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Generosity

Lesley Crawley looks at how we might cultivate a spirit of generosity in all that we are and do

This month we are once again looking at the theme of Generosity.

The opposite of a spirit of generosity is a spirit of scarcity, and these attitudes are ones we learn in our homes as we are growing up.

When I was training to be a vicar, a psychotherapist would come and teach us on our pastoral care course. He said that in some families, if there is another person who rocks up at the door then they are beckoned in, another place is set at the table, everyone moves around a little and the soup is watered down so it will go further. In other families, if another person turns up this is a problem, there are worried looks, there isn’t enough room at the table and there isn’t enough food to go round. These attitudes have nothing to do with wealth, they are to do with our mindset – is there enough?

I don’t know which camp I fall into and perhaps it is an overly simplistic model, but what I do know is generosity of spirit, generosity in the way we speak and generosity in our acts of service and money are at the heart of the Gospel.

There is a part of the prayer of St Patrick that draws me every time I read it:

Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of every man who speaks to me,
Christ in the eye of every man that sees me,
Christ in the ear of every man that hears me.

I’ve never heard anyone preach on this and I haven’t been able to find the meaning of it, other than it is an
acknowledgement the Christ is in every human being we encounter. But it is an interesting way of saying that – that Christ is in the heart of those thinking of us, the mouth of those speaking of us. It almost assumes that there is a generosity and love in the thoughts and words of others. Are people thinking nice things about me and saying nice things about me? Yes, because Christ is in them. Am I going to do the same? Yes, because Christ is in me. This is a world that St Patrick has summoned into being by his prayer and then perhaps through that, wherever St Patrick went he took this generous spirit and transformed all around him.

Let us pray for a spirit of generosity within us and permeating throughout the church.

Lesley Crawley

Tuesdays in the parish

Make connections and brew friendships

Tuesday mornings are sociable times in the parish with two groups alternating to provide a place to go and meet others, with activities and refreshments thrown in.

Connections is back fortnightly—this month on October 12 and 26—10-11.30am at St George’s. For further details contact Bill and Annie Thomas: 01252 932193.

Brewing Friendships is a new group helping to combat isolation which meets on alternate Tuesdays at St Mark’s, 10am-12pm. There are talks, advice and a chance to build new friendships.

This month’s dates are October 5 and 19. For information, contact admin@badshotleaandhale.org
There was a joyful confirmation service at St John’s Church on September 19 when 11 people from across four parishes, including five from our own churches, were confirmed by the Bishop of Dorking, the Right Rev’d Jo Bailey Wells.

Pictured above with Alan and Lesley Crawley and our Youth Minister Michelle Chapman are Freddie Brown, Ollie Beckett and Tracy Boyce from St George’s, Richard Myers from St Mark’s and Simon Alexander from St John’s. They were all confirmed in a service which also involved a baptism, renewal of baptismal vows and a lot of splashing of the congregation by Bishop Jo as a reminder of our baptismal vows.

Each of those being confirmed had arrived at the decision following their own path with their own stories, stories which Bishop Jo encouraged them to share over refreshments afterwards, refreshments which had been provided by a team from St John’s led by Sylvie Burrows.

If anyone would like details of confirmation or about exploring faith, contact Lesley Crawley on revd.lesley@badshotleaandhale.org or 01252 820537. There will also be a new Questioning Faith’ series starting on Zoom on October 26, and running for six weeks. Again, contact Lesley for further details,
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Thank you to everyone who made the Hale Autumn Fayre a wonderful success on September 4.

The fayre was opened by local MP Jeremy Hunt, and he also led the singing as we wished the Head Girl from Farnham Heath End School a happy birthday. Along with her fellow students she was selling programmes.

Entertainment was provided by the Farnborough U3A Ukulele band, Terry Owens singing songs of the 70s, and our church musicians, singing and playing a medley of songs and pieces. There was brisk trade at the many stalls and all parts of our community took part – Hale WI, Hale Derby and Joan, Parkinson’s UK, Usborne Book, Humblebee.
Gifts, by aspen crafts, Lizzie Marks and many more. There were plenty of takers for the tea and cakes, the barbecue and the beer.

Among the revellers was Cllr Sally Dickson, Councillor for Hale and Heath End, who drew the raffle, and the total raised by the afternoon was around £3,000.

“It was a wonderful event for the whole community with all ages taking part and enjoying themselves,” said Lesley Crawley. “The money we raised will go not just to maintain the churches in the parish, but to support community groups such as the toddler group and Connections,

One of the many stalls

our fortnightly get-together for older people who might otherwise find themselves isolated. Our thanks to everyone who came and everyone who worked so hard to make it such a success.”

So many people worked hard to make it happen, but special thanks must go to Pamela Marsham, who organised it all, and her team who included Sylvie Burrows and her helpers who ran Sylvie’s Café, Simon Alexander, Diana Thomas who organised the raffle, Frances Whewell who put together the music programme (and thanks to the talented musicians who played), Bob Shatwell who sorted out the technical side, and everyone who ran stalls, set up, washed up, told others about it and generally were stars!
In mid-September we had the long-planned launch of the campaign for a new Cancer and Surgical Innovation Centre at the Royal Surrey, attended by many distinguished consultants and Royal Surrey Chief Executive Louise Stead.

The main news of the event was that the NHS has now approved £25 million of funding to get the centre started. The whole project costs around £30 million, of which the aim is fundraise £5 million across Surrey. But in order to spend £25 million from its capital budget the Royal Surrey had to first get approval from NHS England. I met Simon Stevens, outgoing Chief Executive, in June to press the case which was not easy because there are many different priorities for NHS capital spend. But Simon listened carefully, and approved it as pretty much his last action as NHS Chief Executive.

At the event we also heard useful presentations on the prevalence of cancer in Surrey and the need for early diagnosis. The NHS currently diagnoses just over half all cancers at the early stages and is aiming to raise that to three quarters by 2028. In Guildford and Waverley, interestingly, we have a slightly lower incidence of new cancer cases than the national average (because people are slightly healthier around here) but slightly higher overall numbers living with cancer (because we have more older people living longer).

Overall, the two cancel each other out - so we share the UK-wide need to get more diagnoses happening earlier. Currently only 53.5% of cancers are diagnosed at stages one and two in Guildford and Waverley - which means nearly half are diagnosed at a stage when it will be more difficult to stop them being life-
threatening. That means there is a big job for the NHS locally, but also for all of us individually to make sure we are up to date with our cancer screening. If in doubt, contact your GP. That is where a new Cancer and Surgical Innovation Centre can make a huge difference!

At the public meeting, surgeon Simon Butler-Manuel showed us an extraordinary video of him operating a robot to deliver high precision surgery to remove a cancer. We have world-class surgery right on our doorstep. But the surgeons desperately need more space in order to increase the number and quality of operations done. Colin Stokes and many others did a wonderful job raising funds for the Stokes Urology Centre which was opened in 2018, and this new centre is the next step to help turn the Royal Surrey into the leading cancer centre in the South East.

The new funding will allow more precise surgery to be done more quickly and, in a way, that allows people to go home more quickly with a faster recovery. However, each Da Vinci robot costs £2.4 million pounds so this is not going to be cheap. The hard work starts now.

Professor Chris Marks, who worked at the Royal Surrey most of his working life, has agreed to co-chair the fundraising committee with me. Chris and I worked together on the campaign to save the Royal Surrey when it was threatened with closure, and he personally has raised millions for the hospital through a charity he set up called GUTS, so there is no one better. Our initial objective is to raise £1 million towards the £5 million.

The campaign will last several years and although we are starting it in South West Surrey we will also be launching it in other parts of Surrey. Guildford’s MP Angela Richardson has been closely involved and is being strongly supportive. So please help in any way you can. If you are able to support the campaign financially, you can donate through the Royal Surrey’s own charity - and please tell your friends to as well! To find out more, visit www.royalsurreycharity.org.uk/Appeal/cancer-and-surgical-innovation-centre or call the Royal Surrey Charity on 01483 464146. Best wishes

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The return of Messy Church

Messy Church is coming back! Our new Youth Minister, Michelle Chapman, is restarting Messy Church at St Mark's with the first event on October 21 at 3.30pm. It will be all about light and everyone is welcome - it's intergenerational. To find out more email youth@badshotleaandhale.org.

Michelle also needs some more help cooking a hot meal for everyone. If you can help, contact Michelle.

Messy Church is a form of church for children and adults that involves creativity, celebration and hospitality. It's primarily for people who don't already belong to another form of church and it’s for all stages of faith journeys. It’s part of the The Bible Reading Fellowship (BRF) which gives it support and resources.
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**Coming forward**

Anybody who would like to give information or make disclosures about church-related abuse is asked to contact Diocesan Safeguarding Advisor, Jackie Broadfoot (jackie.broadfoot@cofeguildford.org.uk or 07918 559387).

**Support is available**

The Diocese recognises that coming forward may be extremely difficult and dedicated support has been set up for you. Two confidential listening services have been set up, for those people who have experienced church related abuse but who might want to talk through their experiences and feelings before taking any next step. To find out more about the support available visit www.dioceseofguildford.or.uk/about/safeguarding/past-cases-review-2-(pcr2)

**Building the safest community we can**

Bishop Andrew, Bishop of Guildford, said: “It is important we do everything we can to make our churches the safest places they can be. Safe means different things to different people but this review will help us to ensure that the concerns reported to our churches have been dealt with properly, and the care taken and the support given is of the high quality that people rightly deserve. We have learnt from a previous review that that survivors and victims’ voices are critical, and I would urge you to come forward.”
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The access will be through the church café front entrance, not the side entrance.

Farnham residents can bring one product for repair per session. If an item is larger than hand luggage or unusual, email rcarruthers@uca.ac.uk to assess the feasibility of repair.

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The FRC session is free and registration is not required. However, anyone wanting to beat the queue will need to pre-complete two forms that can be downloaded from https://cfsd.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/09/06.1-Product-Activity_Terms-of-Service-Form-Products-ALL.pdf and bring it along on the day.

FRC is open to new volunteers with repair skills and those that want to help on the welcome desk. Please just come along introduce yourself to a member of the FRC team.

FRC Trustees have designed a process to provide the repair cafe service that exercises best practice CV19 precautions. To keep everyone safe, customers will be expected to follow FRC guidelines which include wearing a face mask, being socially distanced and using hand sanitiser.

More details on FRC can be found on frc.cfsd.org.uk.
A message from Wendy

Dear Parish Friends

I said farewell at St. Mark’s on 26th September and was delighted and very surprised to receive more generous gifts from the St. John’s and St. Mark’s congregations, after already receiving flowers and card from St. John’s and a card and super gifts from the St. George’s congregation.

Thank you to all who contributed to the inscribed bird bath, hamper, Scripture readings photo frame and generous Sainsbury’s voucher and for the cards and all your kind messages.

I will see you round and about in the parish, I am sure, especially if there is any singing involved.

Many thanks everyone for all your kind gifts on my retirement.

All good wishes, Wendy

Wendy after the service at St Mark’s

Update from the prayer list

For many months Sophie Feeney has been on the parish prayer list. Sophie is a 19-year-old woman from Fleet who was diagnosed with Hodgkin lymphoma in 2020.

She had a stem cell transplant on July 27th and, following a rough period, two months later to the day she had a scan which showed that the cancer had completely gone.

She is still vulnerable and has shingles but she and the family are overjoyed by her complete metabolic remission.

Another name on the prayer list has been Steve Wiseman, my brother, who was diagnosed in early June with an aggressive meningioma (tumour on the meninges surrounding the brain). He had an operation later that month and this has been followed by six weeks of radiotherapy. So far all is good and he was well enough to enjoy his son’s wedding in early September.

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I have heard rumours. I keep my ears to the ground—well, pricked up actually—and I have heard rumours: you humans are going to welcome pets to church! On October 3 at all the churches.

Well, about time too, though I have also heard that pesky dogs will be there, which means I will stay away, but I do approve. I approve of the fact that you are acknowledging just how important we pets are.

I say pets, but obviously you know that we cats domesticated you humans (some of you are quite domesticated anyway) not the other way round, but for the purposes of this column I’ll accept I am a ‘pet’. For there is lots of evidence that having an animal companion is good for humans.

I’ve been doing some research (I am good at hanging around the computer, especially when the Ordinand is trying to work) and these are my findings:

If you have a pet, in particular a cat (yay!) or a dog (well, if you must) you are less likely to suffer from depression, less likely to have high blood pressure, and, if you are unlucky enough to have had a heart attack, will probably survive longer than someone who has had a heart attack and is sadly petless. In fact, if you want to save the NHS money, get a pet. Apparently pet owners over the age of 65 make far fewer visits to the doctor.

So we are good for you. And you are good for us, as long as you serve up decent food and keep the cuddles coming. All in all, we deserve to be celebrated and blessed, so come along to the pet services at all the churches on October 3 and give us the respect we are due! It’s sponsored by Castle Vets who look after me so it must be good.

Miaows

The Church Cat
Farnham Assist is a charity supporting older people in the Farnham area. Covid-19 meant that many of its activities had to be suspended but they are being reopened. Rodney Bates, manager, writes:

“I am pleased to say that Farnham Assist has now reopened most of our activities and we are now experiencing the joy of older people meeting for the first time in many months. Along with many other groups and charities, we intend to gradually rebuild, recognising that confidence for some will take a while to fully return. However, we are now operating as follows:

- **Pie & Pint** - A weekly opportunity for men to meet together at a local pub on a Monday for a lunch and drink.

- **Ladies Lunch** - A monthly event where older women come together at the Woodlark in Bordon for food and to make new friends.

- **Knit & Natter** - A weekly Monday afternoon gathering where people can informally gather, knit for local causes (not compulsory) and enjoy refreshments.

- **Befriending schemes** - Continued through the pandemic

Our weekend **Hale Community Lunch** has resumed, with a Christmas event planned for Saturday, December 18. Our **Central Lunch** will resume in early October with a Christmas lunch planned for Sunday, December 5.

Our activities are open to all older people that are living alone or housebound within the Farnham area. If this is you or you know someone in this category then do let us know. Our activities are usually at no or low cost. Farnham Assist is a Christian charity but our activities are provided for those of all faiths and none.

To get in touch, please contact us on 01252 717710 or e-mail [Rodney.Bates@farnham-assist.org.uk](mailto:Rodney.Bates@farnham-assist.org.uk) - our usual office opening hours are 9.30am to 12.30pm (Mon, Tues and Thurs).

Best wishes,

**Rodney**
Crown Daisy’s Summer of Fun

Crown Daisy Nursery, on Farnborough Road, has been celebrating a Summer of Fun. Amber Day, manager, writes:

“Our theme this year was ‘Occupations’. We were delighted to receive a visit from the wonderful team at Rushmoor Fire Station, who bought along two fire engines for the children to see during our ‘People Who Help Us’ week. We also hosted visits from a magician and a few of the parents, who came to share their professions with us such as Police Officers and a dance teacher.

The children have been able to explore a wide variety of roles; dressing up as who they would like to be when they grow up, or a famous character that they aspire to be. We ended our Summer of Fun with a very successful Graduation Ceremony to say a fond farewell to our Class of 2021 who have now gone to ‘big school’.

It was a wonderful event and we were pleased to be able to welcome back parents this year to watch this special occasion.”

To contact Crown Daisy call 01252 336319 or visit the website www.mydaisynursery.com

When the Fire Brigade came to nursery
Members of Hale WI had an enjoyable afternoon on Wednesday, September 8, when the president welcomed 27 members and four visitors.

This was the first meeting in the institute this year and the president explained the precautions everyone had to take to keep themselves, and each other safe.

The president then introduced Ms Meike Laurenson who gave an interesting talk on Afghani embroidery, illustrated with slides, and she passed around some examples of the work done by Afghani women. The embroidery was done in a single, very small, filling-in stitch and consisted of small squares, some geometric, and some with flowers, animals, vegetables and scenes depicted. Some members purchased items.

The meeting ended with the usual tea and cake served by the committee.

The October meeting will be on Wednesday, October 13, at 1.45pm, at the Hale Institute.

The speaker will be Dr Colin Summerhayes and he will be speaking about ‘Melting Ice and Rising Seas’. He is a marine geologist with huge experience. He is Emeritus Associate of the Scott Polar Research Institute of Cambridge University. The meeting will end with tea and cake in the usual way. If you require any further information please ring 01252 722817. The WI hopes very much that people will join in and looks forward to seeing you there.

For more information about the WI, contact Diana on 01252 722817.
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At St Mark’s there are three spaces to hire - the Community Centre which offers space of approximately 11 x 5m; the church which has an area of 20 x 9 m with an additional raised platform where around 5 x 4 m is accessible; and the office which we can hire out for either sole use or shared use. It measures approximately 4 x 3.75m.

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12th September at St John’s:
*Ashlyn Natasha Viet*

**Confirmations**
We celebrate with those who have recently confirmed their faith:
19th September at St John’s:
*Richard John Herbert Myers
Frederick Walter Brown
Oliver Andrew Beckett
Tracy Elizabeth Boyce
Simon Alexander*

**Weddings**
We congratulate those who have recently married:
4th September at St Mark’s:
*Katie Joy Sanders & Aaron Matthew Ian MacDonald*

**Funerals**
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20th August at St John’s:
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1st September at Aldershot Crematorium:
*Ruth Ivy Foster*

3rd September at Aldershot Crematorium:
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