

A photograph of a cemetery with large trees and gravestones, used as a background for the magazine cover. The scene is lush with green grass and purple flowers in the foreground. A large tree with white blossoms dominates the right side, while a red building is visible in the background on the left.

Horsell Matters

The Village Magazine from your Parish Church
April – May 2025

Horsell Directory

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Children & Families' Worker	Rebecca Connolly childrenandfamiliesstmarys@gmail.com	772134
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Treasurer	David Leach	07708 866196
Pastoral Assistants	Janet Johnson Margaret Johnson Hilary Mitchell Coral Colclough	591756 762481 715459 747481
JAM (Jesus and Me)	Rebecca Connolly (3+) 10am most Sundays	772134
Tiny Treasures	Rebecca Connolly, St Andrew's Room Tues 9.30am to 11.30am, term time	772134
Bell-ringers and Servers	Alan Nichols [occasional] Tues. evening practice	767852
Trinity Methodist Church	office@trinitywoking.org.uk	730754
Horsell Evangelical Church	Revd Andrew Bents	822259
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Horsell Village School	Infants Head Teacher – Mrs J Reeve	714804
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Halstead St Andrew's School	Head Teacher – Mr A Ward	760943
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Guides & Brownies	www.girlguiding.org.uk/information-for-parents	
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WI Horsell Evening	Mrs Joan Cox Meets on 4th Tuesday at 7.45pm in the Village Hall	760783
Woking Police Station	dial 101 from mobile or landline	

Easter Homily

The Easter Story carries a message of Hope and a New Life. The cost of this was Jesus' life.

St Mary's like other churches, has for many years, seen a decline in numbers and an ever-ageing congregation. There is a great need for change.

The time has come to reverse the trend and to look for signs of new life and growth that only change can bring. In 2025, St Mary's church is intentionally seeking change in order to grow. We have identified four priorities: to be (i) rooted in the Word, (ii) immersed in prayer, (iii) led by the spirit, and (iv) confident in sharing our faith with others, and we are doing our best to live by them.

We have embarked on a journey of change and have done a survey consulting our regular Sunday congregations, and those members of the wider community, with whom we are in regular contact, about the



changes we need to implement to grow. It was fascinating to compare results with the previous survey done over 10 years ago. We are open to suggestions from all who live in the parish of Horsell about ways to attract more to join us at St Mary's and enjoy what

we have to offer.

At St Mary's we are at an exciting stage of our church life, as we are considering new ways to drive forward, that will resurrect us, just as our Lord Jesus was resurrected on that first Easter Sunday.

We implemented some changes in 2024 and are seeing encouraging signs. We will carry on with the changes throughout 2025 and warmly welcome you to join us on this exciting journey of new life here at St Mary's in Horsell.

Happy Easter everyone!

Revd Dmitry Lutsenko

FUNERALS, BURIALS AND CREMATIONS

We offer our sympathy to the families and friends of those who have died:

Perveen Baluch-Jenkins Robin Hoyle James Moran Maureen Simonson

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **APRIL 2025**

Tues 1st	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
	9.30am	Junior School Easter Service to parents
	2.00pm	Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 2nd	7.30pm-8.45pm	Romans Course Part 4
Fri 4th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
	9.30am	Village School Easter Service to parents
	10.00am	Engine Room House of Prayer in the Vicar's Vestry
Sun 6th	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	First Sunday Service & Baptism
Tues 8th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Wed 9th	7.30pm-8.45pm	Romans Course Part 5
Fri 11th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 13th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	6.30pm	Contemplative Meditation
Tues 15th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Thurs 17th	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 18th	9.30am	Good Friday Family Service
	10.30am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 20th	8.00am	Holy Communion (CW)
	10.00am	Easter Day Family Communion
Tues 22nd	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
	9.30am-3.00pm	NO Private Prayer
Fri 25th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 27th	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.00am	Parish Communion
	11.30am	Annual Parochial Church Meeting
	4.00pm	Messy Church Easter Party
	6.30pm	Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 29th	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group

THE CHURCH BUILDING WILL BE OPEN:
Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9.30am to 3pm.

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **MAY 2025**

Fri 2nd	8.45am-12noon 10.00am	Pop In Coffee Engine Room House of Prayer in the Trinity Chapel
Sun 4th	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion Service (CW) First Sunday Service
Tues 6th	9.30am-11.00am 2.00pm	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group Service at Kettlewell House
Wed 7th	8.00pm	Engine Room House of Prayer
Fri 9th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 11th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Service (BCP) Parish Communion Contemplative Meditation
Tues 13th	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 16th	8.45am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 18th	8.00am 10.00am 4.00pm	Holy Communion (CW) Parish Communion Messy Church
Mon 19th	7.30pm	PCC Meeting
Tues 20th	9.30am-11.00am	Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 23rd	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee
Sun 25th	8.00am 10.00am 6.30pm	Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Peaceful Prayer & Praise
Tues 27th	9.30am-11.00am	NO Tiny Treasures Baby & Toddler Group
Fri 30th	10.00am-12noon	Pop In Coffee

ST MARY'S CHURCH DIARY **JUNE 2025**

Sun 1st	8.00am 10.00am	Holy Communion (CW) First Sunday Service
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St Mary's Church, Horsell: @StMarysChurchHorsell

CW means Common Worship. **BCP** means Book of Common Prayer.

All correct at the time of going to print.

For further details please look at our website: www.stmarys-horsell.org.uk

What's Going On For Children

See the collage of face-to-face encounters with Jesus and come to the Messy Church Easter Party on the 27th April between 4 and 5.30pm.

In 'Jesus and Me' (JAM) Rebecca Connolly our Children and Families' Worker has been exploring the stories of those people from the Bible who encountered Jesus face-to-face. Each week the children have drawn a scene from the Bible story they have been learning about. Rebecca has been using Urban Saints Energize to plan sessions and using their teaching series 'Encounters With Jesus'.

Rebecca is putting into action part of our Children's Ministry Vision to "take the light of the Gospel to the younger generation".

A collage, using the drawings to build up a picture of Jesus' encounters, has been made and is on display in the St Andrew's Room. The collage features drawings from the following Bible



Rebecca Connolly

stories: The Baptism of Jesus, The Temptation of Jesus, Jesus Teaches Nicodemus, Jesus Talks with a Samaritan Woman, Jesus Heals Ten Men With Leprosy, At the Home of Martha and Mary, The Rich and the Kingdom of God, Zacchaeus the Tax Collector.

Pop into the St Andrew's Room after church on Sunday 6th April to look at it close up, or come and join us for a coffee, cake and a chat at our Pop-in Coffee on Friday mornings.

Talking about cake, why not join Rebecca and other young families for the Messy Church Easter Party on Sunday 27th of April? It is an opportunity to have fun while crafting, eating and learning more about one of the stories from the bible. A picnic tea is provided – do come along. It is held in church, starts at 4 and finishes at 5.30pm.

EARLY MAY BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY FAYRE

5th May 2025 from 11.45 am to 4.30 pm

Wheatsheaf Recreation Ground, Chobham Road, Woking, GU21 4BL

Bring the whole family to the **45th Horsell Scouts and Guides May Fayre**, their main fundraising event. Be entertained by live performances from the Summerscales dancers, Vintage cars to browse, Scout and Guide challenges for all ages and a Kids Fitness session. Enjoy delicious food, and explore the various stalls, fun games, magic, jewellery, cakes and books. For more information, contact dick.mackie49@gmail.com

Christian Aid Week 11-17 May

This year Christian Aid celebrates 80 years of fighting poverty and injustice around the world, working with people of all faiths and none.

Sadly, communities in many parts of our world suffer extreme poverty. Christian Aid provides practical help by working to change systems. It is committed to helping people access healthcare, education, fight discrimination, cope with climate change, natural disasters and sell produce for a fair price.

This year Christian Aid highlights its work in Guatemala where there is still widespread hunger. Deadly droughts, storms and industrial plantations that monopolise the water supply and deforest the land are some of the challenges faced by struggling communities. Here, funds from Christian Aid, via a partner organisation, have

helped farmers such as Aurelia adapt their farming practices to be more resilient to climate change. Read Aurelia's inspirational story:

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/appeals/key-appeals/christian-aid-week/aurelias-story>

Christian Aid is one of St Mary's chosen outward giving charities. In 2024 we donated £520 to this important cause.

How to help: Christian Aid depends on donations to keep offering support to communities in crisis. Funds raised throughout the year and during Christian Aid Week will be used wherever there is a need.



Donate: use our QR code above or visit <https://fundraise.christianaid.org.uk/envelope-2025/horsellst-mary-virgin> or use paper envelopes, available in St Mary's Church during Christian Aid Week. There is no house-to-house collection.

Support our plant, cake, craft and books sale: Friday 16th May at our Pop-in-Coffee from 9 am-12 noon.

Let's help provide hope and a brighter future to struggling communities.

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What would bring you to church?

This year we are making changes to the way we worship. What differences would appeal to you? Please let us know (see p.2 for contacts).



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Bible Matters

The third in a series of articles by
Roy Wernham, Licenced Lay Minister

The New Testament of the Bible is a collection of writings that date from soon after the time of Jesus. They were probably written between 50AD and 150AD.

The opening books are the four gospels, the name means good news. Written by Matthew, Mark, Luke and John they all describe the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, along with his actions and teachings.

Mark's gospel is the briefest and was probably the earliest. It is a quick and easy read, almost a ripping yarn, and a good place to start if you want a quick overview of the life and work of Jesus.

Matthew's gospel was probably written for a Jewish audience and it shows how Jesus is the fulfilment of Old Testament prophecy. It sets out the teaching of Jesus in an orderly and structured way, beginning with the story of his birth.

Luke may have been a doctor; he highlights the healing miracles



performed by Jesus. He was certainly an accomplished historian. He was writing for a non-Jewish audience and drew attention to the, often significant, part played by women in the ministry of Jesus. Like Jesus, Luke shows a deep concern for the poor and the outcast.

Matthew and Luke both knew of Mark's gospel but drew on other sources as well.

John's gospel was the last to be written and is distinctive from the other three gospels. Some of the content of John's account differs in places from that of the other three gospels but there is also a very great deal of common ground. Sometimes called the spiritual gospel John starts by showing that Jesus was the Word of God. His spirit was part of God, had been with God from the beginning of time, and would be with God until the end of time.

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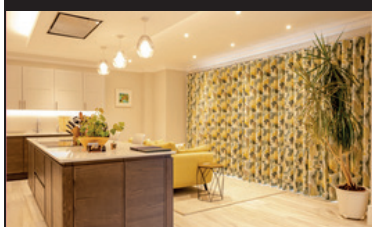
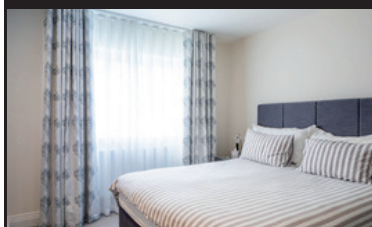
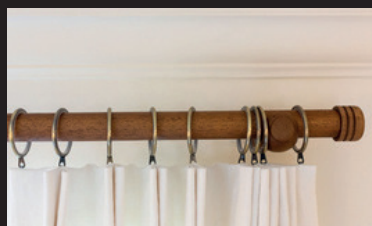
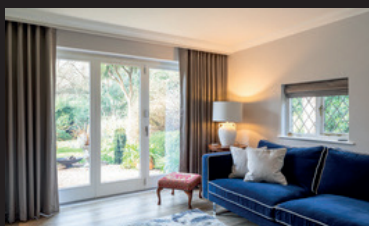
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Grave Matters

In past issues of *Horsell Matters*, Rosemary and Richard Christophers have written about some of the more interesting graves in Horsell churchyard. With its closure to new burials in 2023, here is an overview of the churchyard and its growth.

Most village churches have probably always had graveyards. Richer and more influential people may have been buried in the church. Under the present altar platform at St Mary's is a brass to John Aleyn, curate here in the 14th or 15th century, but the first mention of a burial in Horsell churchyard is in the will of John Burgyes, dated 8 September 1487, expressing a wish to be buried in the Horsell churchyard – this dedication appears to have ended with the Reformation.

Such early references are few, as Horsell was not a parish with many people rich enough to make wills. Poverty, as well as custom, also meant that there were few signs of graves before the end of the 18th century when the more prosperous had simple, inscribed slabs. The richest, such as the Roake family, have table tombs; one at the west end of the south aisle shown in illustrations from 1803, seems to have been removed, perhaps in the 1890s. For many their graves went unmarked, but there was the option of long wooden grave boards mounted on posts along the brick



Grave Boards

mounds of the graves. Some can be seen in older pictures, but by 1961 only eight remained, seven in fair to poor condition. The next year the vicar reported that there were just three, and they had recently been renewed, being repainted by the late Robert Boyton. These were at the east end of the north aisle and were all to the Chitty family. However, they all deteriorated and are in the care of The Lightbox, with small posts remaining to show their site.

To be continued in the next issue of *Horsell Matters*.

Sources: Surrey History Centre for parish records.

Rosemary and Richard Christophers



Anything Goes

Locally based WAOS Musical Theatre has been in rehearsal for the comic musical, *Anything Goes*, to be performed from 6th to 10th May at the local Rhoda McGaw Theatre, Woking.

Martine Young, the director of the show, says that it has a funny comic script by P G Woodhouse plus golden melodies by Cole Porter. The show is based on a cruise ship in the 1920's. After the successful run of the very dramatic *Evita*, a change in focus to a light-hearted comic musical like *Anything Goes*, shows the flexible talents of the award-winning theatre group.

Martine has a long history of directing shows and for this production, she has a super team to help her. The team consists of two choreographers, a dance captain for tap dance, and two assistant directors, who are learning the ropes to take on future shows. Martine says teaching new members has a long tradition in WAOS Musical Theatre, from dancing, acting, writing, producing, and directing, all being useful life skills.

With a cast of 40, tap dancing, and songs like *You're the Tops*, *It's De-lovely*, *Friendship*, and *Anything Goes*, the show promises to be a spectacular event.



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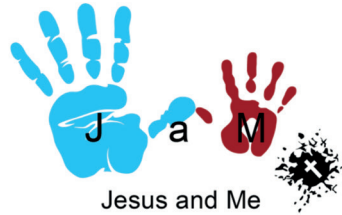


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8th and 15th April, 27th May

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St Mary's Church, Horsell

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EASTER SERVICES

Maundy Thursday Service
17th April at 7.30pm

Family Service
followed by hot cross buns



Friday 18th April
at 9.30am



Easter Sunday 20th April
Holy Communion (BCP) at 8am
Family Communion at 10am

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Bible
Story

Fun

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Sunday 27th April
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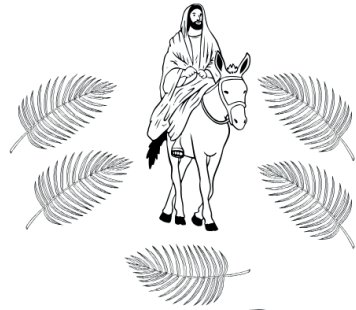


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COLOUR AND LEARN ABOUT HOLY WEEK, PALM SUNDAY, MAUNDY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

The week before Easter is called **Holy Week**, and begins with **Palm Sunday**. Palm Sunday gets its name from the palm branches that people were waving when welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem.



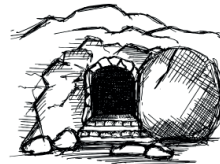
The Last Supper happened on **Maundy Thursday**. Jesus had a meal with his disciples and then washed their feet as a sign of humility and service.



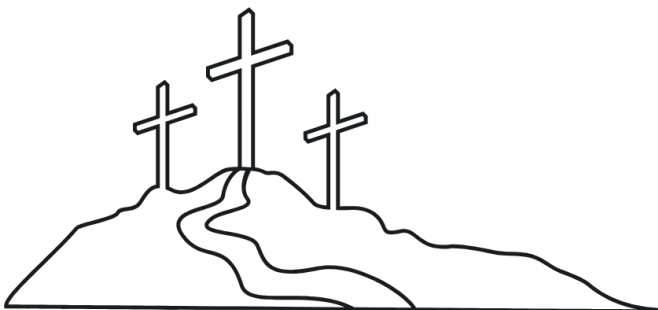
Good Friday is a solemn day when Jesus was crucified. He died on a cross, so that our sins would be forgiven.



Easter Sunday is a celebration of Jesus coming back to life, and it is called resurrection. Christians believe he is alive today in Heaven, together with our Father God and the Holy Spirit.



**An empty tomb.
He is Risen!**



Did you know?
You can read about the Holy Week in all 4 Gospels in the Bible:
Matthew chapters 26 to 28,
Mark chapters 14 to 16,
Luke chapters 22 to 24,
John chapters 19 to 21.

We invite you and your family to join us for the Easter services at St Mary's.

PTA Matters

Horsell Schools' PTA fundraising endeavours continue to defy the uncertainties of the weather.

You may remember from our November update that the PTA Summer Fair landed on a very wet day in July last year; that was nothing compared to what the weather had in store for us at Christmas!

Remarkably, considering the worst that Storm Darragh brought to Horsell in early December, we raised a staggering £8,500 profit from our Christmas Fair - a testament to the generous and supportive community we live in. Thank you to all those who volunteered their time, gave so generously, sponsored us and attended on the day.

Last year we set out to raise £25K across all activities - we got within £100 of our target, a cracking effort! The funds will be used by the Horsell Village and Junior Schools to buy essential items like Phonics Books, ChromeBooks, Whiteboards and other learning and enrichment activities.

Spring and Summer event planning is already in full swing. We'll be partnering with Daydawn Nurseries once again to run a Pop-up Plant Sale at the Village School. This is a



community event so please come along on 17th May between 9 and 12 noon and browse a huge selection of plants. We are also looking forward to our annual Summer Fair on 5th July at the Junior School.

We want to say a big thank you to the Horsell community and St Mary's for your continued support; we rely on local business sponsorship, and parent and community support to make these events a success. All help we receive is so welcome. We are always looking for new ideas or opportunities, if you or your business would like to get involve, please get in touch;
HorsellSchoolsPTA@gmail.com



The Horsell Village Fair will be on **26th July**, at **Horsell C of E Junior School** from 12 noon.

For more info visit www.horsellvillageshow.co.uk
Stalls can be booked via shonafrienduk@gmail.com

Garden Matters

With less predictable weather and extremes of wind, rain and heat more common, Elna Broe is on a mission to make her garden climate change resilient.

Larger patio pots, mulched with gravel, need less watering than their smaller predecessors. In the borders, unhappy plants are being replaced with perennials that cope better with extremes of wet and dry periods, for example, sedum, verbena bonariensis, phlomis and the grass, molinia 'overdam'. Mulching after heavy rain will help retain moisture; woodchip mulch is also a great help in areas prone to flooding. Late-flowering perennials cut back by up to half in late May will be less prone to wind damage (www.rhs.org.uk/pruning/chelsea-chop).

Seed sowing will be staggered across planting months suggested on packets (a few seeds every couple of weeks) to extend flowering periods and cropping to insure against inclement spells.

In the vegetable garden, my first Hugelkultur bed is under construction. This centuries-old method of growing used most commonly in Germany and Eastern Europe, is low-maintenance and requires no irrigation. It comprises



Cross section drawing of a hugelkultur bed

layers of logs or thick branches, homemade compost, leaf mould, grass clippings, wood chips and plant debris (any order but thick logs are better at the base in a trench), topped with 5 inches of compost or topsoil. Decomposing woody materials at the base release nutrients as they break down and the other spongy materials help the mound retain water. Squashes will be my pioneer crop - I'll let you know the outcome.

Happy gardening.

Elna Broe



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The Benefits of Volunteering

Volunteers play a crucial role in supporting organisations across sectors including leisure, healthcare, education, social services, community development, local events and churches.

Volunteers not only supplement the work of paid staff but also help organisations extend their reach and effectiveness. Many organisations especially nonprofit organisations operate with limited resources, making volunteer efforts essential for delivering services to those in need. They can make the difference between an organisation being able to open to the public or not.

We have all benefited at some stage from the generosity of people who give up their free time to help and Horsell is no exception to the need for volunteers. At St Mary's church, there are a large group of volunteers who contribute by arranging the flowers, children and schools ministries, bell ringing, helping during and after the church services, making the coffee and let's not forget the churchwardens who keep the church working efficiently. These people are all unseen heroes. But we are always

looking for new volunteers and have many opportunities available.

The Horsell Second Thursday Club do an amazing job, organising events throughout the year including litter picking in the streets and paths in our village.

The feeling of well-being after a day of volunteering is most gratifying; you feel like you have done something positive for the community and may have learnt something new. It encourages you to mix and meet like-minded people you would not have done so otherwise.

There are opportunities locally for virtually every interest and most organisations appreciate the extra help. So, don't be put off if you are not an expert on a particular subject as most places will provide training. Give it a go: enjoy and develop a new interest.

Carmen Duncan-Brown

Churchyard Cat

A rather fine Tabby and I were recently mewing over why there are no mentions of Cats in the Bible. She speculated that the Scribes may have been trying to distance themselves from the Egyptians, the regional superpower of the day, who quite rightly worshipped cats as deities. But I ventured to suggest that we did not fit with the Jewish Christian belief in humility, 'humble yourself before the Lord and he will lift you up*'. Who ever heard of a humble cat? We know our place is to show our humans a good example,

take cleanliness, 'next to Godliness'.

Those daft dogs who yap around our village need to be taken to grooming parlours, I understand they even have mobile ones, that come to them, whereas us cats are masters of self-grooming and maintaining a superior appearance. Still enough of idle mewing, time for me to patrol my churchyard and ensure that all is in order.

*James (the brother of Jesus) 4:10



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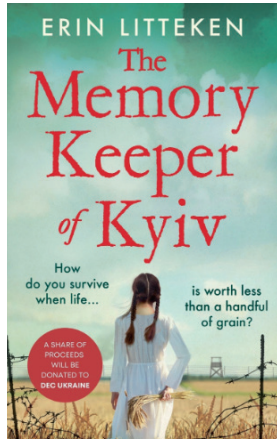
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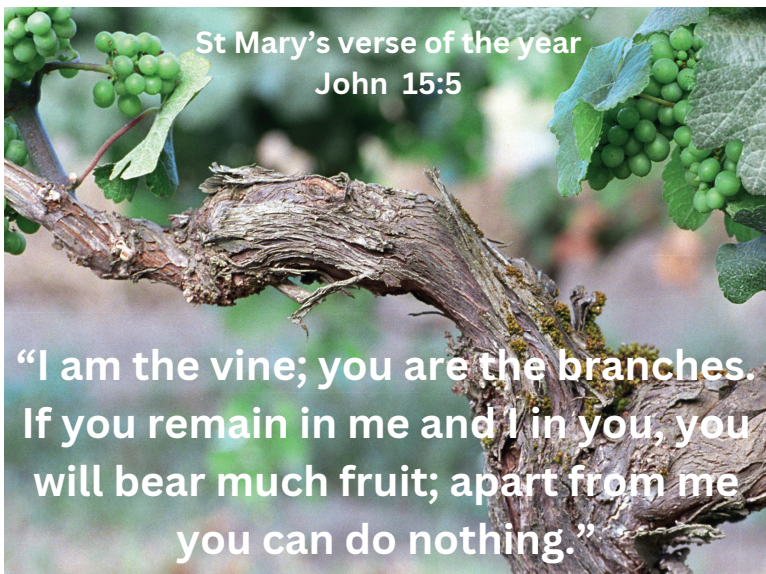
"The Memory Keeper of Kyiv" by **Erin Litteken** is a historical fiction novel that powerfully portrays the horrors of the Holodomor, the man-made famine in Ukraine during the 1930s. The book weaves together two timelines: one in the 1930s, depicting the suffering of Ukrainians under Stalin's regime, and a contemporary timeline. This structure allows readers to connect the historical events to present-day understanding. It sheds light on the



Holodomor, often overlooked in history and its devastating impact on the Ukrainian people. The book's relevance is heightened by current events in Ukraine, drawing parallels between past and present struggles. It is a story of resilience and the strength of the human spirit.

It is highly recommended for readers of historical fiction, particularly those interested in Ukrainian history.

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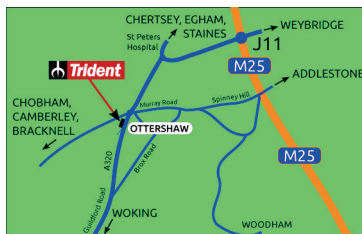
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