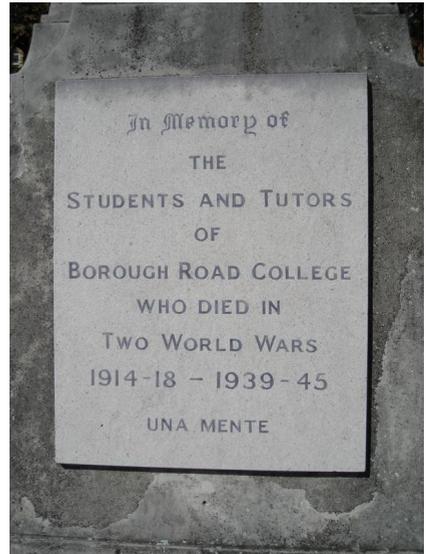
So, the siblings of our fallen St Matthew's man were: Alice Maude Tolliday, (full sister) (became Alice Maude Jarvis after marrying Thomas Morton Jarvis), Edwin Theodore Tolliday (half-brother), Frederick Archibald Tolliday (also half-brother), and Marjorie Rose Tolliday (half-sister) (became Marjorie Rose Stone of Birmingham and emigrated to S.Rhodesia).

The known addresses of the family in the period from his birth to his loss include Shakespeare Road, Abington Avenue, Junction Road (all Northampton), Borough Road Training College, Isleworth, and later Erskine Hill, Hampstead Garden Suburb for Charles's death administration, which was addressed to his full blood sister, by then Mrs Alice Maude Jarvis.

We know that the teenage Charles, most likely known as Chas. (assessed from military service record), had been a Student Teacher at Borough Road Training College, Isleworth, Middlesex, and was 'living in' with twenty other young men as shown in the 1911 census, and he then appears to have been employed as a Tutor. His Commonwealth War Graves Commission (CWGC) Certificate was annotated with the note, *Son of Fredrick and Alice Tolliday. B.A.* Initially I had taken this to mean that one or both of the parents had a B.A. degree. As this was considered to be unlikely and there was no evidence to support this; a more in-depth analysis was undertaken which was supported by Maria Choules at the CWGC. Subsequently it was agreed that this line on the certificate applied in totality to the fallen person, in this case Charles, and as the analysis developed it was possible to prove Charles's Alma Mater, which in turn brought forward further genealogical and military history information relating to Charles. It also demonstrated that it was quite possible that Alice went to the sister college, where the ladies were accommodated and quite possibly educated separately. The college still

exists and the history is well worth a read as a stand-alone study for those interested in the educational and social history of the period.

The support of the CWGC was welcome and the follow-on research that we progressed offered up the following:



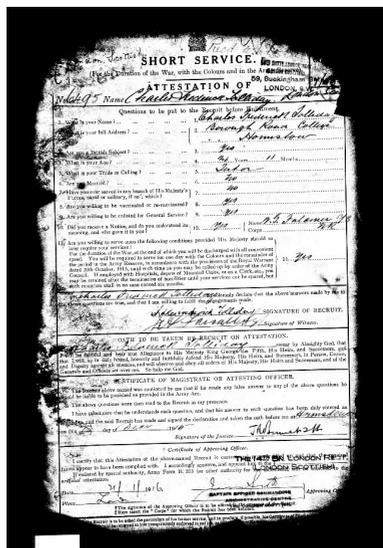
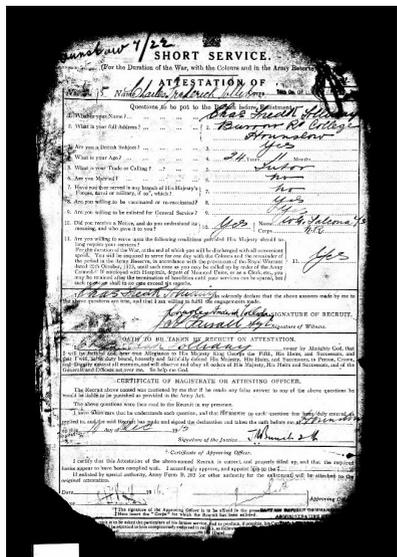
Borough Road College Memorial and Panel, courtesy IWM, the register for the above includes TOLLIDAY, CFF.

The history of the college notes that come 1917 only 10 of the students had either not been called up or joined up voluntarily. Many of the students and quite probably their tutors were killed in the war, and their names were listed in a book of remembrance by the college. The CWGC requested copy of the information gained which also resulted in a correction to the certificate recording and commemorating Charles's death as I will explain.

As we progressed from a relatively complicated genealogy study, we have some quite detailed information regarding Charles Tolliday's military history and his subsequent sad loss. We will also see that as a result of the military history aspects of the analysis that the author was able to offer a Date of Death correction to the CWGC. This was accepted and the relevant CWGC Certificate commemorating Charles's death duly revised (from 3 April 1917 to 5 April 1917).

Although we do not as yet have copy of his Battalion's war diary, his personal service record still exists, albeit as with any document that is over

100 years old and one that was damaged in the Blitz of the next war; it is not easy reading, and some pages, his medical record in particular, appear to be missing. His service record includes a nearly fair copy of the original attestation form, which appears to have been completed to correct the use of his short name, Chas. As he was not mobilised immediately on joining up, the record provides additional and useful insight into the military processes and timeline of late 1915 through early 1916.



Above, original version of CFF Tolliday Attestation and secondly corrected version using Charles in lieu of Chas.

Charles, living in London at the time, volunteered into the London Regiment, a regiment of the Territorial Force, initially volunteering into a home defence battalion (Bn), the 3rd/14th London Scottish Bn. Charles Attested on the 10 December 1915, was allocated to the Army Reserve 11 December 1915, and as noted the 3rd/14th Bn, London Regt. The London Scottish regiment was originally raised in 1859, sponsored by a group of individual Scotsmen and as such it was a kilted regiment, the men wearing a Glengarry and their kilts of Hodden Grey.

Although Charles had attested on the 10 December 1915, records indicate that he was sent home and then formally 'mobilised' from his civilian employment and 'posted' 21 January 1916 into the same 3rd/14th London Scottish Bn for military training. While not my own area of expertise I would expect that this would have taken place while he was in barracks at the

Rochester Row Army Reserve Centre located in Westminster, and then at Hazeley Down Camp, Winchester. By now the writing was on the wall, and even if he had not volunteered for *Imperial Service* and deployment abroad, he would most likely have been called up or conscripted during 1916 as he was described as a Tutor not a Teacher, which would otherwise have exempted him from military service at this time (Marriage would have further delayed conscription until later in the year). On 6 June 1916, after training as an infantryman and noting that he had already volunteered for war service (assessed from military service record), he was transferred to the 1st/14th active service battalion of the London Scottish, and deployed.

Authors note 1: The 1st/14th London Scottish were deployed to France, the 2nd/14th London Scottish to the Middle East.

Charles was promoted Lance Corporal that same day his battalion deployed (6 June 1916); he was now L/Cpl. Charles Frederick Tolliday, Service Number 6495, 1st/14th Bn London Regt., 168th Brigade, 56th (London) Division. As part of the modernisation and expansion of the army, his service number was soon to change to 512631. As a portent of what was to befall L/Cpl. Tolliday, some of this information is supported by a page from the Regimental Medal Roll of the 1st/14ths, on 'his' page of the medal roll, eight men are on the list, six did not return. There are other difficult statistics for the battalion, for example, while allowing for wounded men who did not fight again, or those that were promoted and transferred, from the list of men who originally deployed with the battalion it is believed only three men survived the war still serving with the 1st/14th London Scottish battalion.

(To be retained in English)

REGIMENT OR CORPS
14th LONDON SCOTTISH

ARMY FORM NO. 100
OF 1914
REVISED 1916

ROLL OF INDIVIDUALS entitled to the Victory Medal with British War Medal granted under Army Orders 263 & 302, of 1919.		REGIMENT OR CORPS		OF 1914	
Serial No.	NAME	Rank	Service No.	Place of Birth	Remarks
512631	TOLLIDAY, CHARLES FREDERICK	Lance Corporal	6495	London	Killed in action 1916
512632	TOLLIDAY, CHARLES FREDERICK	Lance Corporal	6495	London	Killed in action 1916
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512637	TOLLIDAY, CHARLES FREDERICK	Lance Corporal	6495	London	Killed in action 1916
512638	TOLLIDAY, CHARLES FREDERICK	Lance Corporal	6495	London	Killed in action 1916

I certify that according to the Official Records the individuals named in this ROLL are entitled to the Medal or British as detailed above.

Date: 25/10/1919

Signature and rank of Officer compiling

Page from 14th London R. (incl. 1st/14th London Scottish) Medal Orders (Charles Tolliday, 6495, on Line 3), the right hand column (Remarks), indicates in this case those who were killed and how they died.

Authors note 2: In 1914 an infantry battalion consisted of broadly 1,000 men, including 30 officers, and was commanded by a Lieutenant-Colonel. An infantry brigade was formed from three to five battalions and a Transport Company (Coy.), later it would also include a Machine Gun Coy. While the construct differed as the war progressed, Medical, Mortar, Artillery, Engineer and Pioneer units were generally allocated at divisional level and delegated as required. (The author recommends Professor Richard Holmes book *Tommy* as the definitive and valuable read on these matters).

Authors note 3: The government in WW1 increased troop numbers by conscription, compulsory active service. This was to some extent driven by the otherwise imminent collapse of the French army. In January 1916 the Military Service Act was passed. This imposed conscription on all single men aged between 18 and 41, but exempted the medically unfit, clergymen, teachers and certain classes of industrial worker. Conscientious objectors, men who objected to fighting on moral grounds, were also exempted, and were in most cases given civilian jobs or non-fighting roles at the front. A second Act passed in May 1916 extended conscription to married men. It was initially feasible to avoid fighting by volunteering into a Territorial regiment, but then not volunteering for overseas service. Conscription was not applied to Ireland because of the 1916 Easter Rising, although in fact of course many Irishmen continued to volunteer and fight contributing significantly to the fighting power of the British army.

Charles and his battalion went into action on the Somme, taking part in the diversionary attack at Gommecourt on 1 July 1916, an infamous day in the history of the British Army, and then the Battles of Ginchy and Flers Courcelette which were also part of the Somme operations in 1916. By studying the Somme Roll of Honour, we can sadly see that many of Charles's comrades fell there, (analysed by noting the service numbers of those of the 1st/14th who fell, with numbers and consequently joining dates, in the same period as that of Charles Tolliday).



1st/14th Lon. Scot. (A Coy.) on the march in France 26 June 1916 (courtesy IWM)

In their next battle, the Battle of Morval, the 56th Division captured Combles on 25 September 1916, located close by some famous WW1 names, ie: east of Albert and south of Bapaume within the Bazentin Ridge. An important intersection, it was held by the British until the German offensive of March 1918 and then retaken again by the British in August 1918.

After the action at Combles, the battalion fought in the Battle of Transloy Ridge and then the 1917 retreat of the Germans to the Hindenberg Line during February and March 1917. This heavily reinforced line German ran from Arras to Laffaux, near Soissons on the Aisne. The event has recently been immortalised in the 2019 Sam Mendes film *1917*.

Specific detail of the 1st/14th battalion actions and movements on the Somme by date has been added into an addendum to this story.

At this stage you may start to think that L/Cpl. Charles Tolliday had seen and done enough, amazingly there is no indication in his existing record of illness or wounds, although it is quite possible that there are pages missing from his service record. Nor is there any record of a leave period. Whatever, it is clear that Charles was not having an easy time of it, his sister would no doubt have been carefully scouring the papers for news of any successes in France while horrified with the letters, notes and cards she would have been receiving from Charles, and worse was yet to come.

At this point, and thinking back to the loss of Charles's mother, and also to his father who had re-married and appeared rarely to settle in one place, it feels appropriate to mention an astounding detail to the story. Charles's father Frederick, at the age of 59, had already volunteered and joined up. Frederick's papers indicate previous service with the 14th Hussars in the 1870s, from which he may have 'bought himself out' (an interesting and expensive process in itself). In 1914/15 after volunteering for war service and re-joining the regular army he served with the Royal Horse Artillery, but for better or worse was taken ill, awarded the Silver War Badge, and discharged. (Copy of his Attestation is included in the Addendum to this paper).



Photo image of a Silver War Badge (approximately to scale)

Amongst this background, the war on the Western Front and consequently Charles's regiment was moving towards the 2nd Battle of Arras. The action for this battle commenced on 20 March 1917 across what was effectively a front limited to 24 miles. A huge number of shells were fired by the British in the period 20 March to 4 April, 2.7 million, to pulverise the German front line positions, which compared to early battles of war was relatively successful in its aims.

The attack began on 9 April 1917 and the 1st/14th London Scottish were tasked with taking the village of Neuville-Vitasse; however it seems that in the preparation for the attack, as the regiments moved forwards, that Charles fell on 5 April 1917; he was 26 years of age, and had served in France with his regiment and otherwise survived for ten months. He was laid to rest in Achicourt Road Cemetery, which is along the line of Achicourt, Beurains, Neuville-Vitasse. It is a small cemetery, the majority of the men laid there at that time are either from London Regiment battalions or co-located artillery units; perhaps he was caught in counter-battery fire or wounded and taken there to a dressing station. I cannot be sure at this time.

What I can be sure of was that Charles was much missed, and that his sister provided a very touching and unique personal citation which would later be engraved on his Commonwealth War Graves Commission provided headstone. It comes from the poem *Adonais* by Percy Bysshe Shelley, and Lance Corporal Charles Frederick Tolliday's citation reads: ***He is a portion of the loveliness which he made more lovely.***

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CF Tolliday - Notes/Addendum:

London Regiment:

The London Regiment was unusual. Not only were all of its battalions of the Territorial Force (although the first four were affiliated to the other City of London regiment, the all-regular Royal Fusiliers) but each battalion was regarded as a corps in its own right.

The raising of the 14th London R., the 1st, 2nd and 3rd/14th London Scottish:

August 1914 : at 59 Buckingham Gate. Part of 4th London Brigade, 2nd London Division. Moved on mobilisation to Abbots Langley.

16 September 1914 : left the Division and landed at Le Havre. Was engaged at Messines on 31 October 1914 under command of Cavalry Corps.

7 November 1914 : came under command of 1st Brigade in 1st Division.

8 February 1916 : transferred to 168th Brigade in 56th (London) Division.

From Somme (1916) Roll of Honour, 1st/14th Bn London Regiment (London Scottish) actions:

1 July : Attack Gommecourt Salient (to the right of the Division)

2-6 July : Front line in front of Gommecourt Park

10-20 August : Tours in front line in Hebuterne sector

5 September : Leuze Wood

8 September : Maltz Horn Farm

9-10 September : South of the Quadrilateral

14 September : Angle Wood

17 September : Angle Wood to Leuze Wood

18-20 September : In the line Leuze Wood to Bouleaux Wood

20 September : Angle Wood

24 September : Leuze Wood

25 September : Attack north of Bouleaux Wood

26 September : Falfemont Farm

30 September : Bernafay Wood,

4 October : Front Line east of LesBoeufs

7 October : Attack and capture of southern end Hazy Trench

8 October : Bernafay Wood

Achicourt Road Cemetery:



The cemetery was begun in March 1917 and used until June. The graves of these four months are in Rows A to C, and the majority are of officers and men of the London Regiment. The cemetery came into use again in August and September 1918, when Rows D and E (mostly Canadian graves) were made. Graves from Achicourt Churchyard Extension were added to Row E after the Armistice.

Achicourt Road Cemetery contains 131 First World War burials, eight of which are unidentified. The cemetery was designed by W H Cowlshaw.

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