



Richmond Team Ministry Welcomes Charlie, Our New Curate



After the Ordination Service

Rev'd Canon Wilma Roest

a large screen for people to watch together in church.

Presided over by the Bishop of Croydon the Rt Revd Jonathan Clark, the service opened with the ordinands being presented to him along with details of the parishes in which each were to serve as deacons. The Diocese's legal officer, the Diocesan Registrar, then confirmed that the ordinands had made the Oath of Allegiance to the Sovereign and affirmed the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop. Ruth Martin, our Reader in RTM and also Chief Executive of the Diocese of Southwark, read a passage from Zechariah 4:2 on the vision of the golden lamp standard and the olive trees. The Gospel reading was from Matthew Chapter 16 in which Jesus asks his disciples 'But who do you say I am?' and Peter replies 'You are the Messiah the son of the living God'. Jesus then says that this was not revealed to Peter by flesh and blood but 'by my Father in Heaven. You are Peter and on this rock I will build this church'.

On Saturday 25 June at a service in Southwark Cathedral, some 24 candidates were ordained as deacons including Charlotte Smith - Charlie - who was about to become a new stipendiary Curate in RTM. Ordinations to the diaconate and the priesthood traditionally take place at Peterfest the nearest date to St Peter's Day on 29 June, or at Michaelmas around 29 September.

The service was held against the continuing background of the pandemic so the congregation was smaller than normal for an ordination service. However, in the quire of the cathedral hung a large artwork, an uplifting banner of hope reading 'Please Believe these Days will Pass'. This banner had been designed by the artist Mark Titchenor and reproductions of its message had appeared on posters all round the country, in the earliest part of the pandemic in 2020, to help raise morale. The service could be followed on a live stream direct from the cathedral and St Mary's also showed it on

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The new Deacons with the Bishops after the Ordination Service

Sophia Jones

The sermon on this theme of 'But who do you say I am?' was given by the Venerable Mark Steadman, Archdeacon for Stow and Lindsey in Lincolnshire who had conducted the retreat attended by the ordinands in the days running up to the Ordination service. Mark is well known in the Diocese having previously been Archdeacon of Bermondsey and also Chaplain to the Bishop of Southwark.

The ordinands then made various declarations which included that they would accept the Holy Scripture as revealing all that was necessary for eternal salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and also that they would strive to make the love of Christ known through word and example and give particular care to those in need. Having obtained the consent of the congregation to their ordination as deacons, Bishop Jonathan laid hands on each of the 24 ordinands saying 'Send Down the Holy Spirit on your servant *N* for the office and work of a deacon in your Church'. The service continued with the eucharist and, after the final procession the now ordained and very happy new deacons gathered outside the cathedral for group photographs and meeting up with family members and friends. The Revd Canon Wilma Roest was at the service and described it as 'prayerful, beautiful, holy and solemn.'

Ordination services are indeed very special occasions, celebrating the love of God and we congratulate all who were ordained deacon that day as they begin their new life of service, learning and growing in the roles to which God has called them.

Next day on Sunday 26 June Charlie was formally welcomed to St Mary Magdalene at the 9.30 am service. Charlie will be based at St Mary's although working across all three churches and Wilma will be her training incumbent and has received training herself for this important task. Wilma emphasised the important role that a deacon plays in the life of the church and reminded the congregation that the clergy always remained deacons as well as being priests and bishops and continued to carry out all the roles of a deacon such was its importance. The congregation gave their official and formal declaration of assent to Charlie becoming an assistant curate (and the churchwardens signed this declaration at the end of the service.) Finally Charlie and her husband Andy were presented with some gifts for their new home. Afterwards the hymns sung outside in the churchyard were two of Charlie's favourite hymns- 'Be Thou my Vision O Lord of My Heart' and 'Tell out my Soul the Greatness of the Lord'.

The Revd Charlie Smith in Conversation with Team Talk

TT Congratulations on your ordination as deacon and welcome to RTM to you and your husband Andy. First of all a little background about yourself.

CS I was born and raised in Horley, a little town next to Gatwick Airport. At 18 I moved to the University of Warwick studying English literature and I worked as an academic librarian for six years.

TT Was it always your intention to become a priest at some stage of your life or was your vocation something that developed later on, one perhaps that you weren't expecting?

CS I first felt called to ordained ministry when I was 15 years old and spoke to my priest at that time. He was encouraging but honest: I was too young to do anything about it but I should continue to serve the church in every possible capacity, which I did. Over the next 8 years or so I followed the Spirit's prompting to study and into librarianship. I assumed that God would call me to ordained ministry later in life. However, when I was 23 that sense of call was in the back of my mind all the time. I attended a 'Young Vocations Conference' a free retreat for folk under 30 who thought that they might be called to ordained ministry. After three days of prayer, walking, quiet and conversations, I had the strong sense that God was calling me to ordained ministry now rather than in 20-30 years. This initial discernment happened alongside my discerning another sense of call: to be Andy's wife. We got engaged in December 2015 and planned our wedding while I continued the formal 'discernment process.'

TT The 'discernment process' is the beginning of the long and involved process of becoming a priest?

CS Yes, the discernment process included two years of monthly interviews and discussions with an 'Assistant Diocesan Director of Ordinands'. Between each meeting I would think and pray and read. Finally, after an interview with an Examining Chaplain I was allowed to go to a Bishop's Advisory Panel (BAP). The BAP is rather a daunting experience in which you and 15 other people undergo three days of interviews, presentations, group discussions and tests during which time you are observed throughout. During my BAP I felt surprisingly alone, and like God was absent. But in the quiet of my anger, I felt that still small voice say, 'You cannot do this alone, you cannot do this without me'. It was an important, gentle, if painful lesson.

TT You obtained a recommendation from BAP and started training in October 2018 when you studied for a BA in Theology for Ordained Ministry and then a Post Graduate Diploma. A wide range of subjects?

CS The academic aspects included Old and New Testament Studies, Ethics, Biblical Greek, Doctrine, Liturgy, Church History, Mission, Spirituality and Pastoral Care. We had 'vicar' lessons on Friday mornings which covered the more practical aspects of serving in a parish and also learned in the placement churches where we served.

TT Watching your ordination service on 23 June was very moving. Presumably there was a lot of rehearsing? And how did you and your fellow ordinands keep in touch during your years of training?



CS The service was very well rehearsed! The Revd Canon Andrew Zihni, the Canon Precentor, did a marvellous job of going through the service and explaining each aspect to put us all at ease and make us neat! Due to the variety of training routes my fellow deacons and I didn't really know one another before. However, we did bond during the pre-ordination retreat and we will continue to meet every couple of months throughout our curacies for the Initial Ministerial Education 2 phase of our training.

TT Your feelings about the service?

CS It was a complex day to be honest. As I mentioned during my first sermon at St Mary Magdalene, my best friend Bethany would also have been ordained that day but towards the end of our second year of training she came out as a transgender woman. As a result, she was excluded from prayer, worship and fellowship at the college, and ultimately had to leave training. This had a profound effect on me. Although I still felt called to ordained ministry, I was and am very aware that being ordained is a privilege which I am afforded when others, who are just as called and equipped, are not. It was, however, a very holy service, with room for the pain that I felt. God knows it all and holds it all. I felt held. And there is now hope that Bethany's vocation might be affirmed.

TT What are you looking forward to in your ministry in Richmond?

CS Getting to know you all better and learning more about what God is doing here. I am enjoying hearing about all the exciting things which happened 'before' or which were planned for 2020. I look forward to being involved in seeing some of them come to fruition, and to seeing the new things which God will bring out of the strange circumstances.

TT And finally, what do you do to relax?

CS I enjoy crafty things like crochet and painting. Andy and I love playing boardgames together and with others. We also love to walk. We are lifetime members of the National Trust and are looking forward to getting to know the green spaces around Richmond.

At St John the Divine

by Revd Neil Summers



Baptism of Arthur Swanson-Hunt

Revd Neil Summers

them dedicated to St John the Divine. Her Requiem Mass was held here on 28 June, and it was good to see some parishioners from Earlsfield, together with their priest, Revd Helena Whittaker, who took part in the service. Sarah is sorely missed, having contributed a great deal to the life of the Church, and Southwark Diocese, over the years.

On Sunday 8 August, St John's Junior Church held a picnic after the morning service. Our original plan was to go across to Richmond Green, but because there had been a lot of rain we ended up in the church hall, though it was still great fun! There may have been only 21 of us, but Mish – ace storyteller with a wealth of surprising character accents! – told us about Jesus's feeding of **5000** people. We did some singing and activities, and we even found a way of sharing some of the food we had brought in a Covid-safe way!



Waiting for the picnickers to arrive

Revd Neil Summers

Flowers at St Mary Magdalene



Silver Wedding Anniversary of Julia & Andrew Keddle, 24 July 2021

Elspeth Fearn



Wedding of Matthew Gladwell & Natalie Nesbitt, 31 July 2021

Charles Stiller

At St Matthias

by Revd Anne Crawford

There has been a real atmosphere of joy and celebration at St Matthias this summer. Our congregation has grown with new people joining us for worship since returning to church on Easter Day. We've played catch-up with the baptisms and weddings which had to be postponed during lockdown, and all of this new life and celebration has provided us with a renewed sense of hope and optimism.

Summer Weddings at St Matthias

It's not every day that a Vicar marries her own daughter! After a year's delay due to Covid restrictions, Anne finally married her daughter Helen to Andrew on Thursday 5 August. A day to remember in so many ways, not least because this was the first wedding at St Matthias in 2021, but also because we were able to sing hymns again and be fully supported and surrounded by all our family and friends. Also married at St Matthias this summer were Giles and Hannah Evans. With pressure on reception venues because of the demand due to Covid postponements, they finally tied the knot in August on Friday 13! As expected, the day ran smoothly and without a hitch (well, only one!). Congratulations to them both.

Welcome to our three new arrivals

Congratulations to Sophie and David Holt on the birth of daughter Mabel Lucy on 9 August, a little sister for Charlotte.

Baby Aria was born to Kishore and Ratna on 20 June, a little sister for a delighted Emma. And last, but not least, a little boy to join the girls: Alfred, born on 11 August in Texas to mum Merissa and dad Anders. Alfred's mum Merissa was baptised at St Matthias at the beginning of March 2020, just before she and husband Anders flew to start a new life in the States.

Baptisms

Saturday 3 July was a busy day at St Matthias with three lockdown babies baptised. Mason Jeffrey Brown was supported by his godparents who had travelled from the United States and from Ukraine. His grandmother was unable to travel but sent a beautiful baptism candle from mum Kelsey's home church in Lithuania. We then welcomed the Kelly family and twins Freddie and Posy who behaved beautifully during their baptism. Although the family have recently moved away it was important for their parents, Lily and Colm, to have the twins christened here. It was lovely to welcome them back.

We have been so thankful for our ability to worship via Zoom during the last 18 months, but never more so than on



Baptism of Otis Billy Regan Heasman

Heasman Family



Helen and Andrew are showered with confetti blessings as they begin married life together

Lucy Mayo

Saturday 20 August when we gathered in church to baptise baby Otis Billy Regan Heasman. Otis was born during lockdown to proud parents Joshua and Aisha who were married at St Matthias 3 years ago, and it was hoped that all three of his godparents would be able to attend in person. However, with restrictions on travel still limited, Otis' godmother Amy joined us via Zoom all the way from Philadelphia. We are all one in Christ Jesus, and with the help of Zoom we were able to feel those family connections in quite a profound way and celebrate with loved ones near and far. It's not only babies. On Friday 23 July, after Morning Prayer, Burcin Mavituna was baptised with water brought to church all the way from his home land in Turkey, from the well in the ancient rock church of St Peter in Antakya (ancient Antioch).

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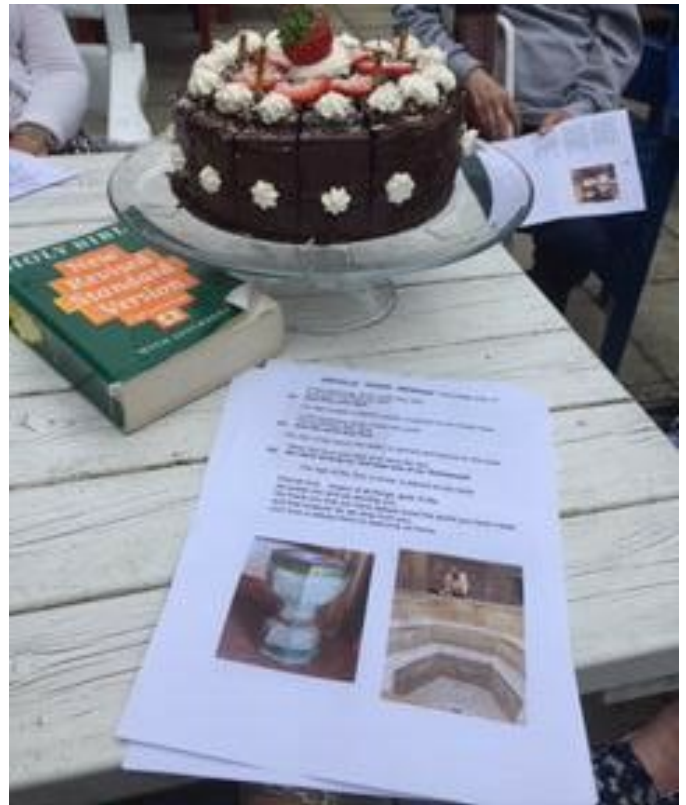
At St Matthias - continued



Rock church of St Peter in Antakya (Antioch)
Istanbulclues.com

Celebrating at Greville House

It has been wonderful to be able to visit freely again at Greville House, and to return to our weekly worship with residents and staff. Birthdays at Greville House are a cause of great celebration, and there's always a delicious cake to enjoy with tea after our Thursday afternoon worship. It's been tough for residents in lockdown, but it's been a wonderful privilege, and a great joy to be allowed to lead worship in the garden over the last few months, and I have felt incredibly blessed by the residents' ministry to me too. A new minibus has been bought to allow the residents to enjoy trips to the country and places of interest locally. It means that with accessible and safe transport some of the residents may be able to join us in church for worship on Sundays. We look forward to welcoming them to church soon.



Cake time at Greville House

Revd Anne Crawford

And finally..... after all that we've been through together over the last 18 months, we decided to celebrate family life at St Matthias with a BBQ following our worship on Sunday 29 August. Glorious weather, good food, and great company, enjoyed by us all.

Introducing New Ways to Worship at St Matthias this Autumn

In addition to our regular 9.30am Eucharist on Sunday mornings we will be introducing two new Sunday services in October at St Matthias:

'Simply Sunday' will be a monthly act of worship, the simple liturgy structured in a similar way to our much-loved weekly Zoom services during lockdown when we enjoyed being a little more creative and slightly less formal. The first of these services will be on Sunday 17 October at 9.30am and will be followed by coffee and biscuits. Further dates: Sunday 28 November (Advent Sunday); Sunday 23 January 2022; Sunday 27 February 2022, and Sunday 27 March (Mothering Sunday).

Tea @ 3 will be a short Sunday afternoon service with hymns and prayers, followed by tea and cake. We are hoping this service will appeal to our older residents who are not able to be up and about in time for our morning worship, but would like an opportunity to sing the old familiar hymns, remember loved ones in prayer, perhaps light a candle, and enjoy a good natter over tea and cake afterwards. The first 'Tea @ 3' will take place on Sunday 17 October at 3.00pm. Future dates: Sunday 28 November; Sunday 23 January 2022; Sunday 27 February 2022; Sunday 20 March 2022.

Wild Church News: Our Wild Church will return on Sunday 31 October at 11.15am, when we will be planting bulbs in the Wild Church garden as part of our All Souls worship. Look out for the Autumn Newsletter which will give information about Wild worship activities and outdoor worship through the winter. Future Wild Church dates: Sunday 5 December; Sunday 2 January 2022; Sunday 6 February 2022; Sunday 6 March 2022.



Wild Church

Revd Anne Crawford

Glass Door and the Pandemic

By Elspeth Fearn

Glass Door is a London based charity whose objective is 'A route out of homelessness'. To help achieve this, Glass Door coordinates the largest network of open access services for people affected by having no home and sleeping rough. Working in partnership with churches in several London boroughs, night shelters on church premises are open during the difficult winter months of November to March, giving guests a bed, a hot evening meal and breakfast and the support of Glass Door case workers.

Glass Door first opened in Richmond in December 2018 with several churches participating, including from RTM St John the Divine and St Matthias. These churches took it in turns to accommodate guests and cook hot food for their evening meal. As St Mary Magdalene was at that time still in the middle of its rebuilding project, volunteers from St Mary's helped out at the Team's other two churches.

Then, in early 2020 the pandemic struck and night shelters had to be closed because of the social distancing risks and infection. The existing challenges of London and other big cities for the homeless in normal times were made far worse by the lockdown. Libraries, stations and parks where they often gathered, were shut and there was no access to food, water, showers, electricity and healthcare. The Government however introduced the 'Everyone In' initiative in March 2020 asking local authorities across England to get the homeless into shelter. So hotels and hostels opened up to admit and protect these people and by April 2020 over 90% of rough sleepers had been accommodated in this way. Time has however moved on, the Everyone In scheme has ended and the level of funding from government has been reduced.



Meeting at St John the Divine with Sarah Olney MP

Nancy Baldwin

Glass Door for its part had to look at very different ways of doing

things to cope with the immense challenges the pandemic threw up. To replace night shelters, new services were launched to ensure that guests could stay in individual rooms and had access to food and support. Glass Door therefore opened two hostels in Paddington and Victoria providing some 88 self contained rooms with food. Obviously not everyone could be accommodated in the hostels, because of sheer numbers. So Glass Door launched the Community Dinner Service (CDS), again in churches, so that at least guests could have a hot evening meal and also access to caseworkers. To avoid the risk of infection from rotating venues the CDS was confined to one or two venues in each existing borough participating in Glass Door. In the case of Richmond the CDS operated at the Vineyard Community at the Vineyard Life Church on 7 nights a week. Within the rota RTM volunteers cooked there twice a week with other churches operating on the other nights. In addition others were baking bread and cakes at home to supplement the meal.

Local businesses were asked for help and many were keen to contribute and were very generous. Particular thanks go to Waitrose who provided RTM with a considerable amount of food including two turkeys at Christmas. The donation of two freezers also helped maximise the use of the food resources and if there was anything left over it was given to ETNA (the East Twickenham Neighbourhood Association Community Centre) who through their Real Junk Food Project redistribute it to local charities and families.

By mid 2021 night shelters could still not reopen because of Government social distancing rules. On 25 June a meeting was arranged at St John the Divine with Richmond's MP Sarah Olney and some of the Glass Door volunteers to discuss the vital need to reopen night shelters and Sarah wrote to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities

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Glass Door and the Pandemic - continued

and Local Government pressing for this change. Others in the charity sector also argued for the easing of the social distancing rules on night shelters. After further consideration, the Government on 16 August issued revised guidance for night shelters. This allowed rotating church shelters to take place, and removed limits on the number of guests, as shelters would now not be legally required to implement the concept of households. Social distancing was no longer required but everyone needed to remain vigilant. Glass Door welcomed the new guidance whose implications it is

considering in depth but feels confident that it should be able to run night shelter this coming winter.

The work of the volunteers is crucial to Glass Door and not just relating to the cooking of food. Many volunteers especially some older ones would talk regularly to the guests as they ate their evening meal. Because of social distancing this was not possible so they are looking forward to being able to resume this important role. In RTM our thanks go to Isabelle Swann, Pat Johnston and Sarah Percival for all their work in planning cooking rotas and collecting and maintaining food supplies and also thanks to all the volunteers who made a great



Volunteers at the tea party at St Mary Magdalene

Elsbeth Fearn

Every year Glass Door holds a fundraising appeal the Sleep Out in which supporters are sponsored to sleep out in the open at Duke of York Square in Chelsea for a night to raise money for the upcoming winter season in the night shelters. This year's Sleep Out will be taking place on 1 October from 9.00pm until 2 October at 7.00am and people can join in virtually from around the world For more information visit <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleep-out-savedate>

difference in what was a very difficult winter. Volunteers were given a thank you tea party with cakes at St Mary Magdalene on Sunday 25 July.

Glass Door has stayed open the whole summer so caseworkers can still meet and support the homeless. The Glass Door Annual Report for 2020-2021 shows that despite the disruption of the pandemic, the charity still managed to move 317 guests (more than in previous years) into more permanent housing with the immeasurable benefits that meant for personal safety and well being, the rebuilding of lives, access to work and to a positive future. RTM is proud to be able to play its part in this.

A Wreath

A wreathed garland of deserved praise,
Of praise deserved, unto thee I give,
I give to thee, who knowest all my wayes
My crooked winding wayes, wherein I live,
Wherein I die, not live; for life is straight,
Straight as a line, and ever tends to thee,
To thee, who art more farre above deceit,
Then deceit seems above simplicitie.,
Give me simplicitie, that I may live,
So live and like; that I may know thy wayes.
Know them and practice them: then shall I give
For this poore wreath, give thee a crown of praise.

George Herbert (1593-1633) Metaphysical poet and priest in the Church of England

This poem is based on St Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 9:25
'Everyone who competes in the games goes into strict training. They do it to get a crown'



Talking about God: Words and The Word

by Revd Neil Summers

'My love is like a red, red rose', sang Robert Burns. We all know what he meant, because we often express human qualities and emotions in terms of physical phenomena. So - love is a rose; courage is a lion; envy is green; fear holds us in its icy grip; and, as Shakespeare writes, '*patience sits on a monument smiling at grief*', drawing on the allegorical figure of Patience which often adorned Renaissance tombstones.

Our language and, to some extent, our thoughts are constructed from the physicality of our existence, so we routinely speak of abstract things in material terms.

Consequently, we *grasp* an idea, *weigh* an argument, *see* a difficulty and *scent* a danger. Imagery, metaphor and simile form the default position of almost all our conversation and philosophy - and also much of our theology. Try to talk about God and numerous images come to mind - most of them biblical: king, sun, refuge, strength, shepherd, stronghold, castle, deliverer, shield.....

How come, then - we might wonder - that people who are so accustomed to this well-used and necessary device in everyday life can suddenly become stubbornly literal in their understanding of the language of religion? Or is that a wilful **mis**understanding?

Just one example. So much time has been wasted and ill-feeling generated by the debate about the creation stories in Genesis. Read as a literal description of the beginning of time, they never made much sense. But read as they were intended to be read, as poems of wonder, and as prayerful meditations on the glory of a coherent universe experienced as it is now - and not as it might have been in the distant past - they are as true today as they were when they were first composed. Personally, I don't find anything incompatible between Darwin's theory of evolution and the ancient song of creation. They both engage with the physical universe, albeit in different ways. One is a scientific theory using observation and analysis to account for different forms of life and how they came to be as they are. The other is a



Rose

Revd Neil Summers

poem using the metaphor of a seven-day narrative to celebrate the wonder of creation. It could be said one is about method, asking the question 'How?' The other is about value, provoking the exclamation, 'Wow!'. Both share the belief that the universe is a complex but meaningful unity to which we belong in fellowship with all other living species.

In these alarming days of global warming and relentless environmental catastrophes, if we have to argue at all, far better to contend over what are we going to do about it for the sake of our own wellbeing, that of future generations, and the planet as a whole, rather than sterile science-v-religion point-scoring.

And when it comes to trying to talk about the great mystery we call God, by all means keep the words, images and metaphors coming, but also take to heart the beginning of John's Gospel, and the encounter with The Word present from the beginning and dwelling among us now and for all time.

Book Review

By Elspeth Fearn

The Stone Mason - A History of Building Britain, Andrew Ziminski

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Andrew Ziminski is a mason of many years' experience working mainly in the West Country but also across the UK on a wide range of buildings, both ecclesiastical and secular. These include the spire at Salisbury Cathedral, the dome of St Paul's, the Roman Baths at Bath and at the other end of the spectrum simple village churches, but great treasures in themselves. He has rescued many endangered buildings. Andrew is a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries and has a great interest in archaeology, complementing the technical side of his craft.



Detail from 12th century stone carving, St Mary and St Davd, Kilpeck, Herefordshire

Elspeth Fearn

His interest in buildings started at an early age when, still at school, he volunteered to help with a project restoring a dilapidated brewer's house from 1621 in his home town of Reigate, which was eventually rebuilt at the Weald and Downland Museum. Andrew then went on to train at South Dorset Technical College and embarked on a long and illustrious career as a mason.

The book contains four major sections headed Sarsen, Limestone, Marble and Concrete. Sarsen are sandstone blocks found particularly on Salisbury Plain and the Marlborough Downs and are post glacial remains. We see sarsens in Stonehenge, Avebury and also at West Kennet Long Barrow, the last being where Andrew worked restoring collapsed walls. The Concrete section includes an account of relaying old canal beds near Devizes. The book also includes an in depth look at the buildings of Bath, a place important in the story of British architecture because funds from the Industrial Revolution poured into the city as speculative property investment using the local Bath stone. Each purchaser employed their own architect to design a house to their particular specification behind a universal facade. This resulted in a variety of room layouts, window placements and roofs, although from the front the houses look identical.

The book is an enjoyable read. Not a technical treatise although it has very informative facts and glossary but considered reflections on the buildings and the art of the mason, a sense of shared craftsmanship through the centuries. For example Andrew came across old strange masons' marks and superstitious graffiti at a priory's northern transept that he was working on and felt these gave a great sense of a human touch, a human link, with himself. He created the book from notebooks and commonplace books that he had kept over many years and it was published to great acclaim last year.

In his own words he remains modest about his achievements and says 'Over time I have become confident but even today three decades after I started, before I make the first cut in a new stone I still pause for a moment, my mallet hovering over the chisel. Filled with the same trepidation I felt on my first day.'

RTM's Away Giving 2020

RTM has historically looked to the tradition of tithing when considering its Charitable Giving (Away Giving). Each year RTM allocates 10% of the voluntary income received in the previous year. The pandemic and lockdowns have meant delay in decisions on which charities should benefit.

To be paid in 2020 From 2019 Accounts Proposal to PCC			%	To be paid in 2020 From 2019 Accounts Proposal to PCC			%
Church Overseas				Grants Secular Societies (Overseas)			
USPG	8,060	32		Rainbow Fund for South Africa	500	2	
CMS (Church Missionary Society)	500	2		Work Aid	300	1	
Bible Society	250	1		Lawrence's Roundabout Well Appeal	200	1	
Mothers Union (Overseas Fund)	1,000	4		Patience Junior School Mutungo	500	2	
The Leprosy Mission	300	1		Helping Refugees in Jordan (Mandala Trust)	300	1	
Sisters of the Church (Solomon Islands)	200	1		Bethlehem Orphanage	250	1	
Hope Outreach UK (Sri Lanka)	100	0			2,050	8	
Let the Children Live!	350	1					
Child Aid to Russia and the Republics	350	1		Grants Secular Societies (Home)			
Matabeleland	300	1		SPEAR	500	2	
Sabeel	300	1		Douglas House	100	0	
Nablus - St Luke Hospital in Nablus	300	1		React	200	1	
Foundation for relief reconciliation in	200	1		Richmond Good Neighbours	250	1	
Middle East	12,210	48		Fitzroy Support (Silver Birches)	200	1	
				Cochlear Implanted Children's Support	150	1	
Grants Home Missions & Church Societies				Group (CICS)			
Church Urban Fund	1,400	5		Skylark (Me Too & Co)	350	1	
Diocesan Southwark - Knife Initiative	500	2		INS	350	1	
Welcare	3,040	12		Otakar Kraus Trust Music	150	1	
Vineyard Project (Community Centre)	2,000	8		Richmond Foodbank	400	2	
The Fishermens Mission	300	1		Caring Café	250	1	
Inclusive Church	150	1		The People Hive	150	1	
Affirming Catholicism	100	0			3,050	12	
Kick London	200	1		TOTAL	25,500	100	
Hounslow Night Shelter Project	250	1					
Richmond Glass Door	250	1					
	8,190	32					

Overseas	14,260	56	Church based	20,400	80
Home	11,240	44	Secular	5,100	20



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