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### Services at St Peter's

June Morning Services
5th 8:00am Holy Communion
5th, 19th 11:00am Family Service
12th, 26th 11.00am Family Communion

**Evening Services** 

5th, 12th, 26th 6:30pm Evensong

19th 6:30pm Holy Communion

July Morning Services

3rd 8:00am Holy Communion
3rd, 17th, 31st 11:00am Family Service
10th, 24th 11.00am Family Communion

**Evening Services** 

3rd, 10th, 17th, 31st 6:30pm Evensong

24th 6:30pm Holy Communion

### **Dates for your Diary**

June 2nd—5th The Queen's Platinum Jubilee Weekend

5th School half term ends

7th 7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church

July 5th 7:30pm Tandridge Parish Council in St Peter's Church

13th 7:30pm PCC Meeting in St Peter's Church (TBC)

22nd School holidays begin

31st HMS Amethyst commemoration in the churchyard 12 noon

Front cover: Helen Cope and Nadeem Qureshi were married at St Peter's on 10th April 2022

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### From the Editorial Team

Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II, is already the longest-serving British monarch, overtaking Queen Victoria in 2015, and the longest-serving female monarch. At the time of her coronation in 1953, Edmund Hillary and Sherpa Tensing scaled Mount Everest. Our vicar, James, sums up her contribution to the faith of the nation and offers a prayer, see page 6. 'We wish Her Majesty, good health and happiness for years to come'

As ever, if you have any comments or contributions, including photos, we would love to hear from you, so please send them to: <a href="mailto:tandridgenews@gmail.com">tandridgenews@gmail.com</a>. We aim to include as much as possible in the space available in future editions. The magazine is free because the advertisers support us. Please support them and tell them where you saw their advert.

Next edition of Tandridge Parish News will be published on Sunday 24th July 2022 Deadline for copy: 12th July 2022

# News from the St Peter's Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) held in church on Sunday 24th April 2022 at noon

As is usual under church law, the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) was preceded by the Vestry Meeting to elect the Churchwardens for the coming year. Martin Lloyd had decided to stand down having stepped in two years ago to fill the gap as no-one came forward for election. Since 1987, when Martin and his family first came to St Peter's, he has been Warden for a total of eleven years including two interregnums. His successor is his wife, Lynne Lloyd, and Karen Nicholas was re-elected as Churchwarden.

The APCM soon got underway and the following were elected as laity members for three years to 2025: Annette Schmidt , Fay Prater (Safeguarding Officer) and Martin Lloyd. The other laity members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) are Colin David, Andrea Bailey, Vanessa Mesher, Mike Hodgson, John Hammond and Vicky Denyer. Revd David Weightman remains as co-opted member and Sue Mallinson continues as Deanery Synod representative.

The Secretary, Andrea Bailey, was appointed at the PCC meeting on 11th May. A Treasurer is being urgently sought. Please contact the Vicar or Churchwardens

### The Oxted Team Singers

You may have heard the Oxted Team Singers at St Peter's, either at last year's Advent service or more recently singing Evensong at the annual Churches Together in Oxted and District Service at the church.

The idea for the choir came to me during lockdown when we were unable to be physically present in church. Instead we enjoyed a combined Oxted Team service every Sunday via YouTube. Each week became a delight as we were treated to some splendid vocal leadership by singers scattered among the four parishes of Tandridge, Oxted, Hurst Green and Crowhurst. It occurred to me that if we could assemble all these musicians together once this became possible again, then we would have a very fine choir.

The choir is under the musical direction of Charlotte Nicholls, Nigel Bates has kindly agreed to be our regular organist and Ché Ramsden looks after all our administration. So, having had the idea, I am pleased to say that all I have to do is turn up and sing! We shall be singing next at services marking the Queen's Platinum Jubilee at St Mary's on Sunday 29 May, St Peter's on Friday 3 June and St John's on Sunday 5 June.

We would be delighted to welcome any other choral singers with excellent sight reading who would like to join us. Contact Ché Ramsden at cheramsden@gmail.com.

Evensong at St Peter's will be sung by the new vocal ensemble 'Levante' on 12 June and 10 July.

Michael Harman



### From Our Team Vicar ...

This year we rejoice with the rest of the Commonwealth nations in celebrating Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth's Platinum Jubilee. You will have enjoyed the celebrations in the village, and the joy shared is a wonderful example of the community spirit encouraged by the Queen and her faithful years of service.

In 2014, the Queen described her Christian faith as 'the anchor in my life', and she famously devoted her millennium Queen's speech to her understanding of how much effect Christ's teaching had had on her life. Interestingly it is hard to find any explicit



comments about her faith prior to that message in 2000. She has always been, and remains, the 'supreme governor' of the Church of England. Her strong, yet sensitive faith illustrate this.

It might be interesting for you to know that we pray for the Queen every week in St Peter's Church; specifically by name in our evening service. The Book of Common Prayer has embedded within it, a strong desire to support the monarchy, and focuses on the place of the Queen and her family in the wider society. It is good that as a community we show our commitment to the Queen, as she shows her commitment to us.

May we continue to give thanks for the Queen, but always remember that her service is inspired and rooted in her following of Jesus. We give thanks to God for her. And may we share in the special Platinum Jubilee prayer:

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the reign of your servant Elizabeth our Queen, and for the example of loving and faithful service which she has shown among us. Help us to follow her example of dedication and to commit our lives to you and to one another, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

With my love and prayers **James** 

The Lord shall give strength to his people; the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace. (Psalm 29.10)

God of strength and peace, send your blessing on the people of Ukraine. Sustain them in their struggles, hold them in their fear, protect them from all danger and be for them the hope they desire; for Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.







31st July 2022 is the 73rd anniversary of the Yangtze River Incident in which HMS Amethyst was held captive by the Communist Chinese. The ship broke out of captivity and the captain, Lt Cdr Simon Kerans, led his ship to safety. The ship arrived back in Portsmouth to a hero's welcome. Cdr John Simon Kerans is interred in St Peter's churchyard. A service of commemoration led by the Reigate Branch of the Royal Naval Association will take place in St Peter's churchyard on Sunday 31st July at noon.

### Recycling our way to the top!

The Tandridge district has some of the best recyclers in the country, as we are now the 10th District Council best in England for our recycling performance in 2000/2021, an increase of six places on the previous year.



Residents' dedication to recycling and the environment has also seen us ranked 2nd in Surrey and 4th in the whole of the south east of the country, with the amount of household waste going to landfill reducing too. These fantastic achievements would not be possible without the commitment of our residents, so a big thank you for continuing to recycle your waste.

The only way is up though, so let's not stop here! By continuing to recycle our household waste, we can rank even higher next year. More information on recycling and rubbish, including which items can be recycled and how to order a recycling bin, can be found on our website at https://www.tandridge.gov.uk/Recycling-and-rubbish.



### From the Registers of St Peter's Church, Tandridge

### Weddings

We pray for the couple united in their love: Nadeem Qureshi and Helen Cope on 10 April 2022



### **Funerals**

We pray for families and friends of the departed:

Brian Latimer Evens - 9 March 2022 Dianne Coughlan—8 April 2022



Burials of ashes Graham Hawes—20 April 2022 Margaret Grant - 26 April 2022

### St Peter's C of E Infant School—May 2022

As we move excitedly through the summer term, we are thrilled to be using the new field space that lies adjacent to the school. This was prepared and fenced by the amazing Alistair Roberts and his team, along with our wonderful school governors over the Easter break. The children have been making seed bombs and



looking at how they can design different areas of the space to encompass the wildflowers, have areas for insect and bug investigations and other sections to create bug hotels. Our main focus for this area will be the 3 Bs: the birds, bees and butterflies, although it will be used for all aspects of the school curriculum.



The Year 2 children were the first class to venture into our new space and had the most fantastic time exploring the area. They discovered a huge wild garlic patch in the woods next to a wonderful array of bluebells, so were very excited at the prospect of 'googling' ideas for its use in cooking ,etc. They thoroughly enjoyed the experience of identifying and smelling it!

The children have already spotted a wonderful range

of butterflies and are eager to see how many different varieties they can identify. With the planting of more wildflower seeds we hope this will be many, over time!

This is such a wonderful peaceful space, that the children have the opportunity to reflect upon the beauty around them. They can actually see and experience the importance of conservation and sustainability to be able to recognise that the small changes we make really do help look after the planet that God created.



Not only are our children experiencing a wealth of activities in school and around school, but they will also be embarking on a number of great enrichment activities further afield. Our Year 1 children are delighting us with their knowledge of castles and will further embed their knowledge and understanding with a trip to Bodiam Castle. The Early Years class will be investigating minibeasts and exploring the beautiful grounds at Gatton Park whilst our Year 2s will be off to Worthing to explore the characteristics of a traditional seaside town.

Life at St Peter's School can never be called boring!

With best wishes, Lenia Greenaway and the St Peter's School team

### **Farming News**

Deadline day is here again! Looking back on my computer there are five previous articles for May going back to 2017. A veritable smorgasbord of grumbles about the weather, crops, prices and pests. Real and perceived. I could just about get away with cutting and pasting a few paragraphs to make up this month's article, slot in the odd up to date snippet and go to the pub for a quiet pint. Tempting, but I'd like to have a little chunter instead.

Last week I went to an NFU meeting in London for the first time since the pandemic, which made a pleasant change. Clean shirt and shoes. Oxted to Victoria, the Tube to Westminster, walk past Big Ben in the sun through the tourists to Smith Square. Just like a tourist. I did, though, remember not to stand aside to let ladies get on the Tube ahead of me or make conversation with strangers. As a white middle-aged male who knows about tractors, my intentions might have been misconstrued. It was busy, but maybe not as busy as I remembered.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss matters affecting arable farmers in the South East, pass on any local news and glean any news, and gossip, from National representatives and political lobbyists in Westminster. Grain prices, fertiliser prices, inflation and the weather featured as they do in most farming conversations. Perhaps the best thing about sitting round a table with 10 or 12 other farmers is realising that we all have the same problems.



One of the regular guest speakers is a very experienced grain trader, who gives updates on the situation of both global and UK grain stocks. The war in Ukraine, heatwaves in India, droughts in the USA and how much of the world's food stocks are held by China are all adding to the food inflation that we are all

seeing. The bit about China is, to me, fascinating. Fifty percent of the world's ready supply of wheat and 68% of all corn (maize grain) is in Chinese stores. Some of it has been there for a while. As an aside, there are more people alive on the planet today than the entire population of the planet from creation, that's Adam and Eve up until 1914 combined. It is estimated that the world needs to produce 48 million tonnes of extra food every year to keep up with the growing population. The trouble is humanity has, for the last five years, quietly been eating more than is produced, which is why the war in Ukraine has had such a big impact. It is no longer a case of is there enough to go round, but more a case of who can afford it.

Politicians seem to fear anything either vaguely negative or which they can't understand and either legislate to ban them or pass the buck onto the next administration. There has been a lot of coverage about the shortage of sunflower oil and cooking oils. Again, in part to the war in Ukraine. Before the EU banned neonicotinoids as a seed dressing for oil seed rape, the UK (and indeed Europe as a region) was pretty much self-sufficient producing rape oil for cooking and even bio diesel. Since the ban we struggle to grow oilseed rape because our crops get infested with flea beetles as they emerge in the autumn. Last year the UK imported 240,000 tonnes of oil seed rape from the Ukraine, grown using neonicotinoids; 40% of our total imports. The rest comes from other countries around the world, which still use the same chemical. We haven't reduced the stated impact of our consumption on the global environment by not using neonicotinoids here, we just pushed it out of sight.

The ban was introduced to protect bees, which farmers want and need as much as anyone. Now a massive reduction in the area of rape grown in the UK and Europe, which used to provide thousands of acres of pollen, coupled with the need to use applications of outdated insecticides above ground, which are indiscriminate as opposed to a single miniscule amount of a targeted treatment



applied to a buried seed has, arguably, done little to help the bees.

There will be a lot of discussion in the coming months about how we can grow more using less. The technology and research have been and are improving. One area, gene editing, which is very different to genetic engineering, is something which will allow our crops to be better adapted to resist pests and diseases, cope with drought stress and warmer temperatures. There is as much to be gained from using technology to re-purpose positive traits from ancient or 'forgotten' cereal species to enhance modern varieties and make them more robust as there is from developing new chemicals.

Conversely, Claire has a nephew working on a project in New Zealand, which is looking at the whole human nutritional cycle. They are working out what people really need to consume, not just wheat, dairy and meat, but the micro-nutrients and trace elements. The aim is to find out if having a diet which fulfils all those dietary needs means we can get by with eating less of the basic feedstuffs, little and often rather than feast or famine depending on how much you can afford.

In the meantime, we will keep on doing what we do. A bit of rain between now and the end of June would be nice as anyone with a garden will agree. I'm off for a brief break, not quite a holiday, but a change of scenery. A bit like the one the farm's pickup will need after being pounced upon today by a telegraph pole that sprung from behind a hedge and broke the back light and dented the side. Protocol prevents me from saying who was sitting in the driving seat, but if anyone loses their power or internet because of pole falls over the next week or two, Zoe will make you a cup of tea and cook your suppers.

Alastair

### Darenth Diversions Concert - Friday 18th March

What wonderful evening of glorious music Darenth from the Diversions was enjoyed at St Peter's Church, which has such good acoustics. A real medley of classical and contemporary music and delivered song was professionally Claire Dillon on violin, Danny Kingshill on 'cello



and song and Isobel Pearce on keyboard and oboe. A glass of wine and canapes was savoured during the interval, which enabled a catch up with friends. A princely sum of over £416 was raised, which has gone to the St Peter's Church Heritage Fund.

Annette Schmidt

### St Swithun – Saint for a Rainy Day (15<sup>th</sup> July)



St Swithun (or Swithin) is apparently the saint you can blame for rainy summers. It is said that if it rains on his special day, 15<sup>th</sup> July, it will then rain for 40 days after that. It all began when Swithun was made Bishop of Winchester in 852 by King Ethelwulf of Wessex. It was an important posting: Winchester was the capital of Wessex, and during the 10

years Swithun was there, Wessex became the most important kingdom of England.

During his life, instead of washing out people's summer holidays, and damping down their spirits, Swithun seems to have done a lot of good. He was famous for his charitable gifts and for his energy in getting churches built. When he was dying in 862, he asked that he be buried in the cemetery of the Old Minster, just outside the west door.

If he had been left there in peace, who knows how many rainy summers the English may have been spared over the last 1000 years. But, no, it was decided to move Swithun. By now, the 960s, Winchester had become the first monastic cathedral chapter in England, and the newly installed monks wanted Swithun in the cathedral with them. So finally, on 15 July 971, his bones were dug up and Swithun was translated into the cathedral.

That same day many people claimed to have had miraculous cures. Certainly, everyone got wet, for the heavens opened. The unusually heavy rain that day, and on the days following, was attributed to the power of St Swithun. He was moved again in 1093, into the new Winchester Cathedral. His shrine was a popular place of pilgrimage throughout the Middle Ages. The shrine was destroyed during the Reformation and restored in 1962. There are 58 ancient dedications to Swithun in England.

Parish Pump

# TANDRIDGE VILLAGE EVENTS QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022

Come along and join in our celebrations over the Bank Holiday – all welcome.

We rely on volunteers to run these community events so if you would like to become part of our team we need cake baking, setting\clearing up and stewarding etc. All offers welcome!

### THURSDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JUNE

6pm – Raising the Jubilee Flag on Village Green

6.30pm onwards – Party in the Park — Glebe Field TICKET ONLY EVENT

Music from the fab *Coverstory 7pm - 9.30pm* and *Beacon lighting*.

Bring your own picnic (no glass containers please) & seat for a great night out. All welcome.

Please book early to get a discount – numbers are limited.

**Before 30 May** – Car £40, Adult £15, children over 5 £8 (under-5s free).

On the Gate on night £20 per head.

Please note that in the event of rain we have an alternative venue and walk-ins will not be possible so pre-booking is recommended!

### SATURDAY 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE

All welcome no booking required
Official Pageant come to the Village Hall and
watch the official pageant on our big screen.
A Day at the Races at The Barley Mow
Two events 3pm - 4.30pm and 7pm - 8.30pm
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place a bet and see if it's your lucky day!
Race cards from the bar: 50p per bet

To reserve your place/ for more information
Annette Schmidt 07397 978566
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### FRIDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JUNE

All welcome no booking required

9.45am St Peter's Church - Platinum Praise:

An informal half an hour singalong concert including Coronation and Jubilee music, suitable for all ages.

11:30am St Paul's Cathedral service

— Being streamed at church

1:00pm Official Opening

- Jubilee Green Canopy

Planting of final ceremonial tree by the Knight family on the Greensand Way and an unveiling of the commemorative plaque. All welcome. Followed by:

The Official Village Group photograph come and be recorded for posterity!

### SUNDAY 5th JUNE

The Big Royal Lunch Street Party 1:00pm – 4:00pm TICKET ONLY family friendly

Come along and get together with the neighbours for our street party on the road outside the Village Hall (we had to find a flat bit!).

Lunch, welcome drink, musical entertainment and a singalong.

Wear **red**, white and blue or vintage themed fancy dress.

Before 30 May. £15 adult, £10 children over 5 (under-5s free).

### MORE BOOKING INFORMATION AND SPECIAL VILLAGE EVENTS on the next page ......

### TANDRIDGE VILLAGE EVENTS QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2022



# THURSDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE and SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE TICKET EVENT INFORMATION

### TO BOOK:

Please email <u>info.tandridgejubilee@yahoo.com</u> or speak to Annette on 07397 978566.

### IMPORTANT:

When emailing or booking direct via Annette, please ensure we have:

- Your contact details surname, address and contact number
  - How many adults/children tickets required
- Which events you require Party in the Park and/or Street Party

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For each event when paying, please add the reference as below:

- Your surname and then:
- Party for Party in the Park on Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> June and/or
- Street for the Royal lunch street party on Sun 5<sup>th</sup> June

We know not everyone has online banking or wants to use the internet – in that case please contact Annette.

### AND the VILLAGE COMPETITIONS ......

### Best Dressed Gate or Window

Once again, we are hoping you will come up trumps with some fresh ideas for our Village Competition – the theme '70 Glorious Years' – you can choose anything from Elizabeth's reign!

### Treasure Hunt

Find the Corgi-take a stroll around the village with your kids and note down where you saw the Corgi sticker. Entry sheets will be available in the  $Barley\ Mow\ on\ Thursday\ 2nd\ June.$ 

### Duck & Ping Pong Races

Float the yellow duck and race your friends. Ping the pong down the hill!

### Modern Slavery and the Clewer Initiative



It is easy to think of slavery as something in the past, but sadly, for many, this is not the case. Slavery is still present in today's society:

In 2019, in the UK 136,000 men, women and children were trapped in modern slavery.

In 2020, 10,613 potential victims were referred to the National Referral Mechanism (NRM – the government framework for identifying and referring potential victims of modern slavery and

ensuring they receive the appropriate support).

The term 'modern slavery' includes people trafficking and exploitation, which can involve sexual exploitation, forced labour including domestic servitude and criminal activity. People are forced to work long hours for little or sometimes no pay. They are controlled by those motivated by profit, with repeated exploitation of victims generating continuing profits for offenders. Victims are often intimidated, threatened or deceived by small or large criminal operations or lone offenders into situations that they cannot escape. Modern slavery is often in plain sight; cases of labour exploitation have been widely reported in car washes and nail bars, but also in the manufacturing, entertainment, travel, farming and construction industries.

The Clewer Initiative, the Church of England's anti-slavery body, seeks to raise awareness. It states, 'We believe that the tools to end modern slavery already exist within the local community and that the Church, which is present in all communities and at the heart of many, has a primary responsibility in leading these efforts.'

The initiative began in 2016 as a three-year project and has now obtained funding to continue until 2030 from the Clewer sisters. Also known as the Order of St John the Baptist, they are an order of Anglican nuns, who donate generously to causes related to the eradication of human trafficking.

There are also two national projects – the Safe Car Wash app launched in 2018 and more recently the Farm Work Welfare app.

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### Signs to look out for

**Physical appearance:** signs of malnutrition, being frightened or withdrawn, injuries, being unwashed, wearing the same clothes every day.

**Few or no personal effects**: having few or no personal belongings or documentation, no money, little or no food or unsuitable clothing.

**Isolation and control**: workers rarely on their own and appear under the control or influence of others who speak for them, interpret for them, present their documents or take them to or from work.

**Reluctance to seek help**: workers avoid eye contact, appear afraid to talk, generally fearful or reject help when offered.

Following the launch of the Safe Car Wash app, the Farm Work Welfare app was developed. Again, while many farmers are responsible employers, modern slavery exists in the rural and fresh produce supply chain sectors. Both employers and workers can fall victim to criminal labour providers. Every year, vulnerable and migrant seasonal workers are targeted and exploited by highly organised criminal gangs, reflecting the overall increase in modern slavery. To help support migrant workers, the content is available in eight languages (Albanian, Bulgarian, English, Lithuanian, Romanian, Polish, Chinese/Mandarin and Vietnamese).

While it is easy to ignore the problem, let somebody else deal with it or think that it doesn't happen here, we are dealing with real people, right in front of us and they are our neighbour in need. It is easy to access the apps and answer a few questions, which may help somebody to escape exploitation and violence. In the words of the Clewer Initiative: We See You. For more information or to download the apps: <a href="https://www.theclewerinitiative.org">www.theclewerinitiative.org</a> (Sources: The Clewer Initiative and BBC News)

### Journey of an Author - Ruth D'Alessandro: 14 May 2022

Any aspiring authors in Tandridge would do well to listen to the wise words of Ruth D'Alessandro. And a group of them did, when she gave a talk at Oxted Library on 14<sup>th</sup> May about her journey as a published author. Ruth launched her first book, *Calling WPC Crockford*, in March this year, a memoir of her mother's experiences as a policewoman in Berkshire in the 1950s and 60s. This will be followed by two more describing her mother's later work as a detective and a sergeant.



Ruth works as a commercial copywriter, but she

always felt that she would write a book. Having grown up surrounded by police stories, she had plenty of material to weave a memoir. Inspired by *Call the Midwife*, an interest in social history and the research of *Who Do You Think You Are?* on International Women's Day in March 2017, her own Facebook post reminded her that her mother was a real pioneer, as the first female detective in the Berkshire Constabulary.

During her talk, and based on her experience, Ruth set out the essentials of writing: character arc, clear narrative voice, compelling characters, a structured storyline, insightful themes and a sense of genre. She spoke of juxtaposing light and dark in the storyline and 'show don't tell' to bring depth to one's writing.

She also outlined the practicalities of finding and securing an agent – sadly with rejections along the way, submitting your work and once accepted, the process of launching and promoting your book. As other information sources offered little, she highlighted the importance of libraries in her research, particularly the British Library.

Ruth's talk was interspersed with readings from *Calling WPC Crockford* and she fittingly ended with an excerpt describing the events around the Coronation in 1953. Her final piece of advice to all would-be authors was: *Don't give up*. We look forward to reading Ruth's second and third books.

Alyson Coughlan

Jubilee Weekend Events



# A DAY AT THE RACES





On Jubilee Weekend we invite you to play
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### Harry Potter

Twenty-five years ago, on 26<sup>th</sup> June 1997, J K Rowling's first Harry Potter novel, *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*, was published in the UK.

It received massive acclaim, and another six best-selling books and eight hugely successful films followed. The books have been translated into over 80 languages, and have sold more than 500 million copies worldwide. Spin-off books and films have followed, and the author also publishes crime novels under a pen name.

Death and the struggle between good and evil are the central themes of the Harry Potter series, and it has provoked much religious debate, centring mainly on claims by some that the books contain occult and Satanic sub-texts. Defenders of the books say that the magic in the Harry Potter series is more akin to fairy tales and to *The Lord of the Rings* and *Narnia*.

Supporters argue that the whole story can be viewed as essentially

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Heather looked radiant in white, the details picked out subtly in gold...

Christian in character, particularly the last volume, *Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows*, in which the hero dies and comes back to life to save mankind. Elsewhere themes of courage, love and the temptations of power are central.

Its author — born Joanne Rowling in 1965 — has described herself as a Christian and attended a Church of Scotland congregation while writing Harry Potter. Her daughter Jessica was baptised there. More recently she has been reluctant to talk "too deeply" about her beliefs.

Editor: by Tim Lenton, Parish Pump

# BARN THEATRE BLUEHOUSE LANE, OXTED, RH8 0AA

### DIARY

June 2022

Oxted Comedy Night (When did you last have a good laugh? Change that and come and see Terry Alderton and the comedians/row House of Stand Up). Saturday 4th, 7.45pm. Super Early-Bird Tickets £16.50 available from www.barntheatreoxted.co.uk or 01959 561811) 18+

Surrey Dance School - The Magic Globe (A whirlwind, round the world adventure with Surrey Dance: Drama School). Saturday 11th, 2.00pm and 7.00pm. Tickets £15.00 available from www.bamtheatreoxted.co.uk

Glow - Honk! JR (This heart-warming musical adaptation of the Ugly Duckling celebrates being different, and will delight audiences of all ages with its sparkling wit, unique charm and memorable music) (A Juniors Production) Friday 24th - Saturday 25th, 7.00pm. Tickets £9.00 available from www.bamtheatreoxted.co.uk or enquiries 07813 916105)

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