

I can't believe how lucky I am. All clergy in the Church of England are required to say Morning and Evening Prayer daily. It is laid down upon us as part of our ordination rules which, rather mysteriously, are called the Canons of the Church of England. For me, saying Morning Prayer in St. James' is at the core of ministry - an engine which fires daily work and witness. I'm incredibly lucky because I am almost never alone to say Morning Prayer - one, two even five others (and occasionally more). Furthermore, when I can't be there I know that the church is being prayed in and its mission prayed for. Thank you to all who do come to Morning Prayer and thank you to those who keep our church, its mission and ministry in your prayers day by day.

We all realise that we don't need to be in church to pray of course, but how seriously have we ever considered finding God on the net? Our children and grandchildren live in electronic reality, a brave new e-world. The church needs to be in that world too, proclaiming the reality of faith and the demands the Good News of Jesus makes on our world and our lives. As in every other part of our lives computers have crept into prayer, too, and there are some excellent sites where you can find worship material from your PC at home, in the office, in the library or in an internet café anywhere in the world.

First of all, let me give you a big advert for our own parish website which has over 1000 hits per week. It is at: www.stjames-hamptonhill.org.uk and material for inclusion can be sent to: p.m.hinckley@blueyonder.co.uk. A development of our website will be to include worship material, and we want to address this.

Our website, like most others, contains links to other sites and there is lots of help, resource and invitation to us to worship on those sites. Try them!

If you like a daily reading and thought try: www.brf.org.uk or cofe.anglican.org or www.oremus.org. My all time favourite, however, is sacred space at www.jesuit.ie, a site run by the Jesuits. It is great and easy to use. Even more it makes the whole internet worthwhile - even for a paid up technophobe like me! Have a break with God in front of the computer this month but beware, it may become a habit! Happy surfing.

Brian Leathard

**The Service for the Ordination of Deacons at St. Paul's Cathedral
by the Bishop of London Assisted by the Area Bishops and
Bishop Suffragan on Saturday 5th July 2003**

..... was the title on the order of service booklet.

It was a beautiful service. Even though the appearance of the cathedral was somewhat marred by scaffolding outside and sheets of white plastic inside, as always one could not help but be awe-struck by its size and height and the feeling of the enormous presence of God.

Yes, it was a beautiful service, full of joy and ceremony, prayer and lovely music. At the beginning, the choir, minor canons, and the candidates' incumbents, including Brian, took their places in the Quire. During the hymn: "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!", the bishops, resplendent in their colourful vestments, with their entourage and the ordinands, processed down the central aisle to their places under the great dome. The Dean of St. Paul's, Dr. John Moses, gave an address about the calling and duty of deacons. This, he said, is to serve, and to help with pastoral care; to fashion their lives according to the way of Christ, and never to forget to love. It is a life to be loved and lived and given to God.

After the creed, the candidates one by one were presented to Bishop Richard by the area Archdeacons. Then the litany was sung and each candidate knelt before the Bishop to be blessed and anointed before being dressed in her or his stole and presented with a New Testament by the area Bishop.

After the Peace, the offertory hymn and the Eucharistic Prayer, we were all invited to receive communion. The organisation by the vergers was excellent, because there were many hundreds of people there. Then the newly ordained deacons were welcomed by the Bishop, to the applause of the congregation. Finally the Bishop led them back through the cathedral down the central aisle to the north transept steps.

It was a wonderful and moving occasion for all of us, so it must have been much, much more so for the twenty-nine new deacons, all about to start their ministries in our diocese. God has gifted them with a great vocation; let us remember them all in our prayers, and especially Julie as she comes among us.

Welcome Julie!

Greta Rosten



St. James's Chronicles

The Hampton Hill Parish Magazine 1903 Extracts from the August Issue

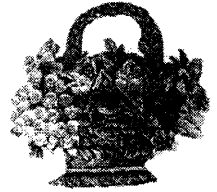


MY DEAR FRIENDS,

The Working Men's Club Sports on the 8th ult. proved to be the best in many respects the Club has ever had. There were many more competitions than usual; more prizes and more subscriptions were given, and more money was taken at the gate.

Unfortunately the proceedings were marred by a distressing accident; one of the men connected with the roundabouts became entangled in the machinery whilst it was in motion and his leg was terribly crushed. He was taken to Teddington Cottage Hospital, and is doing well. The prizes were distributed by Mrs. Job. The Secretary, Mr. Arthur Singleton, and the Committee are to be congratulated on the result of their efforts.

On the 15th came the Flower Show at Garrick Villa, when Hampton Hill was well to the fore with cottage garden exhibits and vegetables. The Show was a decided success, and visitors strongly expressed their approval that there were no noisy roundabouts, and better things were said about the Show than we have heard for some years.



The greatest events of the month amongst us centre round St. James's Day. The observance began with a choral service on the Friday evening when an eloquent and impressive sermon was preached by the Rev. A. W. Gough. The Church looked as attractive as usual with the beautiful decorations. The procession of children through the village on Saturday was a sight to be remembered. Most of the Day School teachers were

present, as well as the Sunday School teachers and there was no lack of other helpers, and all were untiring in their efforts to wait upon and amuse the children.

Miss Barnard as usual manufactured the oceans of tea, and Messrs. Singleton & Sons gave great help by lending and fixing timber barricades, &c. About 900 souls entered the grounds, and there would, no doubt, have been many more if it had not been for the counter attraction of Molesey regatta. A large number of subscriptions, gifts of provisions, sweets and toys were received, for all of which I am most grateful. The list of subscriptions will be printed next month.

On the Sunday after St. James's Day the Festival services were continued. Unfortunately the rain prevented many people from attending Church. The sermon

by the Bishop of Kensington will long be remembered by all who heard it. Those who were not present missed much. The Bishop addressed a few words to the organist and choir in the vestry which were most appreciative and stirring. The offertories for the repairs to the roof of the church, with some subsequent additions amounted to about £23. The Churchwarden and I hope that all members of the congregation who were not present will be kind enough to send contributions for the fund. The total sum required at first was £50.

I am, my dear friends, Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES R. JOB.

Andrew Milbank Carpets

It is quite surprising to learn that this 'friendly independent shop' opened only in 1989 as one gets the feeling that it has been the quiet centre of the High Street for many more years than that. Something about the subtly coloured samples and carpet rolls ranged round the shop and the sensuous smell of new carpet make this a delightful retreat from the bustle of traffic outside.

The shop has been managed by Terry for the last fourteen year; he previously worked in two other carpet shops that used to be in the High Street and has found the carpet business a preferable alternative to army life. He has a young man helping him and there are around seven fitters working to contract.

The clientele is nearly all local, although residents who have left the area can still ask for their services. Terry recently travelled to Cambridge to advise some new homeowners. They use nine wholesalers and most manufacturers. Many hundreds of different carpets, vinyls or laminates can be obtained. The choice is endless but Terry usually knows what people will go for as soon as they enter the shop. There was one lady, however, who took a year to make up her mind!

Terry sets great store by being in the centre of the Hampton Hill community and feels the High Street is very special. Every Christmas he organises the 'Odd Spot' competition for the children. He is such a well known figure in the area that he nearly falls off his bike being greeted from all sides and he seems to meet a great many ladies as he does his weekly shop in Sainsbury's! He takes this opportunity to issue timely reminders to those who should be due to buy new carpets and finds that he is usually successful!

Following our article on Keates & Co in the June edition, we have received the following:

G S KEATES & CO - In the beginning

My grandfather was George Shaw Keates, who founded the business.

Originally, George and his uncle James Keates, ran a stonemasons from the old wooden cottages where the Pole Hamptons flats (opposite the Duke's Head and Hampton Pool) now stand. Most of their work was at Hampton Court Palace; hence on his way to work, my grandfather passed St. Albans House (now, sadly, demolished) and consequently met and married my grandmother. She was companion to Winifred Graham who then lived at St. Albans. Later my grandfather built 49 High Street Hampton Hill along with several other local properties. He also ran undertakers/stonemasons businesses at Teddington and Richmond.

When my grandfather died, the Richmond business was sold, and my father - Richard Curson - took over the running of the Teddington and Hampton Hill yards. Then, on his retirement, the Firm was sold to Mr Lock.

Valerie Maddox, nee Curson

LIFEBOAT STATION OPEN DAY



The Lifeboat Station at Teddington will be holding an Open Day on Sunday 3rd August. Opening times are from 1 a.m. to 4p.m. and the event will be of interest to all. Admission is free and access is via the Manor Road Recreation Ground. The lifeboat will be giving demonstrations of its capabilities (subject to operational requirements). The event will be supported by stalls including souvenirs, bottle tombola, books, games, bouncy castle and refreshments.

An early date for your diary: Saturday 29th September - Quiz night at the British Motor Yacht Club, Teddington. Details from Jill Goddard 020 8287 7438.

St. Luke's Hospital, Milo in Tanzania

St. James supports this hospital through the USPG projects scheme. We receive three informative newsletters a year. Here is a précis of the latest.

Annual report tells of a difficult year for St. Luke's, Milo

We share some of the key points from the 2002 annual report from St. Luke's Hospital, Milo. Dr. Lwoga begins:

'There's been a delay in submitting this report because we have been attending workshops in Iringa and Mboya. Please accept my apologies for the delay. We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all our donors. Without you, it would not have been possible for us to be where we are now. Admittedly, we still have a long way to go in catching up with the rapid progress of our modern world.'

USPG continues to be the major source of income for St. Luke's. Their grant last year amounted to 47.25% of the hospital's income. The grant from the Ministry of Health is intended to cover staff salaries, but in fact only covers half the sum required. USPG's grant is essential.

News in brief

- The rural dispensary at Ludewa was severely damaged by fire last November. The total cost of the repairs will be in the region of £2,000.
- There is a regular supply of piped water, although this becomes less adequate in the hot season. Electricity is available from a diesel-powered generator, which runs for two hours per day. The hospital cannot afford to run it for longer than this, except during emergencies.
- Staff shortages remain an ongoing problem. There are 27 members of staff, and a deficit of 43. This is partly because the hospital cannot afford to pay any more salaries but also because qualified staff find rural practice a less attractive option. Late payment of salaries has been the cause of some resignations.

Please pray for Dr. Lwoga, past retirement age and coping with cancer, and for all his staff. In addition to our annual donation, St. James is sending some extra money to help with repair costs for the dispensary.

US PG is an Anglican mission agency working in partnership with the church in more than 50 countries, exchanging people, resources and training for mission.

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A String of Pearls

The following are extracts from a little book containing quotations, poems, thoughts and humorous anecdotes found in the papers of a friend, Ethel Roberts, who died recently. Another friend decided to publish them so that others could benefit.

This is the day which the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Psalm 118 v24

Turn your face to the sunshine and the shadows will fall behind you.

From a child I wanted to teach and eventually did that in training others on and for the job of being good secretaries (in the Civil Service). As a supervisor I began with eight staff and finished my career responsible for the conditions and training of 30,000. Life for me has been a search for God's will and His truth.

The whole secret of eliminating problems lies in making the transition from a plotting, planning, scheming mind to a mind at rest, in a state of awareness, through which divine ideas can flow. *Joel Goldsmith*

Give up the right to your own opinions. They are probably shrewd and based on sound judgement, but they close your heart to other people and to the Holy Spirit.

Be like the donkey, and enjoy fully what is under your nose!

It isn't the mountain ahead which wears you out; it's the grain of sand in your shoe!

When you are in any kind of difficulty, look upon it as an adventure and a challenge to demonstrate your faith and absolute reliance on the power of the Holy Spirit.

New Year resolutions: This year I will travel light and offload the excess baggage of not only material clutter but regrets, hurts, resentments and fears immediately I realise I am carrying them. This year I will make more time for prayer. This year I will cherish my friends and will regard everyone as a child of God.

"I leave for Scotland tomorrow; my wife and the other heavy baggage will follow later." Lord Rosebeny

Our hopes are seldom realised, but it is our pursuit of them that changes the course of history. *Aristotle*

Take a little wine to help your digestion. 1 Timothy 5, v23

Break free from the concrete of procrastination, the whisper which says, "You can do it later." *Bob Gass*

A bishop said: "Everywhere St. Paul went there was a revolution, but everywhere I go they serve tea!" Bruce Larsen

Grieve not that I have died. Rejoice that I have lived. *Anon*

Prayer said at a Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication, St. Margaret's, Westminster

Heavenly Father, you have appointed your servants to engage in a spiritual battle for the furtherance of your kingdom: accept and fit us for your service. Enter, cleanse and inspire our hearts. Give to us the spirit not of fear but of power, of love and of discipline.

Lead us to the situations which you have prepared for us, and meet us there with the comfort of your love; that, though of ourselves we can do nothing, yet in your strength and in the fellowship of your service, we may minister to the needs of our generation and to the coming of your kingdom of peace. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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and there are many more! This is a handy little book, beautifully produced and faith-giving. Betty has copies of A String of Pearls available at £2 each.

Betty Rainbow

REPORT FROM THE P.C.C.

Although much reduced in numbers, as is to be expected at this time of year, the PCC discussed the usual wide range of issues, from whether to revarnish the hall floor to how to save the diocese from bankruptcy. The main item was the "Time for Decision" questionnaire on diocesan funding. The Finance Committee presented the PCC with draft responses which took into account views expressed at the well-attended open meeting with the bishop in June. There was general agreement on the proposed approach. The PCC offered to increase St. James's contribution to the Common Fund next year but by considerably less than had been asked for. Before committing the parish to giving more, the PCC wanted to see convincing evidence that the diocese was getting to grips with fundamental structural problems and strategic planning. The PCC wanted to see more mutual support and collective action within deaneries and for the diocese to be more communicative about how it spends the money parishes give. The dismal state of the diocese made our local good news particularly pleasing. The West Porch project is making progress; detailed drawings have been completed and a further fundraising push is planned. An expert from the V&A was enthusiastic about our stained-glass windows, confirming that they are well worth the expense we will have to meet in repairing and restoring them over the next decade.

We would have formally welcomed Julie as our new curate if the meeting had not clashed with her day off! However, there will be plenty of opportunity for informal welcome before the next PCC meeting which is in September.

Val Traylen



Congratulations to Alwyne and Alison Loyd who celebrated their Emerald Wedding Anniversary (55 years) recently. They were married at St. Cuthbert's Church, N22 by her father, the Rev. Robert Porter, who had been a missionary in China from 1907 to 1934. They have six sons and eight grandchildren. Alison has needed care for some time now and Alwyne has looked after her devotedly for many years.

Congratulations also to Jill Goddard who has been awarded the Silver Badge from the Royal National Lifeboat Institution in recognition of her valuable support of the lifeboat service. Joan Catt, well-known in the Hampton Hill Association, was also awarded this badge at the same time.

Jean Wilson has had her hip operation and is progressing well.

Several of our congregation are on the move: the Walker family from Burtons Road are moving to Christchurch, the Hodges family are moving to Oxford and the Nettleton family will be moving into their house next to the vicarage. We wish them all happiness in their new homes.

FROM THE JUNE REGISTERS

Baptisms

- 8 Emily Jane Butcher, 67 Admiralty Way, Teddington
- 8 Rosie Olivia Orkney, 36 Vereker Drive, Lower Sunbury
- 15 Anna Bethany Gray, 23a Park Road, Hampton Hill
- 29 Ingrid Sophie van Thiel, 13 Clifton Road, Teddington
- 29 Anna Christina van Thiel, 13 Clifton Road, Teddington

Funerals

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| 2 | Irene Esther Gale, 19 Mays Road, Teddington | 73 |
| 13 | Maurice Harvey Lampard, 114 Connaught Road, Teddington | 73 |
| 26 | Robert Taylor, Charlotte House, Isleworth | 87 |
| 30 | Zakk Alexander Lamb, 179 Uxbridge Road | Baby |

Interment of Ashes

- 18 Mary Swatland, South West Middlesex Crematorium

Weddings

- 14 Andrew Mills & Caroline Bridges
- 28 Kevin David Tomkins & Mandy Mackay

Advocacy Partners and Citizen Advocacy

Advocacy Partners is a charity aiming to give personal assistance to people in need. Volunteer members of the charity are known as Citizen Advocates. They are helped to develop a one to one relationship with another person who may for instance have a learning disability or perhaps be an older person with some other form of need. A Citizen Advocate will get to know someone by spending time with them in different social situations, helping them make decisions and encouraging them to take a full place in the community. The charity offers its Citizen Advocates full training and ongoing support. Expenses are reimbursed.

The charity also has other openings in particular for people with relevant experience. For more information they can be contacted:

by phone 020 8330 6644
by e-mail info@advocacypartners.org.uk
website www.advocacypartners.org.uk

*Advocacy Partners, McMillan House, 54 Cheam Road, Worcester Park,
Surrey, KT4 8RH*

DATES TO NOTE IN AUGUST

- 3 **Trinity 7**
- 4 Jean-Baptist Vianney, Cure d'Ars, 1859
- 5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, Martyr, 642
- 6 **The Transfiguration of Our Lord**
- 7 John Mason Neale, Priest and Hymn Writer, 1866
- 8 Dominic, Priest and Preacher, 1221
- 9 Mary Sumner, Founder of Mothers' Union, 1921
- 10 **Trinity 8**
- 11 Clare of Assisi, Founder of Poor Clares, 1253
- 13 Florence Nightingale, Nurse and Social Reformer, 1910
- 14 Maximilian Kolbe, Friar & Martyr, 1941
- 15 The Blessed Virgin Mary
- 17 **Trinity 9**
- 20 Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153
- 24 **Bartholomew the Apostle**
- 28 Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430
- 29 Beheading of John the Baptist
- 30 John Bunyan, Spiritual Writer, 1688
- 31 **Trinity 11**

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