

ST MARY'S CHURCH, STOKE D'ABERNON

A service to celebrate the 100th birthday
of
BARBIE MAJOR

Sunday 30 April 2023

THOUGHTS ON LIFE:

"You only live once, but if you do it right, once is enough"
- Mae West

"You've gotta dance like there's nobody watching,
Love like you'll never be hurt,
Sing like there's nobody listening,
And live like it's heaven on earth."
- William W. Purkey

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life:
it goes on."
- Robert Frost

"Life is what happens to us while we are making other plans."
- Allen Saunders

"Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance, you must
keep moving."
- Albert Einstein



ST MARY'S CHURCH

The original church was built in the 7th century; substantial parts of the south wall date from this time. In building the Saxon church, some bricks, tiles and worked stones from Roman buildings were re-used. It was one of the churches in this area built soon after the introduction of Christianity by Saint Augustine, the first Archbishop of Canterbury.

THE FROBENIUS ORGAN

It was the focus on early choral music that inspired the commissioning of the superb organ installed in the church by Frobenius, Organ builders of Lyngby, Denmark, in 1975.

This outstanding instrument was voiced in the church by Erik Frobenius, and is widely praised for its light, responsive touch and the delightful sweetness and clarity of its sound. It is a smaller cousin of the renowned organ of Queen's College, Oxford, installed by Frobenius a decade earlier.