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United Nations: 70 years young

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From the Editor...

October is the season of mists and mellow fruitfulness and at the end we had a few weeks of summer to enjoy as well as all our achievements at the Olympic Games in Rio. Carol Bailey's daughter, Jennifer, who we featured in the July Spire, was in Rio taking part in the Olympic Gymnastics Gala and arrived in time to see the two British gymnasts win their gold medals.

This issue features a centrespread on the United Nations written by our representative, Dennis Wilmot. St James's has supported the local branch of the United Nations for many years, so it will be interesting to read about their work.

Don Barrett has chosen his favourite cathedrals, very appropriate as he had the opportunity to visit so many in his job with the Church Commissioners for England. I am sure many of these will bring back memories of visits by our readers.

We are eagerly looking forward to the arrival of Derek Winterburn and his wife Sandra. Derek's induction is on 8 November. His first service will be on Sunday 13 November, Remembrance Sunday. It will be a busy time in the lead-up to Advent and Christmas.

Best wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn

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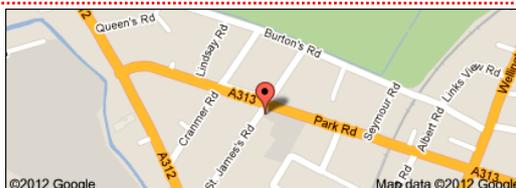
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Finding us

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Come and worship with us!

Sundays

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion (except 2 Oct)

Sunday 2 October Harvest

11am Lamentations 1: 1-6; 2 Timothy 1: 1-14;

Luke 17: 5-10.

Sunday 9 October Trinity 20

Jeremiah 29: 1, 4-7; 2 Timothy 2: 8-15;

Luke 17: 11-19.

Sunday 16 October Trinity 21

Jeremiah 31: 27-34; 2 Timothy 3: 14-4:5;

Luke 18: 1-8.

Sunday 23 October Last after Trinity

Joel 2: 23-32; 2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18;

Luke 18: 9-14.

Sunday 30 October 4th before Advent

GMT (clocks +1 hr) Habakkuk 1: 1-4; 2: 1-4;

2 Thessalonians 1: 1-4, 11-12; Luke 19: 1-10.

11.15am Time for Prayer, Upper Room.

Mondays-Fridays (not Tues)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

7pm Tue 11 Oct

Time for Prayer, Upper Room

COMING UP

3.30pm Sun 6 November All Souls' Service

A service to remember those who have died,

including loved ones and friends.

7.30pm Tues 8 November

Institution and Induction of our new vicar

The Bishop of Kensington institutes Derek

Winterburn as our new vicar.

9.45am Sun 13 November

Remembrance Sunday

A day to honour those who have sacrificed

themselves to secure and protect our freedom.

Followed at 11am by a service at the War

Memorial, including the two minute's silence.

A safe pair of hands



Like everyone else in the congregation, I was delighted to hear that Derek Winterburn would be our next vicar at St James's. I am not very keen on the phrase 'he ticks all the boxes', but he does! He is very experienced, having spent 10 years in Hackney and 20 years at St Mary's, Hampton. As one friend said, 'He is very laid back, but he does not miss a trick', and another friend, 'He's a strategic thinker and he follows through'. My younger brother, who was an area dean with him commented, 'Julian, you'll be in safe hands.'

The Garden Route or the Honeymoon?

A wise priest friend said to me years ago, 'You have two choices when you arrive in a new parish: the garden route or the honeymoon. You may be like a good gardener, who waits to see his new garden through a whole year of seasons before making any changes, i.e. see the parish through a whole year before suggesting changes. Or there is the honeymoon period, i.e. you have 6-9 months to make changes that you feel necessary before your honeymoon with people runs out!'

I have to admit I have used both approaches in the parishes in which I have served, and I suspect Derek will do the same.

Visiting and hymn tunes

I was also told, 'Visit your people, and even more importantly, pick the right hymn tunes'. To be honest, I have left picking hymns and tunes to the organist, as the congregation very quickly make their views known! And Mark, our organist, is very open to suggestions both about hymns and their tunes.

Visiting people for the first time is important in order to find out about their stories, their faith journeys – have they always worshipped, when has it been difficult or seemingly impossible? You also find out the history of the parish.

Charity Box Tools with a Mission (TWAM)

Back in July, volunteers from Tools with a Mission arrived at Janet Nunn's house for their 18th collection of donated tools, sewing machines and bicycles from her garage.

The tools were taken to the charity's store in Ipswich for refurbishment, before being sent abroad. This was a particularly poignant collection as it contained tools donated by Graham Heaford from his father's garage in Uxbridge Road. Sid had been an enthusiastic carpenter and had a wonderful collection of tools. Now they will be used by TWAM to train future carpenters.



In Richmond, I got through about 280 home visits in my first year, and heard about 275 times in doing so about how my predecessor but one had ridden an elephant around Richmond when he first arrived. My beloved scooter was a poor substitute!

Previous vicars

Retired clergy can be hard to please, so I am very grateful to have had Peter Vannozzi as my first vicar after my retirement, as I will be to have Derek. But listening to people over the seven years I have been here, I am glad to hear that people have had good experiences of the clergy at St James's.

Open to change and growth

I know one of the attractions of St James's for Derek is that we are open to change and want to grow. But I am also aware, as I suspect we all are, that change is not always easy. Without realising it, we become very conservative in our ways, and the idea of the church as a centre for revolutionary change, whatever the New Testament says, is rather challenging.

This is where Derek's experience will be such a bonus. I am sure he will see things we need to face up to, possibilities for growth, our care of each other, and those in our neighbourhood.

As I said last November, Blay's the motorcycle shop that used to be on Twickenham Green, seemed to know the details of the motorbikes of all their customers, and have nicknames for some of us (I was the Vicar of Dibley). I suggested in a sermon once that the people in our pews are our motorbikes, and we need to know them, care for them, and always be welcoming to newcomers.

We too easily talk to those we know. People are not just looking for a friendly church, but a church where they can make friends. We are very fortunate to have Derek as our new vicar.

One such example is Daniel, a 19-year-old student at TWAM's Ugandan partner, Kira Farm. He spent much of his life fending for himself, earning a pittance making mud-bricks until Kira staff invited him to join a carpentry course.

At the end of his training he was given his own carpentry kit and proudly returned home with more tools than he could ever have dreamed of. He opened a workshop and now employs a friend. They make beds, chairs and sideboards and Daniel's dream is to have a big workshop training young people. It is heartening to think that tools like Sid's will end up changing lives, enabling others, like Daniel, earn a living.



Thought & Prayer

Taking time to talk to God

Food for thought



Harvest Festival reminds us how much food is available in the shops, much of it coming from abroad. In contrast, the people in many of the countries growing that food go without. We have the power to change that by buying from companies who pay the producers a better price. Traidcraft and Fairtrade products are just two examples.

Prayer for the Harvest

O Lord our God,
We pray that the seed we sow
today will bring a harvest that
causes continued dew upon the
earth to sustain the seed in our hands.
May we always have seed to sow and rejoice
when we see the transformation
that reflects the image of God in your people
all over the world. Amen.

A Harvest of Plenty

God, we thank you for your harvest which
feeds us so many times each day.
We are nourished with your forgiveness and hope.
We are sustained with your strength and patience.
We are filled with your grace and compassion.

God, we thank you for feeding us with
a harvest of plenty. We are restored
through your generosity and healing.
We are replenished with your abundance and joy.
We are reminded of your selfless abandon.

God, we thank you for feeding us
with the bread of heaven.
Your gift of Christ sustains our lives.
His presence restores the promise of your love.
His life fills our hearts with your everlasting light.

God, we thank you too for filling us
with the water of life. May we drink deeply
that our thirst may be quenched.
May your river continue to flow
over us, in us, through us,
and out into the world you love.





Local and National stories

Community remembers Pat Hurst

PATRICIA HURST, who for many years helped with church flowers, has died, aged 86. Pat was born just before the depression in Alberta, Canada. Her father died when she was just seven years old, and her mother passed away seven years later. Her love of travel saw her move to London, where she went to work for a dentist in Harley Street before taking a job at Imperial College, where she remained until retirement.



While Pat never married or had children of her own, she was a Girl Guide leader for many years. She was also a member of the Richmond Shakespeare Society and made costumes for many of their productions. Pat played bridge and was an accomplished lawn bowls player, winning numerous trophies that had pride of place in her Teddington home.

At St James's, she was a good friend of Pat Young, and they worked together on flower arrangements, particularly around the pulpit. We send our condolences to her sister Eleanor, and nieces Giselle and Krista. The thanksgiving service was held in church on 8 September and Pat's ashes will be interred in the Garden of Remembrance next year.

Faith schools are top performers



AN ANALYSIS of this year's A-level and GCSE results has found that faith and church schools are among top-performing comprehensive schools. Over 80% of Church of England schools were judged good or outstanding by Ofsted, compared with 77 per cent of all non-faith schools.

First national youth evangelism job

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND has appointed its first national Youth Evangelism Officer. Jimmy Dale, the founding director of Newham Youth for Christ, takes up the post this month. His challenge will be to develop effective ways for the Church as a whole to promote mission to 11-18-year-olds. He said he was excited by the challenge of 'dreaming of new ways to reach young people with the gospel'.

Working party to tidy churchyard

A WORKING PARTY to cut back bushes, particularly around the West Porch, needs your help. Please help us to keep the grounds looking smart, particularly ahead of the arrival of our new vicar. Organised by the Properties Committee, the work will be carried out from **10am on Saturday 29 October**. Another date for your diary is the annual leaf sweep and gutter clean on Saturday 3 December. Look out for more details in our next issue.



TV gardener digs Real Calendar



ALAN TITCHMARSH has praised this year's Real Advent Calendar. 'It is a great idea,' he said. 'Not only does it raise money for good causes, but it also tells the Christmas story.'

More than half a million calendars have been sold in the three years since their launch. Each calendar comes with a free 28-page copy of the Christmas story, 24 Fairtrade chocolates and sales support charitable causes. The calendars were launched after a survey showed that only a third of children knew the nativity story.

This year the story is illustrated by award-winning artist Alisa Massari and includes activities and challenges. The calendar costs **£3.99** and can be **ordered from our Traidcraft stall now**.

A powerful force



The United Nations came into being on 24 October 1945 after the UN Charter was signed by 50 nations. The charter aimed to maintain international peace and security among nations as well as promoting respect for human rights. Dennis Wilmot assesses the impact it makes worldwide and at his local branch level



For over 20 years, St James's Church has been affiliated with the United Nations Association (UNA-UK) via its local branch, the Twickenham and Richmond UNA (TRUNA), and generally it exists to promote the UN and its policies.

I became St James's representative to UNA over 15 years ago when Margaret Hobbs 'nobbled' me to take her place in this role. Having just returned from a year off travelling all over the globe I found it hard to say no. A further possible qualification to this globally-oriented position is having spent around the first third of my life in Australia and the balance here in the UK.

Once, when discussing with a former UN ambassador the idea of the UN having its own armed forces, I was advised to push the ideal via smaller countries like Australia and Canada. More powerfully armed countries did not want to see their own positions compromised. Such global lobbying of the UN is possible as UNA exists all over the world, represented by the World Federation of UNAs (WFUNA).

UNA-UK has a prestigious Whitehall address and is considered to be the authority on the UN for the UK, often advising government on UN matters. However, UNA-UK is not a part of the UN and is often critical of UN policy, especially criticising the 'closed-shop' arrangement of the UN Security Council.

Children and Education

Recently, TRUNA has had to downsize, suffering the problem many charitable organisations have of attracting new and younger members. Nevertheless, TRUNA still exists and continues to promote the UN with support in various areas.

We collect for the United Nations children's charity UNICEF, at Twickenham Railway Station on rugby days, and regularly raise well over £1,000 in just a few hours for what I like to call the best charity in the world.

UNICEF was originally an international fund for children in times of emergency (its full title is United



The Borough Mayor attending a model General Assembly event

for world peace



Collecting for UNICEF outside Twickenham Railway Station

Nations International Children's Emergency Fund), but it now provides everyday support for the poorest and most vulnerable children all around the world, considering just need, without political bias.

Help in forming UN assemblies in schools

TRUNA has also helped organise over 30 model UN General Assembly events in 11 schools in the Richmond borough, both state and private, going back to 2001.

In these events students represent different countries and try to solve global problems, hopefully (but not always) arriving at a consensus. Students don't just learn about the UN, but also issues ranging from education to terrorism, and also how to research and present information in a convincing and organised way, and then how to debate like the UN General Assembly.

Bad Press

Yes, the UN has received a lot of bad press recently, perhaps another reason why schools are less inclined to have us in lately. People forget that the UN is nothing more than the member states it represents. There isn't a UN police force. Its method is to rely on shaming countries that do not toe the line. And the alternative? America, or even China, telling us what is best for us on a global basis.

UN Successes

At 70 years of age the UN can rightfully celebrate many successes. It:

- Provides food to 90 million people in over 80 countries.
- Vaccinates 58% of the world's children, saving 3 million lives a year. (smallpox has been eliminated and polio is in decline thanks to the World Health Organisation, a UN body).
- Assists over 38 million refugees fleeing war, famine or persecution.

- Has negotiated over 170 peace settlements since 1945, and more in the last 20 years than in the previous 55 years.
- Has reduced poverty by more in the last 50 years than in the previous 500 years. Today the UN fights poverty, improving the health of 420 million rural poor. This and much, much more done with many fewer employees than McDonalds globally. And at a cost less than the UK population spends on Christmas.



The 'French delegation' at the UN assembly

A new Secretary General

The UN is in the process of choosing a new Secretary General. This is a unique position with one person representing nearly all seven billion people on the planet. Often powerful countries block the appointment of strong-minded candidates, fearing they might have to accept policies they don't like.

On 13 July, UNA-UK held its third public debate with UN Secretary General candidates, continuing its work to make this selection process more open and fair. The event took place in New York and Natalie Samarasinghe, Executive Director of UNA-UK, observed that there is 'a deficit in global leadership at a time when it is needed more than ever,' and that the UN could be a 'stronghold against isolationism'.

Tania Mathias, MP for Twickenham, has been to several local UNA events and worked with refugees for the UN. You can support the UN by writing to her, or by donating to UNICEF, or by helping us to collect for UNICEF at Twickenham station.



This artwork, celebrating the Declaration of Human Rights, is outside York House, Twickenham

Around the SPIRE

with Susan Horner

A wonderful church family wedding

KRISTIAN FITCHETT, son of Paul and Carol, wed Hayley Taylor, daughter of Cathy and Colin, at St James's on 3 September in a beautiful service led by our curate, Jacky, whose bubbly nature complemented that of the bride and groom.

The church was filled with enthusiastic family and friends and the bells were rung by Paul and Carol to greet the bride's arrival. After the service an old double-decker bus, resplendent with white ribbon, transported everyone to the reception at Hampton Court Golf Club.



More children helped thanks to you

WITH THE COUNTING

just about finished, the Children's Society Collection boxes have raised nearly £650 this year — a terrific total and an increase of 15% on last year!

Thank you very much to all box holders for their continued generosity. As you can see, all the loose change that goes into these boxes quickly adds up and makes a real difference to vulnerable children across the UK. If anyone would like to know how they can become a box holder, please contact David or Nicky Hettling.



For whom the bells toll

A SURVEY suggests it is becoming harder to recruit bell ringers. More than three-quarters of delegates to the annual conference of the Central Council of Church Bell Ringers said it was harder to attract new members, especially youngsters. Bell ringing is apparently bracketed with Morris dancing as a pursuit for old men with beards. Fortunately, this is not a problem we have here at St James's!

Jacky baptises her granddaughter



FELICITY ROSE, daughter of Amy and Elliot Blazewicz and granddaughter of Jacky and Alan Cammidge, was baptised by her grandmother on 27 August. The church was beautifully decorated with flowers for the event, and Amy had made a lovely display of sunflowers around the font. Felicity is pictured beside her cousin Karla, with her proud parents and grandfather looking on.

Changes to Christmas cards sales

FOR THE PAST 15 years a group of parishioners have sold Christmas cards and calendars for charities they support, raising nearly £10,000 — but they now need to reduce the scope of this effort.

Two of the charities, Traidcraft and the RNLI, will still be available on **Sunday 6 November** and Susan Horner will have a catalogue of the cards she sold for the Lullaby Trust (the cot death research charity) if you would like to order cards from her. Shooting Star and Princess Alice Hospice cards, which Penny Sewell and Janet Nunn sold, are available in the local charity shops in Hampton Hill or Teddington. In addition, Kingston Parish Church has a large range of charity cards on offer during November and December, sold under the Cards for Good Causes banner.

We would like to say a big thank you to all our supporters over the years and hope you will still continue to buy cards from these charities.



Young Spire with Prill Hinckley

Playing for time



By Will Harris

Music is a big part of my life. I go to a school called Christ's Hospital, in West Sussex, and I play French Horn in the school band. The band plays all 870 pupils into lunch every day except Sunday, so we get plenty of practice. There are 115 in the band, so it's also a great way to meet people from different years and different boarding houses.

The band also performs at lots of functions in London, because Christ's Hospital began in London and is still a City of London school.

It was founded by Edward VI in 1552, and we still wear the same uniform! Black shoes, long yellow socks, navy breeches, a white shirt with preachers' bands and a long navy coat that we call Housey.

How the band began

The band dates back to 1868 when some of the pupils said that musical instruments would make their marching drill more fun. The school treasurer agreed and used his own money buy a few instruments. He also paid the salary of the first bandmaster. Our current bandmaster is Terry Whittingham, who used to work with the Grenadier Guards and Queen's Own Highlanders.

St Matthew's Day and the Lord Mayor

Every year the band and the Chapel Choir play at the St Matthew's Day service in London for the Lord Mayor and Corporation of the City of London. The City streets are closed so we can march through. Originally, this was the day when the Livery companies chose their apprentices



from my school, and the whole school marched, but these days it is just the band and choir. I am in the Chapel Choir as well, and I chose to sing last year, but this year I plan to concentrate on the band.

We play at Lord's cricket ground most years. This year was my first time there, and it was really exciting. We played and marched in formation for half an hour and got to watch some cricket too. We also play at Twickenham rugby ground and at the Lord Mayor's Show,

Beating Retreat

At the end of each school year, we have a ceremony called Beating Retreat. We rehearse on the playing fields in the evenings, but it's still nerve-racking playing and marching for nearly an hour. This year it was so windy that lots of people's music blew away, but it was better than the rain we faced last year.

We play loads of different marches – some of my favourites are *Dambusters*, *Colonel Bogey's March*, *Liberty Bell* and *Blaze Away*. When we are playing at a big event we always finish with *Sussex by the Sea*, which is our signature tune, and so probably my most favourite.



I feel so lucky...

I love being able to do so much music at school. As well as the band, I am in the Symphony Orchestra, the Concert Band and the Chapel Choir. I also have my singing and horn lessons, and I am taking a Music GCSE. I feel really lucky to have all these opportunities.



Our Sunday School, The Shell Seekers, meets in the hall from 9.25am during school terms, except for one Sunday in most months when there is an all-age service in church. We welcome new members. Come along for a trial visit and see just how much fun it can be.



Galilee

Why is Galilee significant?

Galilee was the home of our Lord during at least 30 years of his life and the scene of the greater part of his public ministry. The province is intimately associated with his life, works, and teachings. It was in Galilee that he called his first disciples and 19 of his 32 parables were delivered there, and of the 33 great miracles described in the Gospels, 25 were produced in this province.

The first miracle was wrought at the wedding in Cana of Galilee, and his last, after his resurrection, on the shore of the Sea of Galilee.

Galilee is the name given to the most northerly of the three divisions of Western Palestine. At the time of Christ, this region included all the northern part of Palestine lying west of the Jordan River and north of Samaria. It was divided into Upper and Lower Galilee, the former being the more mountainous northern area; and the latter the more populous fertile plains in the south to the west of the Sea of Galilee, and including the towns of Tiberius, Capernaum and Nazareth, which feature frequently in the New Testament.

The first three Gospels are taken up with our Lord's ministry in this region, while the Gospel of John dwells more upon those in Judea.

The Sea of Galilee

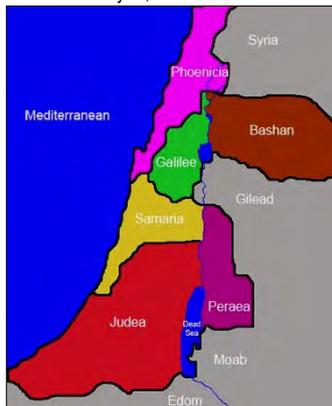
The region also includes the Sea of Galilee (known as Lake Kinneret in Hebrew) that is referenced so widely in both Old and New Testaments. It is the lowest freshwater lake on Earth (the Dead Sea is a saltwater lake). The lake is fed partly by underground springs although its main source is the Jordan River rising in the mountains to the north.

Much of Jesus's ministry occurred in the many settlements that lined the shores of Lake Galilee in those days. We can all recall the vivid Bible stories of his walking on water, calming the sea, and feeding the 5000 which were centred around the Lake.

Galilee down to modern times

Apart from its Jewish and Christian religious significance, the region had little importance down through history. It briefly featured in the Crusades when in 1187, Saladin defeated the Crusader army at the battle of Hattin, but nothing remarkable occurred in the area during the Ottoman Empire. In 1909 the first cooperative farming village, or kibbutz, *Kvutza Kinneret*, was established in Galilee close by the lake. It trained Jewish immigrants in farming and agriculture and is considered the cradle of the kibbutz culture of early Zionism.

Following the collapse of the Ottoman Empire in 1917 Galilee came under British rule and from 1923 was officially part of the British Mandate territory of Palestine. There were many arguments over fixing the border with the French Mandate of Syria, as the Zionist

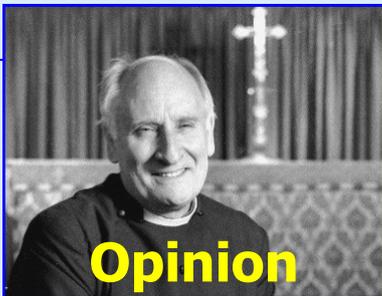


movement pressured the two countries to assign as many water sources as possible to Mandatory Palestine during negotiations. As a result the whole of the Sea of Galilee was included into the Palestine territory, although existing rights in the lake and in the Jordan River were honoured. After the 1948 Arab-Israeli war, nearly the whole of Galilee came under Israeli's control. Many people left, although a large Israeli Arab community remains in the region.

Today, Galilee is one of Israel's main tourism attractions. In 2011, Israel opened the *Jesus Trail*, a 40-mile hiking trail for Christian pilgrims. The fertile lands are used to grow bananas, dates, mangoes, grapes and olives.

What's On

with **Nick Bagge**



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with **Canon Julian Reindorp**

GRAMMAR SCHOOLS?

Michael Gove MP, when Education Secretary, asked at a public meeting who would be in favour of the reintroduction of grammar schools? Almost every hand was raised. He then asked who would be in favour of the reintroduction of secondary modern schools? This time, not a single hand showed. Yet, where is the evidence that grammar schools contribute anything to either social mobility or social justice?

The sociologist JH Goldthorpe has shown that relative social mobility — the chances of a working class child rising against those for a middle class child — has barely changed over the past century. Currently, by the age of five there is a 19-month gap in school readiness between the most and least disadvantaged children.

The Sutton Trust found that grammar school pupils are four times more likely to have come from a private school than be on free school meals. Apart from Estonia, the UK is the only one out of 30 countries in Europe in which junior school class sizes are greater than those at secondary school level. Finland, the best performing country in Europe, does not separate pupils by ability until the age of 16. It is surely the early years of a child's life we should focus on for social mobility.

A friend who has for many years taught maths in London selective schools suggested that if grammar schools were reintroduced, the teachers in the remaining schools should be paid at least 20% more than in the grammar schools!

THE RICH GET RICHER

Chief executives of Britain's largest companies had a 10% pay rise last year. Meanwhile, an All-Party Parliamentary Group on Hunger survey suggests that hundreds and thousands of workers do not have enough money to buy food. The chair, Frank Field MP, said, 'If Mrs May needed any more reason to build an economy that works for all of us, and not just a privileged few at the top, she will find them in these results.' He is seeking a review of the regulations on zero-hours contracts; an improvement in the administration of tax credits, so that low paid workers are not left without money in a change of circumstances; and a new deal for gas and electricity pre-payment meters to eliminate the premium paid by poorer households.

DAWKINS AT SCHOOL

Richard Dawkins is a famous scientist and atheist, but I read his autobiography, *An Appetite for Wonder*, because I was at the same boarding school as him when I was young. He was nicknamed 'Bug' because of his early interest in all small insects. In fact, he only scraped into Oxford and it was there that he achieved fame.

I most enjoyed his pen portraits of our staff. Our French teacher, who was not very successful with me, wrote in Richard's report he had 'plenty of ability, has good pronunciation, but a wonderful facility in escaping work'. Interestingly, he now accepts that the publisher who suggested his book, *The Selfish Gene*, should have been called 'The Immortal Gene' was right, and this would have prevented some of the controversy in what was widely seen as a remarkable book. His point is that while we may die, it is our genes that go on and are the fundamental unit of natural selection.

PHYSICIAN'S PRAYER

'From inability to let well alone, from too much zeal for the new and contempt for what is old, from putting knowledge before wisdom, science before art and cleverness before common-sense, from treating patients as cases and for making the cure of the disease more grievous than the endurance of the same, good Lord deliver us' (Sir Robert Hutchinson 1871-1960)

NEW

Harvest Sunday

Sunday 2 October, 11am, St James's Church

Our annual celebration of food grown on the land is also a reminder of how lucky we are to have access to produce from all over the world.



At St James's we ask everyone to bring a few food items to church, ideally on the day, but by the end of the month.

The collected food will be sent to two worthy causes: Hampton Foodbank and The Upper Room in Hammersmith, a front line charity working with socially and economically disadvantaged people from some of the most deprived areas of London. Every year it serves more than 26,000 hot meals and 6,000 takeaways to homeless and disadvantaged people.

Full details of the sort of food, toiletries and clothes most in need are on a leaflet, available from church. Please ensure that all food is unopened and well within the use-by date.

The all-age service will be followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Fitz Wygram Church Hall. All are welcome to stay. If you are able to contribute to the lunch selection, there is a list of suggestions on the future events' notice board.

NEW

Harvest Sunday Choral Evensong

Sunday 2 October, 4.30pm, St James's Church

Choral evensong is the one service that is led almost entirely by music, and is one of England's richest traditions. It takes place in the choir stalls, a space which allows the music to resonate perfectly and foster a sense of calm.

NEW

Exploring Christianity

Thursdays from 6 October-3 November, 7.15pm, Fitz Wygram Church Hall, St James's Church

The course is an opportunity to explore, reflect and talk about our faith over five weeks. The discussions are for anyone who is seeking God and feels drawn to Christianity. You may be a newcomer to church, or someone who has been worshipping for years. The evening begins with supper, followed by a talk, coffee and discussion.



The themes include: Why Believe in God? What's so special about Jesus Christ? The Spirit — the communicator: what difference does it make? Food for the journey — what's the point of prayer and worship? And Christianity — changing the world? Pick up a leaflet in church for more information.

NEW

Faith at Work

Saturdays from 8 October, 9.15-10.15am, St James's Church

Learn how we use our faith in everyday life at home and work. The autumn talks continue with **Val Butterfield** and *Faith in Management Role*. The final talk in this series will be on 5 November — **Caroline Young** and *Faith in Many Roles*.

Cantanti Camerati

Saturday 15 October, 7.30pm, All Hallows Church, Chertsey Road, Twickenham TW1 1EW

The autumn concert promises some heart-warming music. Tickets £15 (under 16s free) from Hillsound Musical Instruments, 24-26 High Street, Hampton Hill, by telephoning 020 8898 8020, or on the door.

NEW

Installation of our new vicar

Tuesday 8 November, 7.30pm, St James's Church

Just over a year after Peter Vannozzi left Hampton Hill, the 10th vicar of St James's, the Revd Derek Winterburn, will be instituted by the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, pictured left and right respectively.



Derek will then be installed by the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Ven Stephan Welch. Please join us as we welcome Derek and his wife Sandra to the parish. The service will be followed by refreshments in the hall.

NEW

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 13 November, 9.45am, St James's Church, followed by a short service at the War Memorial at 11am.

Join us as we honour those who sacrificed themselves to secure and protect our freedom. The service will move from the church to the War Memorial shortly before 11am. Two minute's silence will be observed and then wreaths will be laid.

NEW

Capital Mass: a celebration

Thursday 17 November, 7.30pm, Holy Trinity and St Saviour Church, Upper Chelsea, London SW1X 9DF

Join the Diocese of London and Church Urban Fund as they celebrate our churches' to the poverty and inequality in London. RSVP to admin@capitalmass.org.uk.

NEW

Songs of Praise

Sunday 22 November, 4.30pm, St James's Church

For weeks now people have been naming their favourite hymns. If you haven't done so, do so quickly and you might still make the shortlist. At this service we'll learn more about the selected hymns and why people have chosen them. Join us for this special evening of music for all the family.

Registers for July and August



JULY

BAPTISMS

- 10 Maya Louise Eglington, Hampton
10 Arun Kumar Eglington, Hampton



WEDDINGS

- 2 Robert Anthony Rabbetts and Hayley Kim Denton, Hanworth
9 Clem Jonathan Harcourt and Natasha Emilie Teuten, Teddington
16 Stephen John Harding and Nicola Tracey Gill, Hampton Hill

- 23 James Edmund Dyer and Melissa Jane Croxford, Whitton



FUNERAL

- 26 Ian George Richardson, 51, Teddington



INTERMENT OF ASHES

- 15 Laurence Vernon Weedon, Hampton Hill
16 Bryan Kibble, Hampton Hill
24 Patricia Young, Hampton



AUGUST

BAPTISMS

- 27 Felicity Rose Blazewicz, Hanworth
28 Jodie Light-Collis, Hampton
28 Jaydan Light, Hampton
28 Ellis Collis, Hampton
28 Lacie-Mai Collis, Hampton
28 Harrison Nigel McCall, Epsom

WEDDING

- 2 Clive Armin Rowland and Susan Yvonne Rigg, Hampton Hill



FUNERALS

- 1 Lillian Hanney, 94, Hampton Hill
4 Leslie Joyce Hyde, 92, Teddington
11 Roy Christopher Bain, 61, Hampton
17 Marjorie (Meg) Rench, 96, Hampton Hill
19 John Pidgley, 69, Teddington
24 Colin Bowyer Wile, 89, Hampton Hill
26 Mary Alexander, 58, Hampton Hill



All cathedrals great and small

England's 42 cathedrals are national treasures, which are open 365 days a year. They receive more than 10 million visitors a year.

Since childhood I have marvelled at the extraordinary power of these calming places of great architectural beauty and history.

When I was working in the Bishops & Cathedrals Department of the Church Commissioners for England, part of my responsibilities was the funding of the stipends of the dean and two canons at each cathedral. We were also responsible for paying grants towards the employment costs of lay staff depending on need. Naturally, this ensured a warm welcome. When I visited a bishop I made a point of visiting the cathedral, especially if I had not seen it before. I have chosen 10 of my favorites based on the impression they have made on me rather than relative architectural merit.

1 GLOUCESTER Monastery of Harry Potter fame



I spent my early childhood here and remember my father taking me to see the bell ringers at work in the tower. The cathedral was originally a Benedictine monastery dedicated to St Peter. Abbot Serle, a monk from Mont St Michele in Normandy, started building in 1089. In 1216 the nine-year-old King Henry III was crowned here and in 1327 King Edward II was buried here after his murder in Berkeley castle. The abbey was made a cathedral by Henry VIII in 1541. The long Norman plain drum columns dominate the Nave with additions in every style of gothic architecture. The cloisters are the earliest surviving fan vaults and may be familiar to fans of the Harry Potter films.

2 RIPON Monastery, minster, then cathedral



My earliest memories of the cathedral of St Peter and St Wilfred were from the annual summer visits to my aunt when I was young. Ripon was originally a minster built on the site of an Anglo-Saxon monastery founded by St Wilfred in the seventh century. It only became a cathedral in 1836. The cathedral is a mixture of Romanesque, Anglo-Saxon and English Gothic styles.

3 WELLS England's first fully Gothic cathedral



Bishop Reginald de Bohan, who brought the idea of a revolutionary architecture style from France, began the Cathedral of St Andrew about 1175. Wells was the first English cathedral to be built entirely in the Gothic style. A significant feature is the scissor arch, inserted in 1330 to prevent the tower falling down! The West Front with arches, which originally held 400 statues, dominates the exterior. I particularly like the setting of this cathedral and if you are visiting it you should make a point of visiting the moated Bishop's Palace and its beautiful gardens next to the cathedral.

4 ELY With a unique lantern tower



The cathedral dominates the city and surrounding area and is often referred to as *The Ship of The Fen*. The present structure dates from 1081 and is a remarkable example of both Romanesque and Norman architecture. It was during the early part of the 12th century that the existing monastic church achieved cathedral status and since that time there have been various additions, changes and restorations throughout the centuries. A unique feature is the stone octagon, the *Lantern Tower* created after the central tower collapsed in 1322. The ceiling of the nave was replaced in 19th century and is beautifully painted depicting scenes from the Old and New Testaments.

5 SALISBURY The tallest spire, but prone to floods

The building of the cathedral started in 1220 and was completed in 1260 apart from the spire which was added in the 14th century and is the tallest church



spire in England. In contrast to Gloucester and Ely, Salisbury's multiple stone shafts in the nave add a feeling of delicacy and tranquility. Due to the high water table the crypt often floods.

6 NORWICH Successfully blending old and new

This is a spectacular cathedral that also began as a Benedictine monastery. Construction of the present cathedral started in 1096 and was completed in 1145 primarily in the Norman style. The structure was badly damaged in the Civil War and neglected during the Commonwealth. Restoration was started by Charles II. Today the cathedral



puts emphasis on its Benedictine heritage of hospitality and the new Refectory built in 2004 is a rare example of a beautiful modern building that blends with the old.

7 WINCHESTER A medieval masterpiece

The old cathedral was founded in 642 was demolished and replaced by a new cathedral in 1093. It is the largest medieval cathedral in Europe and is an outstanding example of all the main phases of English church architecture from the 11th-16th centuries. Waterlogged foundations on the south and east walls were reinforced by diver William Walker, packing the foundations with more



than 25,000 bags of concrete, 115,000 concrete blocks, and 900,000 bricks. Walker worked six hours a day from 1906 to 1912 in total darkness at depths up to six metres (20 ft), and is credited with saving the cathedral from total collapse.

8 COVENTRY Rose again from the ashes

The original medieval cathedral was demolished at the Reformation. St Michael's church, a large parish church constructed in the 14th and 15th century, was elevated to cathedral status in 1918. The cathedral was ruined during the Coventry Blitz in November 1940. The current cathedral was built next to the ruins of the old. The architect, Basil Spence, was strongly inspired by medieval precedent and built aisles and a high vault using modern materials. The design is complemented by windows along the sides of the building which are raked forward to



project light onto the altar. The interior is dominated by Graham Sutherland's 74ft high tapestry of Christ in Glory in the Tetramorph, which is the world's largest tapestry. Overall there is a feeling of cohesion.

9 LIVERPOOL Modern and looming large

This is a 'modern' cathedral very different from other English cathedrals. It is the fifth largest cathedral in Europe. Designed by Giles Gilbert Scott in a modern monumental style the foundation stone was laid in 1904 and the nave was completed in 1978. Built 'By the People for the People' the structure dominates the City of Liverpool.



10 YORK MINSTER Disasters and triumphs

Building the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of St Peter was begun in 1230 on a site that had been occupied by a church since 627 and was completed in 1472. The Minster has had its fair share of disasters suffering major fires in 1753, 1829, 1840 and 1984. The central tower collapsed in 1407 and nearly collapsed again in 1970 before the foundations were reinforced. For me, it is the stained glass which is my favorite feature. The recently restored Great East window created at the end of the 15th century and the Rose window, seen above, are outstanding.

