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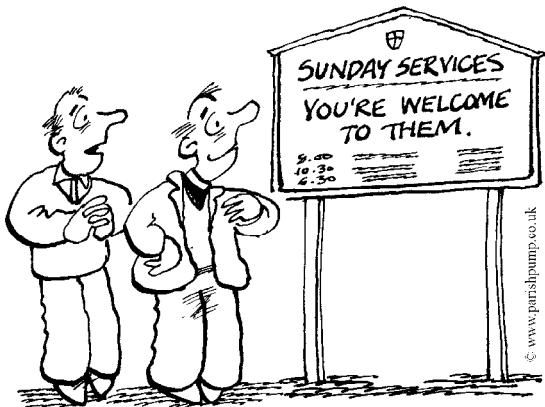
# Our doors are open to all



St James' Church, 46 St James's Road, Hampton Hill TW12 1DQ.

All people who respect one another and our church are welcome here, regardless of their age, race, gender, sexual orientation, disabilities or economic circumstances.

## PULPIT HUMOUR



*...love the new notice board, Vicar...  
...just not quite so sure about the wording...*

## NOTICEBOARD

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LEADER

# The great and the good remembered in special services



**PETER VANNOZZI**

**B**ack in 1888, a new diocese was created in England. A 'diocese' is a geographical area gathering together local parishes and their churches, and presided over by a bishop. (In Hampton Hill, we are part of the diocese of London, which had its first bishop, Mellitus, in the early seventh century.)

The new diocese was Wakefield and it was carved out of the diocese of Ripon to take account of the great expansion in population in what is now West Yorkshire that followed on from the industrial revolution.

The first bishop was William Walsham How. He would be known outside of Wakefield as the words of two well-known hymns were written by him: *It is a thing most wonderful* and *For all the saints*, composed for his new cathedral church of All Saints', formerly the parish church of All Saints', Wakefield.

**Pastoral staff**

On not a few occasions while I was working at Wakefield Cathedral, Bishop Walsham How came to mind. Partly because the cathedral contains an effigy of him, but also because of his pastoral staff.

The cathedral has a fine metal staff in the shape of a shepherd's crook which Bishop How, and the eleven bishops following him, used when in the cathedral.

Often, I stood waiting for the current bishop, the twelfth, with his staff ready for him. There was always, for me, a great sense of continuity at that point.

The staff pointed me to those who had preceded the current bishop, and had also carried that staff as a symbol of their pastoral care of their diocese.

It reminded me of the countless number who had been present at services in that place, both before and after 1888. All the 'saints'.

As Walsham How wrote:

*For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia.*

**All Saints**

I mention this as 1 November is All Saints, which we celebrate on the nearest Sunday, 4 November.

The word 'saint' literally means 'holy one' which itself means someone 'set apart.' This suggests to

us someone who stands out somehow, who is different.

All Saints brings to mind people whose lives have been a powerful example of their faith and pointed to the God in whom they believe. Some will be named, and others will have been long forgotten.

It is a festival with an element of triumph to it. Yet there is another side to the coin - All Souls. This commemoration is on 2 November though again at St. James' we will keep it on the nearest Sunday.

**Our sense of loss**

All Souls allows us to remember those whom we have known and loved, and to acknowledge our sense of loss. Whereas All Saints is bright and joyful, All Souls is more solemn and restrained, and this is reflected in the colour worn by the priest and seen in the altar frontal in a church - white for All Saints and purple for All Souls.

Any triumphant note must always be tempered by the practical reality of human living so that the Church does not run away with itself and be filled with its own importance!

A similar note combining celebration and sombreness is occasioned by the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, observed in this country on 18 November. Christians sadly still suffer persecution for their faith (as do other people of faith.)

One example is the plight of the Palestinian Christians, squeezed between two opposing factions.

The saints today are in many places hard pushed publicly to profess their faith. Lives have been lost, and the feel of All Souls is as appropriate as that of All Saints.

The reality of life roots faith and

makes it plain that it is not an escape from the world as it is.

Dark November, short days, colder weather, but a month in which joy and sorrow are held together in the Christian Year, and underlined by Remembrance Sunday in this country.

**T**he complexities of life are acknowledged and not ignored, and in the midst of it we celebrate saints and commemorate souls. We spare a thought and prayer for those also for whom each day is a struggle because of what they believe.

**Monks in Burma**

At the time of writing, I think of Buddhist monks in Burma as well as hard-pressed Christians in Pakistan.

As Walsham How wrote in 'For all the saints': *And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia.*

**'Complexities of life are acknowledged and not ignored, and in the midst of it we celebrate saints and commemorate souls'**



The monthly column of news and events from Hampton Hill and beyond

Many thanks to all those who spent so much time organising the **concert** by our **young musicians** and the tea afterwards on 7 October. The soloists, small groups, children's choir and St. James's players all performed magnificently and in addition nearly £100 was collected for the Upper Room to add to our harvest gifts.

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**Sarah Clay married** Christopher English recently. We wish them every happiness in their married life.

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Pupils from **Hampton Hill Junior School** and **Clarendon School** have visited the church during the past month, and Peter has also conducted harvest services at Hampton Hill Junior and **Carlisle School**.

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We are pleased to hear that **Toby** and **Rachel Butler** are making good progress after Rachel donated a kidney to Toby (Liz Butler's son). We send them our love and best wishes for speedy recoveries.

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Lisa and Ian Harris, former bellringers, have had a second daughter, Beatrice Rose. The family returned to Lisa's native Australia two years ago.

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Remember that there will be a **stall** selling a variety of **Fairtrade** goods after the 9.30am service on the first Sunday of every month.

## Registers

**For August:**

Owing to technical problems these August entries were incorrect. Our apologies.

**Baptisms**

- 5 Matilda Ellen Welsh, Teddington
- 12 Jacob Samuel Wilkins, Hampton Hill
- 19 Oliver Eden Smith, Kingston; Emily Arwen Slater, Hampton Hill

**For September:**

**Baptisms**

- 1 Nathan James Clements, Sunbury
- 2 Alice Jessica Rees, Teddington

**Weddings**

- 1 Christopher Frank and Kerry Beniston
- 7 Dominic Witherow and Glenda Duggan

**Funerals**

- 25 John Keith Donald, 78, Hampton



YOURS FAITHFULLY

# Ann and Paul Peterken



Ann and Paul both had careers in the IT industry, Ann with IBM and Paul with British Airways. They met when Ann was seconded to a long-term project at Hatton Cross and married at St James' in 1993. Although enjoying early retirement, both keep busy with many interests, not least parish life. Both enjoy exploring the countryside, where Paul's interest in maps and real ale come in most handy!

### When and why did you come to St James'?

I came to St James early in 1982 when I moved to Hampton Hill, but had visited the church five years earlier for the christening of my first goddaughter. I still remember the friendly welcome.

Paul arrived in my life in 1992 and when we were married at St James in 1993 it was very special to be part of a church community that knew and supported us.

### How did you become Christians?

We both grew up in Christian families. For Paul, regular church attendance on a Sunday was a family event. In my case, it was my mother and a Catholic school education that nurtured my attendance at our local church. Paul and I both stopped going to church on leaving home, for no profound reason.

I rediscovered the pleasure of being part of a church community when a friend took me to a Baptist church in White Plains, at the start of a work assignment in the US - hence my wish to be part of parish life when I came to Hampton Hill.

### What do you value most about St James?

Being part of a fellowship of believers who seek to live out their Christian faith in their daily lives. Meeting people who make big commitments for their faith is a constant source of encouragement.

St James is also a very friendly church and a church that is outward looking, knowing it is part of a much bigger picture.

### What is it in Christianity that particularly inspires you?

Christ's message that he has come to enable life in all its fullness. We are each set free to reach our potential and enjoy life, but personal fulfilment is not enough and Christian teaching constantly reminds us to care about our neighbour.

### What difference does being a Christian make to your lives?

Much of modern society is 'froth'. Our Christian faith helps to ground us and be more thankful and contented. It also makes a big difference to the use of our time and skills, especially since we've both been free from paid employment. It is a pleasure to be able to help out and so often we receive more than we give.

### What is the most useful lesson you have learned in life?

That everyone has something to offer and not to make assumptions on first appearances. Working together and overcoming personality differences can achieve so much more than going it alone.

## Your invitation to a House Group

Some years ago members of a Lent group decided to carry on, and have been meeting fortnightly ever since. We have studied various courses and have just finished the York course *Where is God?* Sometimes we study the previous Sunday's lessons in context and how they apply to us today. In the past we have had the guidance of our curates and ordinands, but recently we have acted rather as a commune, asking for help when we have needed it. We meet alternate Tuesday mornings at 81 Park Road at 10 am. We would be delighted if anyone would like to join us; please speak to David Taylor, Pip Rowett or Kath Brooks in church.

THE CHURCH AT WORK

# Greet and meet

## Behind the Scenes part two - Welcoming

This month we look at people who have a special responsibility for making church welcoming. But they are not the only people who need to be concerned about welcoming people to church. It is something for all members of the church community. A welcome can make all the difference for someone coming to a church for the first time. A sensitive greeting, neither being too pushy nor ignoring someone, can help a person feel that this church is for them. Our welcome reflects the welcome of God who, in Jesus, extends a welcome to each person who seeks him.

Today, before someone sets an actual foot inside the church building, they are likely to have dipped a virtual foot in the website. More and more people are looking on the internet and finding our website with a search engine.

The internet provides a perfect tool for people wanting information anonymously. They can browse through the site to see if our church will fulfil their needs. People who are not too sure about what happens can find out about our services, see what happens, what we believe and why. Descriptions and photos of our church, the services and events go a long way toward making a person feel secure enough to make that first visit.

Many people never enter a church building, other than for weddings and funerals so the website can be a powerful tool, explaining what else goes on inside the church and providing an invitation to prospective members to come and enjoy the church's fellowship.

It is now the first place people turn for information and to get a feel for the church community. Our website is also an integral part of our church's outreach to the local community and beyond by being informative, instructive and educational.

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## YOUNG SPIRE

## Evan Almighty

*The Jays* had a great time at the cinema when they went to see *Evan Almighty*. It was thought provoking and has increased their awareness of the environment and how precious it is. They created a great collage that had many endangered species, including wolves, mountain gorillas, bears, spiders, puffa fish, dolphins, seals, elephants, birds and many more great creations. The collage decorated the church during October and the children were understandably very proud of it.



## Intercessions for Harvest Festival

**Emma-Lee**

We pray for the environment; for the future of God's creation - our planet. We ask that everyone thinks of the part they can play in helping to reduce global warming. Let us all understand that every act or effort we make will *altogether* make a difference to the future of our planet. For example, recycling, switching off lights, using less water, walking to school.

**Alice C-B**

We pray for endangered plants and species. Species like the polar bear in the Arctic, which is melting even as we pray. We pray for knowledge and understanding of the role that we as a species play in global warming; and that awareness of these facts will motivate us to make amends in the future. We pray that we can play our part in making the world a safer and healthier place for the wellbeing of our children to come, and future generations.

**Laura**

We pray for all those in the world who are suffering, including Asia, Africa. We pray for an end to their suffering. We hope that the people of the world will be able to unite some day in order to share the resources of our planet more effectively, so that there is less wastage of energy and food - and that those who are hungry can at last be fed. We pray that the world learns to share.

**Katy**

We pray for our Queen, and for Gordon Brown. We pray that Gordon will focus strongly on environmental issues for our planet. We pray for Prince Charles to continue his good works in the area of environmental issues, and that he continues his work with young people to raise their self-esteem and to promote young businesses to think green.

**Stella**

We pray for our local community and the people who live here. Particularly for Bill Jerman and his family at this difficult time. We thank God for our community, and that we live in a relatively safe place where the community spirit is strong. We thank God for our good fortune in being able to benefit from all it offers to bring us together. Sunday school, guides, brownies, scouts, beavers, children's choir, orchestra, and many other activities that we all enjoy.

**Alice Calder**

We pray for our local council, which has been proactive in providing us with recycling points and recycling on our doorstep. We pray that they continue in their efforts to raise people's awareness of Green issues and in making recycling easy for us all to manage. We hope that people understand that their actions on an everyday basis do count. For example thinking about whether to walk or drive; recycle the cardboard or just throw it in the bin; keep the tap running during teeth brushing or just when you brush your teeth; taking a bath or a shower, and so on. We pray that everyone understands that every effort they can make, no matter how small, will make a difference.

**Isobel**

We pray for the world and hope we get many opportunities to make it a peaceful place. We pray that gun crime will be stopped. We pray for those who have suffered or died unnecessarily - especially for our soldiers in Iraq. We pray that people will start to have faith in each other - and that the wars and fighting will stop.

**Olivia**

We pray for all those who are sick, and those who are in hospital. We pray for their families who support them and give them comfort. We pray also for those who have recently died and those who grieve for them.



## November

November is the eleventh month of the year in the Gregorian Calendar and one of four Gregorian months with the length of 30 days.

November's flower is the chrysanthemum. November's birthstone is topaz (yellow).

**St. Andrew the Apostle**

30 November

Andrew, like his brother, Simon Peter, made his living as a fisherman on the Sea of Galilee (in present-day Israel). They lived in the Holy Land in the ancient city of Bethsaida. Andrew became a disciple of St. John the Baptist, but when John pointed to Jesus and said, 'Behold the Lamb of God', Andrew understood that Jesus was greater. So Andrew decided to follow Jesus, and he had been with Him only a short time when he realised that He was the true Messiah.



So Andrew became the first disciple of Christ. And as the first to be called by Jesus into His service, Andrew is known as 'First-called'. Later, Andrew brought his brother Simon (St. Peter) to become a disciple. At first the two brothers continued to carry on their fishing trade and family affairs, but later, Jesus called them to stay with Him all the time. He promised to make them fishers of men, and this time, they left their nets for good.

Andrew accepted Christ with all his heart and became one of the greatest missionaries in all history. It is believed that after Jesus ascended into Heaven, when the apostles drew lots to decide where each of them would preach the word, St. Andrew went to Asia Minor, part of Greece, and an area along the coast of the Black Sea, including its gateway, the city now known as Istanbul, or Constantinople.

The governor of Patros was furious with Andrew for his preaching and ordered him to stand before the tribunal in his attempt to do away with the Christian faith. When Andrew resisted the tribunal the governor ordered him to be crucified. He is said to have been put to death upside-down on a diagonal cross, to which he was tied, not nailed. He lived three days in that state of suffering, still preaching to the people who gathered around their beloved Apostle.

Several centuries after the death of Andrew, it is said that some of his relics were brought by a missionary named Rule to Scotland, to a place then known as Fife, but now known as St. Andrew's, and best known as the site of a world-famous golf course and club. For this reason, Andrew is the patron of Scotland.

Because Andrew was the first Apostle, his feast is taken to be the beginning of the Church Year, which is Advent. The First Sunday of Advent is the Sunday on or nearest his feast. St Andrew's Day is actually 30<sup>th</sup> November.

St Andrew's symbol is a white cross on a blue background. As Andrew is believed to have died on a diagonal cross, this, therefore, came to be called St. Andrew's cross. The blue stands for the sky.



**THOUGHTS FROM THE JAYS**

**HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE**

**Stella:** I felt less nervous saying my prayer for the intercessions as the service seemed less formal and I liked that.

**Isobel and Stella:** When we were doing the collection we saw that everyone was contributing generously to the food table and we realised that all that money would go to the same charity.

**Alice Calder:** I liked it when Peter involved all the children in his sermon. He asked them lots of questions and made it interesting for them.

**YOUNG MUSICIANS CONCERT**

**Ursula:** I think it was a great idea. I was given the chance to play my instrument. Next year I would like to fill the church with more people. I think we should support it and be more active and talk to other people about it, so they know they can play their instrument, or come and see a performance.

**Olivia:** I think it is important to that people realise that they do not have to be fantastic at their instrument. They could still play something even if they have only just started learning.

**Alice C-B:** I really enjoyed it. I played in a lot of things. I really think they should keep the older children's choir going for next year. That was really good for us.

**Alice Calder:** I liked the way that music brings us all together. I also think it is a wonderful thing for Martin and Susannah to give up so much of their time to run something we all get so much pleasure out of.

**Emma-Lee:** What I liked most about the concert was singing with the friends I have been with since I first started going to the children's choir when I was seven year's old.

**Lily-Ann:** I enjoyed playing my violin and recorder and was really pleased that I could play the parts. I was really excited on the day and looking forward to performing. My favourite part of all was the children's tea party afterwards!



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**Victims of war inspired to overcome exclusion**



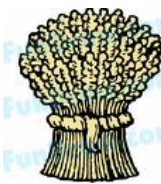
St James has supported this UK registered charity (originally called Jaipur Limb campaign) for several years. In Angola it works in partnership with an NGO called Liga de Apoio a Integração dos Deficientes (LARDEF) to help tackle the social exclusion and poverty that affect an estimated 1.2 million disabled people in post-conflict Angola.

Carla Luis, their National Co-ordinator is a double amputee as a result of the civil war that lasted 27 years in Angola. Undaunted, this inspiring woman has led successful poverty reduction programmes for disabled people among the war displaced populations in Angola.

She is a true example of courage, willpower and determination, qualities which helped her succeed in higher education in a country where disabled people face serious barriers to education - one of the issues government ministers and LARDEF are working together to solve.

The photo was taken during Carla's visit to London in September. Ann Peterken heard Carla speak at City Hall and was inspired, not only by Carla, but also by the staff at DDP - a small charity that makes a big difference.

**Harvest Festival gifts**

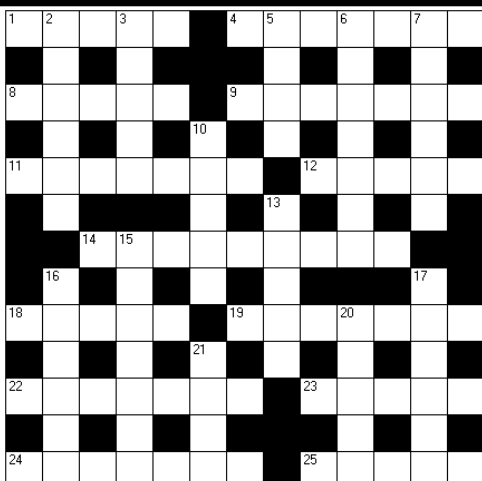


A big thank you for the gifts received for SPEAR in Richmond and The Upper Room in Hammersmith.

**SPEAR** also need sleeping bags, blankets, duvets and mobile phone handsets which are in working order and come with a battery. Contact the parish office or Ann Peterken on 020 8891 5862 if you can help with any of these over the coming months.

**Fairtrade this Christmas**

Fairtrade products for baking and for edible gifts will be on display in the Church Hall from 10.30 am on 4 November and 2 December. Order forms are available in church and on the website. Your orders will also help support St James.



**Crossword** No 2007011

**Across**

- 1 The wicked are gone when this has swept by, says Proverbs ch. 10 (5)
- 4 Sport involving bows and arrows (7)
- 8 Plastic (5)
- 9 Last book of the OT (7)
- 11 Book of sacred songs (7)
- 12 Parish parson (5)
- 14 Profanation of something holy (9)
- 18 A third of the day was without this illumination in Revelation ch. 8 (5)
- 19 ...a sword, not of \_\_\_\_\_, will devour them (Isa 31.8) (7)
- 22 Disburdened by confession (7)
- 23 From which the idol in Psalm 106 was cast (5)

- 24 ...speckled or \_\_\_\_\_ female goats (Gen 30.35) (7)
- 25 Transgressor of the 8th commandment (5)

**Down**

- 2 Cause of death of the fish in Isaiah ch. 50 (6)
- 3 Description of the robes worn by Herod in Acts ch. 12 (5)
- 5 Use a sickle as commanded by an angel in Revelation ch. 14 (4)
- 6 Description of the balm in 2 Chronicles ch. 28 (7)
- 7 Warm up again (6)

- 10 My \_\_\_\_\_ is with Israel's princes (Jud 5.9) (5)
- 13 Shem became the father of Arphaxad two years after this, says Genesis ch. 11 (5)
- 15 Person not believing in God (7)
- 16 Clergyman in charge of a diocese (6)
- 17 Split (6)
- 20 ...his \_\_\_\_\_ whiter than milk (Gen 49.12) (5)
- 21 Hereditary determinant (4)

**Answers to October Crossword (200710):** Across 7 Church 8 Samson 10 Washing 11 Leper 12 Esau 13 Gnash 17 Flash 18 Gong 22 Cream 23 Ezekiel 24 Ravage 5 Odious. Down 1 Scowled 2 Tuesday 3 Scrip 4 Lawless 5 Asaph 6 Snare 9 Agonistes 14 Plumage 15 Monitor 16 Ageless 19 Scorn 20 Weave 21 Leeds.