

saint andrew's

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A CHURCH ON THE PARK

Yes, there's a Church on Goldsworth! It's made up of people rather than bricks, but it's a church all the same, and it meets in two of the local schools.

We hold our morning services at Beaufort Middle School, Kirkland Avenue, with a short 'Sunday Special' for young families at 9.30, and a Family Communion service with Sunday School and Creche at 10.45. On Sunday evenings we move to Sythwood School, where we meet at 7.00 pm. You would be most welcome at any of our services.

Time to Build!
The years in the schools have been a wonderful experience, but we want very much to provide a Church Centre for Goldsworth. After all, the schools aren't available to us during the week, and they aren't quite what people have in mind for the 'landmark' occasions in the year (Christmas, Easter and Harvest) and the special family times such as Christenings, Weddings and Funerals.

More to the point, we want to build a place on Goldsworth where there will always be space and peace in which to worship God, and in which there will always be a welcome for the lonely and help for those in trouble.

Please join in

So please will you help us? We have a most exciting design (The model will be on show at the National & Provincial Building Society in Commercial Way, Woking), we have detailed planning permission from Woking Borough Council, and we have the gift of a site next to the Health Centre donated by the developer, New Ideal Homes Ltd.

The current estimate of the cost is £775,000 (a huge amount of money, but actually a bargain!).



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FIRST HAPPY CHRISTMAS!

For hundreds of people this will be their first Christmas on Goldsworth Park. And for dozens of babies this will be their first Christmas on earth!

Babies are very much part of the St. Andrew's scene, with fourteen of our young mums giving birth this year. 1985 seems to

have been 'The Year of the Girls' — little Russell Morriss is the lone male of the species in our picture.

Left to right the mums and babies are: Lesley Williams and Rebecca, Sue Hutton and Sophie, Marjorie King and Louise, Hilary Lidstone and

Rachel, Sue Small and Elizabeth, Barbara Holloway and Frances, and Janet Morriss with Russell. (Photo: Woking Informer)

Whether you've lived on Goldsworth for many years, or have only just arrived, we wish you a very happy Christmas.

and we already have half this sum either given or promised.

Now we are inviting everyone on Goldsworth to contribute, because it's a Church Centre for the whole community. We want to make a place that will be special for God and useful to Goldsworth Park, both for our own generation and for many years to come.

If you would like to make a contribution, or simply to keep in touch, please complete and return the 'Keep me posted' form from the 'Church for Christmas' leaflet enclosed.

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What will the Church Centre look like?

The new Church Centre will be situated north of the car park in the Goldsworth Centre, with the front entrance facing onto the pedestrian precinct which serves the shops.

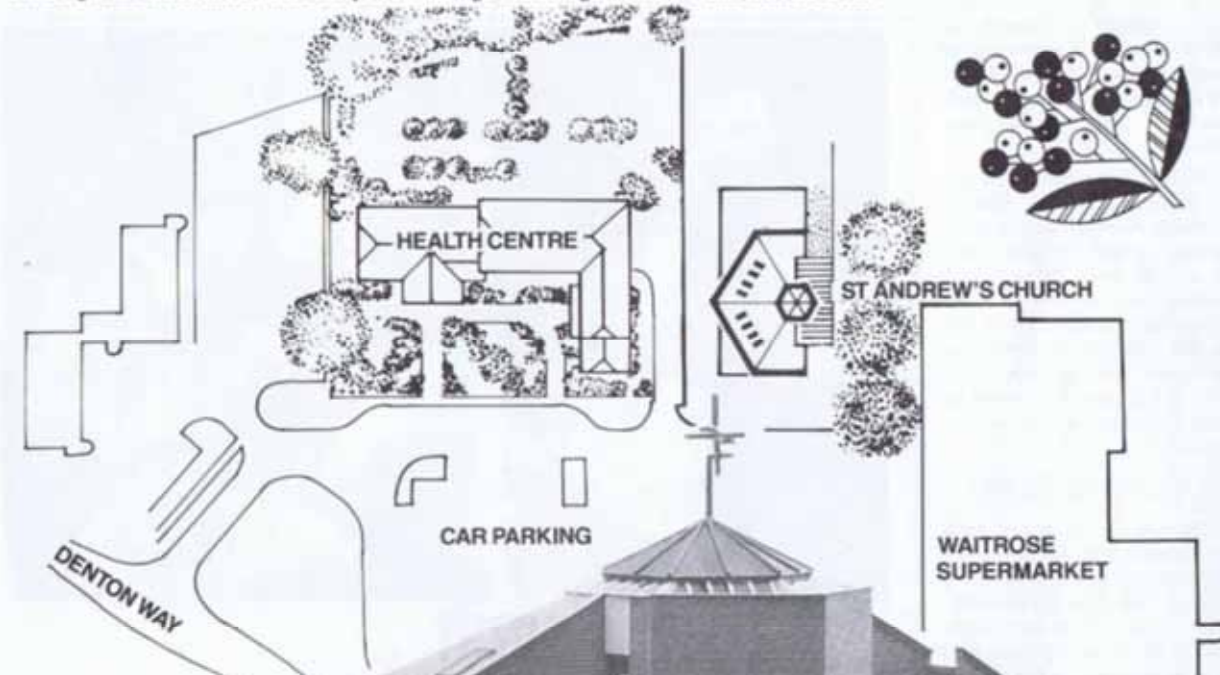
The most striking feature of the building will be a beautiful fan-shaped worship area upstairs, with seating for about 300 people. Needless to say, there will be a lift!

On the ground floor, there will be a spacious lounge and a large

dividing hall, together with a kitchen and servery, a baby area, a quiet room, and an office.

On weekdays the accommodation will be ideal for playgroups and toddler groups, as well as providing a meeting place where anyone can come and have a cup of coffee and a chat.

A special feature will be the small chapel on the south-west corner of the building, which will be set apart for private prayer and for the smaller midweek services.



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What's in a Name?

When did the Church on Goldsworth begin? And why is it called St. Andrew's? After all, there must be a greater reason rather than to please the many Scots who live here!

Once upon a time, the area we now call Goldsworth was owned by the Slocock family, and was the site of a world-famous nursery (for plants, that is!). Half the land was in the parish of Horsell, and half in the parish of St. John's.

But in 1981, with the population of Goldsworth increasing by leaps and bounds, a whole new parish was formed. We chose St. Andrew as our patron saint because he was the first person Jesus called to be a disciple — and we hope that our congregation will be the first of many Christian groups on the Park. We chose St. Andrew because he was a fisherman from Galilee, and we too have a lake! And we chose St. Andrew because the little church of St. Andrew's Russell Road in Horsell has been closed and the land sold for development — but part of that money is being given towards our own Church Centre, and we wanted the name to stay.

Wishing you a Happy Christmas — Inside!

In the hustle and hype of the Great British Christmas, it's all too easy to be robbed of the real thing.

We're so busy with frantic shopping and last-minute arrangements that the true meaning of Christmas gets shouted down. And when Christmas itself arrives with its giant helpings of food and drink (together with the usual sprinkling of family quarrels) we spend most of the day propped in front of the telly and wonder really why we bothered.

But there is another Christmas — and that's the one that takes place inside us. When we pause to remember that God loves us, and that he sent his Son to share our life, we stand in wonder on the threshold of the real Christmas — 'God with Us'.

Wishing you joy and peace,

Andy Knapp



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WELCOME TO OUR CHRISTMAS SERVICES!



All our Christmas services this year are at Beaufort County Middle School, Kirkland Avenue.

Sunday, 22nd December

- 9.30 am Parade Special
(Scouts and Guides, Brownies, Cubs and Beavers Carol Service)
- 10.45 am Family Communion
- 3.00 pm CHRISTINGLE SERVICE for families with young children
- 7.00 pm CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

CHRISTMAS DAY

- 9.30 am Christmas Special
- 10.45 am Christmas Family Communion

THANK YOU!

We wish to record our grateful thanks to all those local firms which have so generously contributed to our St. Andrew's Church Appeal Fund.

Bridge & Co., Childs & Co., Eltons Ltd., Gascoigne-Pees, Lathams of Knaphill, Lloyds Bank plc, Moss Chemists, Stirling Winthrop Group Ltd., L.T.X. (Europe) Ltd., Midland Bank plc, James Walker & Co Ltd.

And to those companies which have offered help in other ways:

Leicester Building Society, Magnet & Southern Ltd., National & Provincial Building Society, Skeet & Jeffes Ltd

Christmas Wordsearch

By Helen Steady

Look down or across to find seventeen words related to Christmas. Then, using the remaining letters, make up seven words which make a sentence.

- angels
- bells
- bible
- cards
- carols
- crackers
- Father Christmas
- holly
- mince pie
- nativity
- parties
- presents
- robin
- Rudolf
- sherry
- snow
- turkey

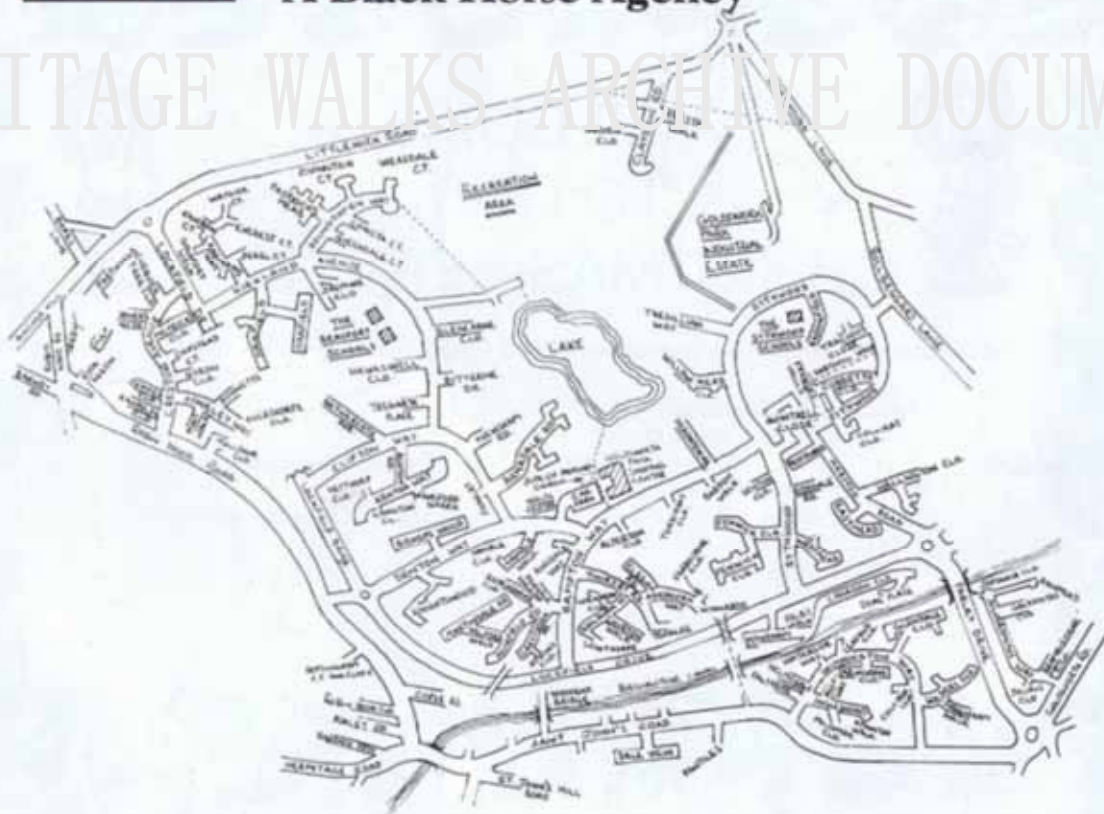
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