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The Suburb is flooded – with music and rain

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Since the last Suburb News went to print back in June of this year, the Suburb has experienced dramatic highs and lows. Biblical rain and heavenly music flooded the Suburb in July. Both stories, noteworthy in their own right, are featured in this issue.

The Great Suburb Flood was no doubt the kind of rainfall Noah and his family (and all the animals) might have experienced in the eponymous Old Testament story. The deafening sound as the rain relentlessly assaulted the Suburb was difficult to describe unless you had actually experienced it. The photos on p.2 show parts of the Suburb as totally unrecognisable and demonstrate just how destructive and devastating the impact was, with some households having to evacuate for several weeks while the water was drained and the damage repaired. Videos being shared on various Suburb community WhatsApp group chats showed torrents of water charging in through doors and windows, reminiscent of a scene from a dystopian novel.

On the flipside, the Proms gave hope and enchanted residents across the Suburb. The most



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wonderful music being played in St. Jude's throughout the Proms, wafted up and lifted residents to new highs. Despite Covid regulations still being in force at the time, the Proms gave the residents a taste of freedom to come. Audiences and performers alike experienced heightened levels of appreciation and enjoyment in both listening and performing in person after so long.

In this issue, we also welcome PC Amric Singh, who has taken over from PC Sandy Clifford, p.6 and HGS resident Kay Graham tells her remarkable story of how her life was saved by a local online drama group, p.3. There's never a dull moment in our little enclave! We hope you enjoy this issue, packed with news from around the Suburb – your Suburb.



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St Jude's new weathervane

REVEREND ALAN WALKER

The new weathervane was installed at St Jude's Church on Thursday 9 July, where a small crowd of parishioners, local residents, and passers-by gathered in the church car park for a short service of blessing and rededication (pictures, back page).

The previous weathervane 'took flight' during 'Storm Barney' late in 2015. Its whereabouts were a mystery until the broken parts were discovered on different parts of the church roof by a drone.

The service included words from the Epistle of Jude, one of the shortest books in the New Testament: a weathervane shows the direction of the wind, and we look to it for safety, guidance and direction, in order (as St Jude warns) that we are not "carried by the winds [like] the wild waves of the sea", and a reading from the Gospel of St Mark in which Jesus stills a storm.

The new weathervane is an exact replica of its predecessor – a cock and a fish – which has been reconstructed and will be displayed in the church.

The cock is the 'proclaimer of the day', but also a reminder of Jesus' prophecy that the cock would not crow until Peter had

denounced him three times. The fish was an early Christian symbol: the Greek word – ichthus – could be read as an acronym for 'Jesus Christ Son of God Saviour'.

'Weather cocks' have topped church steeples for centuries. The Bayeux Tapestry includes a scene of a craftsman attaching one to the spire of Westminster Abbey.

The event concluded with the tradition that a small child (in this case my three year old grandson Raphael Saiman) jumps over a new weathervane to enable him, it is hoped for decades to come, to claim he has leapt over the highest part of the church.



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