

WELCOME

New PCC's sunny outlook

Last month's Annual Parochial Church Meeting saw two key members leave their posts.

Rodney Taylor retired from his position of Churchwarden, to be replaced by Elizabeth Wilmot. Paul Peterken ended his long service as Treasurer. Anne Cowlin takes over.

There are also a number of new faces on the Parochial Church Council. Our thanks go out to the retiring members for their contributions to church life, and to the new appointees. St James needs you!

There will be more about the new make-up in next month's issue.

If you are reading this in church, and the May weather is less than inspiring take note.

What you've always suspected can now be confirmed as true: weekends really do get more cloud and rain with more sunshine appearing on Monday, as you head back to the office.

A recent study involving 14 years of weather data has revealed that on average, the weather is colder, wetter and less sunny at the weekend.

Statistically, Monday and Tuesday are the sunniest days, while Saturday is the most humid and least sunny. Scientists have found this to be especially true in industrially developed regions, and blame it on 'aerosols' - tiny particles from traffic and industry suspended in the air. These particles, which reflect sunlight back into space and increase cloud production, build up during the main working days and affect the weekend weather.

The average weekend temperature is 0.2 degrees lower than on weekdays, and there are at least 15 minutes less sunshine on Saturday and Sunday than during the week. So take Monday as your day off if you possibly can!



...can you believe I've not yet seen one of those new £20 notes? But now's your chance to change all that!

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☐ NOTES TO NOTE



WEBSITE UPDATE

Online Searchable Database for the Churchyard records

The Churchyard Records are for the use of relatives and friends of the deceased buried in St James' Churchyard who wish to find details of the burial, and if listed, the location of the grave itself. They are also for those interested in the history of the Churchyard and the Hampton Hill area, and possibly for other research. There is a plan of each individual grave in the Churchyard with the name and number. The churchyard was closed by Order in Council in 1991 as there was no more space for new graves. After 1991 there have only been burials in existing graves, ashes interred in family graves and in the Garden of Rest. On our website we now have an on-line searchable database in which you can search the Churchyard Records by surname or year - just clicking on the name of the person, or year, you wish to investigate brings up a page with all the information that is currently available. To find this database go to Quick Links in the left-hand navigation column, click on Churchyard Records and then click on 'See the online searchable database'.

All copy for the next issue of *The Spire* must be with us by:
14 MAY. Send to the Parish Office (see contacts).

LEADER

Mountain climbing in Hampton Hill 2007

Peter Vannozzi explains why Ascension Day should be a focus for constantly seeking more in order to create a better life for ourselves and others

It is a great pleasure writing this 'leader' for the first time as Vicar of St James', Hampton Hill. Thank you for the warmth of welcome I have received from both within the church community and also the wider community.

At first, learning the names of a sea of faces seems too great a mountain to climb. Gradually, though, the penny drops, faces and names combine, and someone stands out from the crowd as a distinctive person. If you see me out and about, please do say 'hello' to me.

It is strange to find myself accidentally using an expression about 'climbing a mountain' to describe just one part of arriving here. In fact, we use language like this all the time. We may speak of a 'steep learning curve.' Life when difficult can be an 'uphill struggle', and so on. It is all a bit of an effort, and this way of speaking can seem quite negative.

There is another way of using language about 'going up,' though. More positively someone may be said to be at the 'peak of fitness' or to have reached the 'summit of their ambitions.' This positive language can be found within the Christian tradition (and those of other faith communities, also.)

The Old Testament has God revealing himself on a mountain in a dramatic and awesome way. A mountain is also the place of safety for Noah, his ark, and his family and animals.

In the New Testament Jesus goes up onto a hill before delivering his sermon on the mount (Matthew's Gospel, chapters 5-7.) It points towards this being a key moment of disclosure for him as to what he is about. Later, language is used about Jesus being lifted up on the cross, and raised from the grave. Later on, Christian writers in

different centuries have used the image of 'going up' to describe getting closer to God. So in the 14th century the English writer Walter Hilton wrote of the 'Ladder of Perfection.' A person's spiritual life was like climbing the rungs of a ladder until one reached God at the top of it.

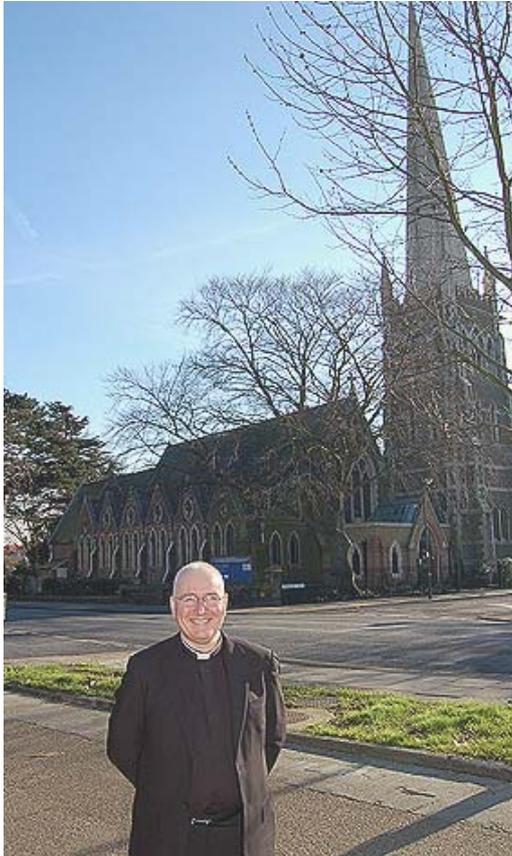
In the 16th century the Spanish writer John of the Cross wrote of the 'Ascent of Mount Carmel.' The spiritual life was like climbing a mountain. The danger of this kind of language is that it all just seems like very hard work, and there can be a suggestion of elitism. Only a

'We no longer believe in a world which literally has three floors - heaven up there, earth in the middle, hell below.'

very few are spiritually 'fit' enough to get to God.

Yet this month, on May 17, there is the Christian feast of the Ascension of Christ. What can we do with it?

We read in both Luke's Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles that Jesus was taken 'up' to God. Is this simply outdated? We no longer believe in a world which literally has three floors - heaven up there, earth in the middle, hell below.



OBITUARY

Bill Robinson 1914-2007

Christened George Ivan, he or perhaps Margaret, preferred the name Bill. He was Churchwarden and Treasurer until 1982, and very much in control of any spending.

In 1963 he became first chairman of the Properties Committee; he was also chairman of the new Social Committee. Setting out a programme for some months ahead, he clearly established that events would start on time, and not as previously, when people would dribble along.

With the properties he dealt with the re-roofing of the church, the re-wiring of the lighting system and the resurfacing in tarmac of the old car park and the churchyard footpaths, formerly of gravel.

Very much 'hands-on' I recall him re-ropeing the bells when he was 80 years old.

I also knew him in the context of his job at NPL in Teddington. As Director of Technical Services, he was known as 'G I' and had the task of conveying the needs of the various heads of Divisions (Photographic, Acoustics, High Voltage, Chemistry, Photography, etc.) and interpreting them to the architects of the then Ministry of Works.

In due time, these would emerge as building projects to be tendered for, and our firm did several of them. 'G I' laid down strict ground rules to ensure that contractors worked only in defined areas, and respected them.

Bill had a beloved Jaguar 2.4 saloon, but his driving technique was not for nervous passengers. When he was persuaded to give up driving, the car was retained for many years on the drive, as a repository for all his church papers.

He died in March at the good age of 93, always remembered with respect and affection by those who knew him.

Jack Gostling

Further, instead of looking for God 'up there' somewhere, what about here and now? God 'up there' could simply play into the hands of those who want to criticise Christianity (indeed, any religious faith) as simply outmoded if not downright deceptive.

For me the image of 'ascension' is about constantly seeking more than there is now. This is not to suggest that we should not have a degree of contentment with life if that is what we feel. Yet neither can we simply sit back, say 'yes' to whatever is, and then forget about how things could be different and better for ourselves and others.

So of course the people of Zimbabwe, for example, should seek more politically, socially and economically. For people in another setting the challenge will be different, and will vary from person to person.

A common Christian concern is seeking to draw ever closer to God, who leads us 'up' to him, to find an ever fuller life.

This seeking means that we will be as concerned as anyone else about issues of justice as well as how to pray better. Christian Aid Week this month illustrates very well the combination of prayer and action.

My good wishes as you climb your mountain!

You and *The Spire*

Thank you to everyone who returned a completed survey from last month's issue - and for all your positive comments about the changes that have been made over the past year. The feedback will also help us plan content for future issues.

Congratulations to Betty Feltham, who won two tickets to see *Charley's Aunt* at Richmond Theatre.

Did you know that *The Spire* is available in a large print format, and on tape? For more information, please contact the Parish Office.

Don't forget, the magazine is also available online at the usual address. Perhaps you no longer need a copy delivered? If so, let us know.

Forty days with the Risen Christ

Two important dates in the Christian calendar fall in May this year - **Ascension Day** and **Pentecost**. What do you know about them?



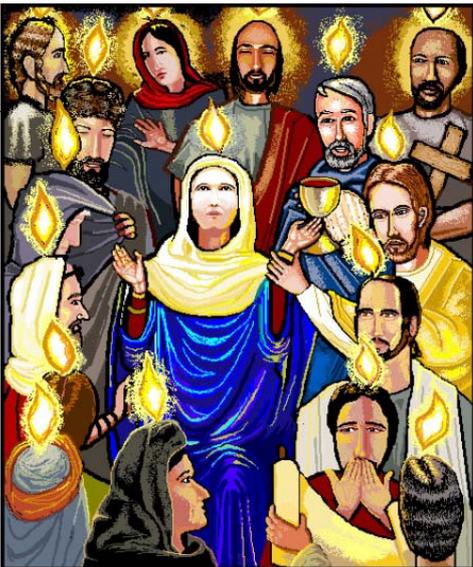
Ascension Day marks the day when Jesus Christ ascended to Heaven. It was forty days after his resurrection from the dead on Easter Sunday.

During the forty days which followed the first Easter, Jesus was seen by numerous disciples, including on the road to Emmaus, by the Sea of Galilee, and in houses.

He strengthened and encouraged his followers, and at last opened their eyes to all that the Scriptures had promised about the Messiah.

Jesus also told them that as the Father had sent him, he was now going to send them - to all corners of the earth, as his witnesses.

The Gospels, however, give us little of Christ's teachings and deeds during that time. What there is can be found in Matthew 28; Mark 16; Luke 24; and John 20.



Pentecost

Ten days after Ascension Day is Pentecost. Originally it was the old Jewish festival of Firstfruits, which took place at the beginning of the wheat harvest. It was exactly 50 days after the Passover, the time of Jesus' crucifixion.

A feast day to celebrate the country's wheat harvest does not sound exactly world-changing, but that year, it became one of the most important days in world history.

For Pentecost was the day that Jesus sent the Holy Spirit - the day the Church was born.

Jesus had told his apostles that something big was going to happen, and that they were to wait for it in Jerusalem, instead of returning to Galilee. Jesus had plans for his apostles - but he knew they could not do the work themselves - they would need his help.

And so the apostles and disciples waited in Jerusalem, praying together for several days. And then on that fateful morning they heard a mighty rushing wind. Tongues of flame flickered on their heads, and they began to praise God in many tongues - to the astonishment of those who heard them. The curse of Babel (Genesis 11: 1- 9) was dramatically reversed that morning.

Full of life and power

That morning the Holy Spirit entered the bodies of the apostles and disciples of Jesus. The Christians were suddenly full of life and power, utterly different from their former fearful selves. The change in them was permanent.

Peter gave the first ever sermon of the Christian church that morning: proclaiming Jesus was the Messiah. His boldness in the face of possible death was in marked contrast to the man who had denied Jesus 50 days before. And 3,000 people responded, were converted, and were baptised.

Of course Pentecost was not the first time the Holy Spirit had acted in this world. All through the Old Testament there are accounts of how God's Spirit guided people and strengthened them. But now, because of Christ's death and resurrection, he could live on in them.

From now on, every Christian could have the confidence that Jesus was with them constantly, through the Holy Spirit.

Evangelism and outreach

Because Pentecost celebrates the descent of the Holy Spirit from heaven to all Christians, it is a season of evangelism and outreach as Christians look for the presence of the Holy Spirit in everyone on earth.

Today Whit Sunday is a favourite day for baptism and because people often dress in white, Whit Sunday was probably originally known as 'White Sunday'.

ONLINE

More about these and other events at www.stjames-hamptonhill.org.uk

Some prayers and reflections

When the Spirit Came

I denied him,
Watched him die,
Despaired, then dared to hope
When Mary told of the tomb.
Oh, yes he died,
And oh, he rose again -
My Jesus,
Just as he said.

I saw him,
Ate with him
Early in the morning
That day on the shore.
He spoke of following and feeding,
He spoke of the Spirit,
Of waiting and witnessing.

And we did wait
When he left us.
We waited, in obedience this time,
In Jerusalem,

And the Spirit came.
In wind and in words,
In power and in praise,
In heavenly tongues of fire,
And then we witnessed,
Oh we witnessed to the world
Of our Lord Jesus -
When the Spirit came.

Daphne Kitching

From the *Gelasian Sacramentary* (500 AD)
(the oldest official prayer book of the
Western Church).

Ascension

O God, we give you thanks that your Son Jesus Christ, who has shared our earthly life, has now ascended to prepare our heavenly life. Grant that, through coming to know him by faith on earth, we may come to know him by sight in heaven.

Pentecost

We beseech you, O Lord, to ignite our souls with love, faith and hope by the fire of your Holy Spirit. And may the wind of your Spirit so inspire our minds, that we may proclaim your gospel to others in words which they can understand.

From *Poems of the Western Highlanders*

The Pilgrim's Aiding

May God be with thee in every pass,
Jesus be with thee on every knoll,
Spirit be with thee by water's roll,
On headland, on ridge, and on grass;

Each sea and land, each moor and each mead,
Each eve's lying-down, each rising's morn,
In the wave-trough, or on foam-crest borne,
Each step which thy journey doth lead.

The Water of the Spirit

O may the Spirit satisfy,
His water poured on thee to lie,
Water of grace may he distil,
Salvation water for thy fill.

Top marks for retiring duo

Two key members of the St James' management team retired at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 22 April.

We asked those who knew them best to pay tribute to their achievements.

RODNEY TAYLOR

I will miss him enormously as he has taught me everything I know about being a Churchwarden. He has been an excellent tutor, displaying utmost patience when I have not straightaway understood the lesson!

Rodney is very committed to the church and the job. He worked incredibly conscientiously on the Parish Profile which he produced in a very short time. It is extremely well organized and written and makes interesting reading.

He has been very thorough in working through the process of appointing a new incumbent, making sure that every step was done properly. Rodney masterminded the interregnum so that things ran as smoothly at St. James' as when we have a vicar. As soon as we knew Brian was going, he leapt into action with plans of what we needed to do and how to do it.

Rodney has given a great deal of time and dedication to his role of Churchwarden and although he is stepping down, he will continue to advise and support me and his replacement. I know that I have been extremely lucky to have done four of my churchwarden years alongside someone so knowledgeable, business like and witty as Rodney.

I will miss the 8am phone calls for catching up on the state of play - or will I?!
Liz Butler

PAUL PETERKEN

Paul has been the Treasurer to the PCC for nine years. During that time he has not only coped admirably with our accounts, making them a model of clarity, but he has also had to get to grips with increasingly prescriptive regulations about accounting and reporting.

In addition to all the usual financial things that go on in the parish, we have also had the Opening our Doors appeal for the new West Porch, and we have had all the south aisle and east windows repaired and reconstructed.

Paul ensured that we had the right amounts of money available at the right time to ensure all went swimmingly, even though the porch project had its problems.

He has introduced financial guidelines for the PCC, established our reserves policy, and kept our reserve funds topped up. He has always been a prudent treasurer, budgeting wisely, and often anticipating a loss.

However, reporting the last financial year in February, he did say to the PCC in an unguarded moment, and it was minuted, that, '...the accounts looked quite good!'

They did indeed. And all thanks to Paul for all that has done over all those years to make them so.

Rodney Taylor



This month: support the annual appeal, update on collections, and two diary dates

Christian Aid Week 13-19 May

Help poor communities grow a future

Once again we have the opportunity as Christians to 'make a difference' to the lives of the poorest people in the world.

By distributing and collecting the well-known envelopes during Christian Aid week, around 30 members of our congregation will help us to contribute about £3200 to Christian Aid.

Christian Aid and their partners will spend your money wisely:

■ In northern **Senegal**, £6.50 will provide mango saplings for ten people to plant, an area where drought and deforestation have turned once fertile land into desert.

■ In **El Salvador**, Christian Aid partner Aprovehni helps communities to reduce the risks created by natural disasters and to cope with emergencies. A gift of just £6 would enable Aprovehni to clean a well after a flood.

■ In **Bolivia**, Christian Aid's partner CIPCA trains communities in sheep farming, then each community receives 20 ewes and a ram. As the flock grows, some sheep are returned to CIPCA and the rest are kept or sold. Three sheep sold will pay for school and board for a child; £18.80

could buy a sheep.

This is how Christian Aid uses your money to help these poor communities:

- Emergencies 35.5%
- Long-term development 35%
- Campaigning and education 13%
- Fund raising 15%
- Administration 1.5%

If you would like to help St James' make a difference this year - you could distribute envelopes, collect envelopes, count money, give money - please speak to Margaret Taylor.

Saturday 8 September 2007 – keep it free. 6pm in St James' Church Hall, fund raising event for Christian Aid. Supper and amusement for all the family.



Saturday 2 June *The World Can't Wait*

Venue: Thames Embankments between Westminster and Vauxhall Bridges.

What is it?: Range of different activities from 11am. Alarms ring at 2pm.

Development agencies, charities and church groups are uniting to remind leaders that 2007 marks the midway point to 2015 - the target year for achieving the Millennium Development Goals, the first of which is to halve the number of people living in extreme poverty.

Please join this important rally, wear white and bring your alarm clocks, phone alarms and your voices.

www.yourvoiceagainstopoverty.org.uk

Huge thank you for collections...

...taken in Lent.

The **Diocese of London's Lent Appeal** is for projects concerning modern day people trafficking.

The Appeal connected perfectly with coverage of the bicentenary of the Abolition of the Slave Trade Act.

At the time of going to press, St James' had contributed about £2250, including Gift Aid tax reclaim.

News of the amount collected by all London parishes will follow.

On Ash Wednesday there was an unexpected **ALMA Emergency Appeal** from the Bishop of Kensington.

Funds were requested to help the church in Angola and Mozambique provide grassroots support following the serious flooding in both countries.

We collected £1419, including Gift Aid tax reclaim.

News of the situation and of the amount collected by all London parishes will follow.

Climate change - can we make a difference?

Sometimes it is all too easy for people to listen to global issues and say to themselves, 'There's nothing that I can do about all this. My contribution will not have an impact; it's too big a task for that.' Yet Jesus was just one man who came and spread the gospel in three years to a world that was steeped in sin and had lost its way. And look at the impact he has had on millions of people since then.

Climate change will happen - the damage has been done, but its devastating effects can be reduced if a large proportion of the world's population reduces their individual carbon emissions. If each 'carbon-emitting' person makes one change in their lives to reduce their output it

will make a difference to future generations.

Examples might be generating their own energy by using solar roof panels - even on their church roofs; turning the heating down by one degree; or switching to a 'green' energy supplier; and turning off electrical appliances instead of leaving them on standby.

And what about how people travel? Taking the bus or train, cycling or walking rather than driving the car; reducing air travel wherever possible will all count. But perhaps the key action everyone can take that costs nothing is to raise awareness and encourage others to do their bit.

As Christians we cannot afford to sit back and ignore what humanity is doing to the world.

THE JAYS

Playing catch-up with the sleepover



Daisy Chain is a charity that provides a haven for children with Autism and associated special needs. It is a place where they can go and find something in life to give them pleasure.

This is part of an email received from



SARAH PETERSON

Sara Garland from the Daisy Garland organisation following the Jays' recent sleepover to raise money for the organisation. 'Wow! What a fun time you've all had and what an incredible amount of money you've all managed to raise. I'm intrigued by the 'fish race' and can't even begin to

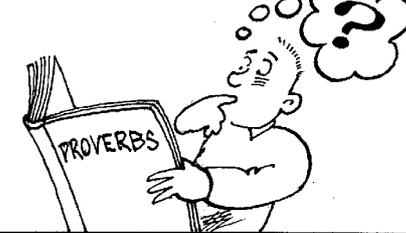


imagine what this involves! A very big thank you from everyone at The Daisy Garland to each and every one of you who took part in the sleep over and who cooked and ate the Mother's Day Breakfast. We're so glad it was well received and can understand why a repeat's been requested.'

Picture Proverbs

THE BOOK OF PROVERBS IS A COLLECTION OF 'WISE' SAYINGS FROM THE HEART OF THE OLD TESTAMENT.

WHAT DO THE FOLLOWING PROVERBS MEAN? THEY ALL COME FROM CHAPTER 4.



How can you apply this practical formula for Godly wisdom?

Continuing our series about key Old Testament characters, with **Solomon**

King Solomon was famous for his wisdom, as we see when he decided between two women who both claimed a baby as their own (1 Kings 3:4-28). He demonstrated a practical formula for godly wisdom: WISDOM = knowing WHAT God wants you to do + knowing HOW and WHEN to put it into practice.

Solomon Asked for Wisdom

God's offer to Solomon was unconditional, 'ask for whatever you want me to give you' (5). We might ask for financial stability, health or a comfortable life. However, Solomon asked for the wisdom that he needed to govern his people. We need God's wisdom to be the people God intends us to be, for the decisions we make and in the use of our time, gifts and resources. In what areas of life do you especially need God's wisdom?

God Gave His Wisdom

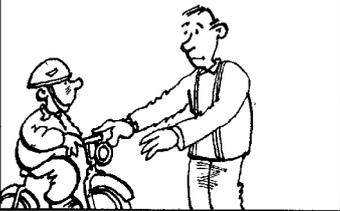
God gave Solomon 'a wise and discerning heart' (12). Being able to receive God's wisdom begins with a right fear of God (cf Prov 1:7). We have to be humble and teachable, not proud or self-sufficient. We also need God's word in our hearts (cf Col 3:16), as we learn to attune our hearts to hear him. In what practical ways have you experienced God's wisdom?

Solomon Applied God's Wisdom

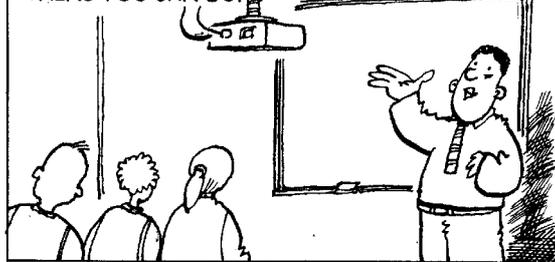
God's wisdom is only effective in our lives when we act upon it, as demonstrated by Solomon deciding the women's case. However, he is also a warning to us! In later life Solomon allowed his heart to be turned away from God by surrounding himself with 700 foreign wives (1 Kings 1:9). Who are the people who encourage us to act wisely?

'If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him' (James 1:5).

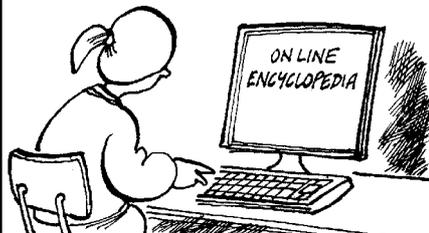
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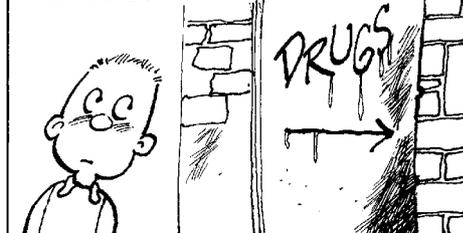
GETTING WISDOM IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO.



YOUR EDUCATION IS YOUR LIFE - GUARD IT WELL.



DO NOT GO WHERE EVIL PEOPLE GO. DO NOT FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF THE WICKED.



BE CAREFUL HOW YOU THINK. YOUR LIFE IS SHAPED BY YOUR THOUGHTS.



NEVER SAY ANYTHING THAT ISN'T TRUE.



see Proverbs Ch. 4

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Churchyard guardians



MARTIN HINCKLEY



Prill Hinckley recalls how a dedicated team created a record of all the graves at St James'.

Churchyard Records (1864-2000) - 2001 January

In the early 1960s Denis Leatherdale, Roy Brooks and Jack Gostling were appointed Guardians of the Churchyard. Denis drew up the original ground plan with each individual grave marked.

In 1988 Helen Taylor, with many helpers, began the task of recording all the details of the graves and giving each

grave a number. Janet Nunn continued this work after Helen moved to Suffolk. Before the final typing could take place the Burial Registers were checked beginning in 1864 to ensure the records were as accurate as possible. Jill Goddard, Richard Denton and Peter Nunn helped with this task.

Finally, in January 2001, Dick Wilde typed all the information and meticulously drew all the plans and made the final booklet 150 pages long.

Records have now been printed and there are copies in Hampton Hill Library and Richmond Library where all the local historical records are kept. A copy

has been sent to the London Metropolitan Archives in London who look after all our Burial Registers except the one in current use from 1948 onwards. There is also a copy in the Parish Office.

Not only are the actual graves listed, but also the names on the War Memorial and on the Board inside the Church. The names of the people whose ashes are buried in the Garden of Rest are also there. This information is now readily available for anyone doing historical research.

ONLINE
See Page Two for how to use the database



One of the long standing members of our congregation, **Jean Western**, celebrated her 90th birthday on Good Friday, April 6. Jean was also born on Good Friday, but in April 1917. Our love and congratulations on this great anniversary.

We have said goodbye to two of our old friends, **Bill Robinson**, long standing church warden, and **Joan Worth**. Many of you will be sad to have heard of Joan's death after a serious illness since January. Both funerals were held at St James's.

Jack Gostling's brother, Frank, also an important member of the well-known local building firm, died recently at the age of 93, and **Hannah Stanton's brother, Tom**, now living in Mirfield the mother house of his Order, reached the age of 90.

You may not know that if you visit **Richmond Park** and stand on King Henry's Mound, looking east you can see the famous view of St Paul's Cathedral - if you turn round to see the other panorama you can see the equally famous spire of St James Hampton Hill!

Around the Spire will always welcome any news items from readers who may know interesting things of which the editors are unaware.

YOURS FAITHFULLY

Paul Fitchett



PRILL HINCKLEY

Paul has been with the 3rd Hampton Hill Scout Group for 14 years: three with the Beavers and 11 and counting as Scout Leader.

When and why did you come to St James? Carol and I came to St James in 1986, shortly after the birth of our first daughter Kelly.

What have you valued most throughout your life at St James?

The stability and support that St James and its people have brought to the formative years for our children.

How did you become a Christian? I was brought up as a Christian by my parents, who were active in our local church. I attended Sunday School before moving to our version of Young Church. As a teenager, however, the demands of rowing took me away from the church.

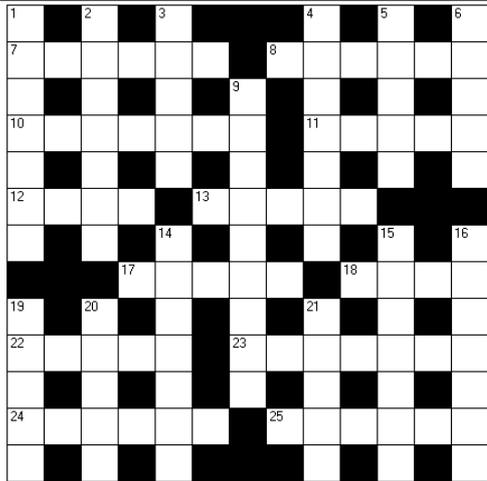
What part of life at St James has particularly inspired you? I'd have to say it was the youth side, as it was thanks to St James that I was introduced to Scouting, having seen the church parades.

What part of life at St James has particularly inspired you? Well definitely joining the Scout Association as a leader. It has given me the privilege of working with so many children as they start their journey to adulthood. Everybody should live their lives by the Scout ethos

What is the most useful lesson you have learned in life so far? As Baden Powell said: 'Try to leave the world a better place than you found it.'

REGISTERS

For March:
There were no entries for this month



Crossword No 200705

Across

- 7 ...a ____ to accuse Jesus (Matt 12.10) (6)
- 8 ...gred, ____, deceit, lewdness (Mark 7.22) (6)
- 10 Jericho's king sent one to Rahab in Joshua ch. 2 (7)
- 11 Its capital is Lhasa (5)
- 12 Far eastern country (4)
- 13 Like the arrows in Psalm 45 (5)
- 17 Like stolen water, according to Proverbs ch. 9 (5)
- 18 The remains of Babylon can be found in this country (4)
- 22 Christian symbol (5)
- 23 e.g. Doeg in 1 Samuel ch. 21 (7)
- 24 Plant of pea or bean family (6)
- 25 Substitute (6)

Down

- 1 Fall into tiny pieces, like the ancient mountains in Habakkuk ch. 3 (7)
- 2 The sufferings and death of Christ (7)
- 3 One of the recipients of the first epistle of the NT (5)
- 4 Isaiah ch. 65 predicts that Sharon will become one (7)
- 5 Job ch. 40 compares the behemoth's to rods of iron (5)
- 6 A king's wrath is its messenger, according to Proverbs ch. 16 (5)
- 9 Birthplace of Jesus (9)
- 14 Looking like an angel of God, as in Judges ch. 13 (7)
- 15 One of the manual workers exiled from Jerusalem in Jeremiah ch. 29 (7)

- 16 Compress, as Gideon compressed the fleece in Judges ch. 6 (7)
- 19 Climb (5)
- 20 Smithy (5)
- 21 Joseph said to Pharaoh's ____ (Gen 50.4) (5)

Answers to April Crossword (200704): Across 8 Showers 9 Intro 10 Altar 11 Ephraim 12 Lent 14 Strength 17 Suzerain 19 Wrap 21 Warrior 22 Weave 24 Satis 25 Apostle. Down 1 Israelis 2 Boot 3 Weary 4 Ascent 5 Fighter 6 Stranger 7 Loom 13 Nazareth 15 Happened 16 Traipse 18 Inroad 20 Swoop 21 Wash 23 Acts