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## We are Sailing...

Kirstie and Neil Hird chart their way along the UK coast, including a visit to Padstow, Cornwall — the first step in realising their dream to sail around the world [Pages 4-5](#)

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# Welcome

## August / September 2011



This edition of **THE SPIRE** has a nautical feel with Kirstie Hird and family's adventures bringing their new boat home. Unfortunately, since their journey, the boat has had serious engine trouble and they have not been able to enjoy sailing as they had hoped. Thankfully the boat is now fully repaired and they are hoping to make up for lost time. They were fortunate that the engine trouble didn't develop until they were home.

*Your Voice* this month focuses on the RNLI and Jill Goddard's involvement with the local Twickenham Branch. It is 50 years since the branch's formation and by last December the members had raised £1 million for the RNLI. Congratulations to them for this magnificent total.

On behalf of all **THE SPIRE** team, I trust that you all enjoy some rest and refreshment over the summer holidays with, hopefully, some good weather.

Best wishes

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### Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am Parish Communion

### 7 August — 7th Sunday after Trinity

1 Kings 19.9-18; Romans 10.5-15  
Matthew 14.22-33

### 14 August — 8th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 56.1,6-8; Romans 11.1-2a,29-32  
Matthew 15.[10-20]21-28

### 21 August — 9th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 51.1-6; Romans 12.1-8  
Matthew 16.13-20

### 28 August — 10th Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 15.15-21; Romans 12.9-21  
Matthew 16.21-28

### 4 September — 11th Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 33.7-11; Romans 13.8-14  
Matthew 18.15-20

### 11 September — 12th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 50.15-21; Romans 14.1-12  
Matthew 18.21-35

### 18 September — 13th Sunday after Trinity

Jonah 3.10 - 4.11; Philippians 1.21-30  
Matthew 20.1-16

### 25 September — 14th Sunday after Trinity

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-32; Philippians 2.1-13  
Matthew 21.23-32

### Mondays-Fridays

(but not Tuesdays)

9.15am Morning Prayer

### Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

### 1st Wednesday in month

3 Aug and 7 Sep

7am Holy Communion

### 1st Thursday in month

4 Aug and 1 Sep

2pm Holy Communion

# Leader Column

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## Seeing the light? The face of God, not the end of the world



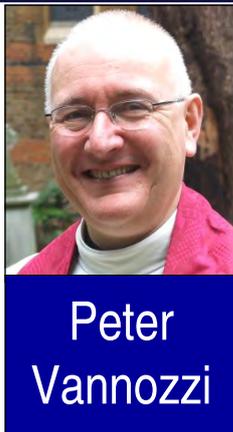
It is a horrible irony that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August 1945. In the Christian year this day is celebrated as a special day — that of the Transfiguration of Christ. In the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke, the story is told of Jesus going apart to a mountain with a core band of disciples — Peter, James (our patron saint) and John. There his appearance changed — the experience is dazzling. He is seen by the disciples with Moses and Elijah, representatives of the line of faith in which Jesus stands. A voice is heard proclaiming that this is God's beloved Son. Later in the New Testament we find the incident briefly alluded to in the Second Letter of Peter. There the writer refers to Jesus's 'majesty', and 'honour and glory'. (2 Peter 1.16, 17).

So 6 August is a very positive day in the Christian year as Jesus's identity is revealed. Those who follow him have cause then to reflect on the implications for them. The irony comes in that whereas the Church celebrates the brightness of Jesus that reveals this person who came for the good of the world, the brightness seen at Hiroshima (and Nagasaki) heralded terrible death and destruction. In some awful way humanity 'came of age' as it realised what it could do with technology. The horror of the Holocaust indicated in a different way the worst side of human ingenuity when mass murder was performed on an industrial scale.

The use of nuclear weapons finally to end the six years of the Second World War still causes debate. Some will see their use in 1945 as the lesser of two evils, arguing that more people would have died had they not been used. So many had suffered so much (and some, including military veterans, still do). Others will see their use as simply making the Allies no better than those against whom they fought.

Robert Oppenheimer, a scientist intimately involved with the development of the atom bomb, quoted from the Hindu work, the *Bhagavad Gita*: 'I am become death, the destroyer of worlds.' He did not rejoice in this. I can only hope that no-one ever will. Ever since, nuclear weapons and nuclear power have been matters of great debate.

Today, governments must decide the way to proceed on these distinct yet related matters. So with nuclear weapons



Peter Vannozzi

— how to prevent their falling into the 'wrong' hands? How many should be kept by nations that already possess them? With nuclear power, is the best way the path Germany has taken, seeking to end their use of nuclear power, especially in the light of the earthquake in Japan earlier this year? Perhaps the feast of the Transfiguration can inform our thinking a little.

A constant theme of Christian thought is that Jesus shows God to us. If he does not, and is merely a good man, then the whole enterprise of Christian faith and practice is pointless. If Jesus does show us God, then his words and deeds, interpreted and wrestled with, must be applied. Jesus does not hesitate to challenge people, but this is because he

offers something better to them than the life they currently know.

If something of God's glory was seen on the mountain in the face of Jesus then conventional ways of living just do not seem enough any more. The challenge of the Church must always be to ask those who possess nuclear weapons why they have them, and what they intend to do with them. Only the most extreme, whether religiously or politically, can seriously consider their use.

The Church witnesses to the light seen in the face of Jesus that showed to people the presence of a loving God. It can never be sanguine about a light that witnesses to devastation; and shows what, exactly? Perhaps human ability to undo creation itself.

The Church has a task to talk constructively about the real issues of the day — including the nuclear issue. This is not always easy as the current (and previous) Archbishop of Canterbury discovered. It is sad that the Church still has to justify speaking about matters outside of the narrow definition of religion that secular society allows. Any faith is, by its basic nature, concerned for all of life. If it is not, then it is useless, as it is not really about real life at all.

So what path will be taken in the future when we consider nuclear issues? We cannot know, but only hope that decisions will make for people's fuller living, and not for their dying. May the light from the face of Jesus shine brighter than the light of our weapons.

## In Thought and Prayer

An extract from a prayer for Hiroshima Day



Let us join in prayer on this day of remembrance for Hiroshima, to recall the past, to be challenged in the present and to seek hope for the future.

O God of power, gracious in love, you have given humankind responsibility to care for all the earth. But we have put our faith in military power, while you call us to build a community of trust and love.

By our actions and by our inaction, and by our participation in the systems of society we often become agents of violence and destruction.

O God of us all, let Hiroshima become for us a symbol of hope that nuclear weapons will never again be used to kill and destroy.



Let us remember Hiroshima as a beacon to commit ourselves to find ways to live together in peace, that we may not be just peace lovers, but peacemakers.

O God of infinite possibility, transform our hearts and minds and give us courage to use our skills and technology to transform weapons that destroy into all that upholds life.



Isaiah said: 'It shall come to pass that the peoples shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks.'

We pray for the time when 'Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.'



## Diocese challenge to meet 100% costs

**COMMON FUND** The London Diocese has challenged churches in the Kensington Area — including St James's — to cover their full costs by 2015. The cost of having a priest in a parish is met centrally through the Common Fund. This includes the priest's pay and housing, and a contribution towards the running of church schools. Richer churches pay more into the pot, poorer churches less. This is then redistributed. This year, churches in the Kensington area covered 92% of the total cost, with the rest met by the diocese. In 2012 the plan is to increase this to 96.7%. Hampton Deanery's churches need to find a further £20,000.

The PCC met in July and agreed to the deanery's proposed increase of £2100 to £76,250 in 2012. St James's is fortunate to be able to be a net contributor, with the surplus going to churches in that may never be able to fully fund their mission. If you would like to know more go to [www.london.anglican.org/Common-Fund](http://www.london.anglican.org/Common-Fund).

■ **Thank you** for the many positive responses to the Planned Giving Committee's recent appeal. There is still time if you have not yet decided about making a regular commitment or increasing your giving.



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■ **St James's Ark**, our group for carers and toddlers, has donated £500 to Welcare, a charity supporting parents, and £100 to church funds.

## A sonic race through history at the palace



**SING** More than 400 people watched choirs from Carlisle Infant School, Hampton Hill Junior School, Lady Eleanor Holles and the Hampton Hill Singers perform a concert at Hampton Court Palace in July. *And All That...* began in 1066 and ended with modern-day tourists. Well done to **Susannah Nettleton** for her inspirational leadership and conducting.



## Registers for June



### Baptisms

**5** Leo Thomas James Vannozzi, Hampton

**19** Sebastian Giffen, Hampton

**25** Malakai Junior Deacon-Charles, Hampton Hill

**26** Amelia Evelyn Eila Carrau, Addlestone

**26** Olivia Mary Day, Hampton Hill

### Weddings

**11** Andrew Paul Streeting and Natalie Anne Whittle, Camberley

**18** Daniel Howard Taylor and Catherine Elizabeth Jones, Hampton Hill

### Funeral

**8** John Henry Butler, 75, Hampton Hill

# Setting sail for a dream retirement

Life on the ocean wave is more than a weekend pursuit for **Kirstie Hird** and husband **Neil**. Their dream is to sail off into the sunset and retirement. First they had to navigate a safe course home for their first 'proper' boat.



Meridian

**A**t Easter 2010 we became the proud owners of our first 'proper' boat — a yacht that will carry us safely on open seas and stormy waters, in which we can live and sleep in comfort. *Meridian* is 36 feet long, with sleek lines and a well-thought-out sail plan. Below decks, she is roomy enough for our usual crew of four, but not so spacious that there's nothing to hold onto when you need to!

We began our adventure of bringing her home, the 'delivery cruise', in May 2010, and spent our first night aboard moored to a buoy near Barrow-in-Furness, with only seabirds for company at low water.

Morecambe Bay, famous for miles of sand, gave us our first taste of tricky navigation as it contains wind farms and large expanses of shallow water. The view across the stern was of the beautiful Lake District fells, and as they blurred into distance, we had the striking landmark of Blackpool Tower to head for. We brought the boat safely into Fleetwood Dock.

We loaded our gear onto the boat and settled for a short night as we needed to catch the 0600 opening of the lock gates the following morning.

Now we were really heading south, down to Conway in North Wales. The weather was fair and we had a good sail. Neil and I grew up in North Wales, so there was a poignancy in steering for the familiar skyline of the mountains of Snowdonia. Towards the end of a long 13 hours, the wind had strengthened and we were cold and tired. As we finally slipped into the channel that leads to the marina, the sun came out — a balmy spring evening.

We quickly established a routine to achieve 'happy hour' — for the boat, not her crew! The boys put the boat to bed while the girls tidied up below and cooked supper. It always amazes me how easily a boat converts from a sailing vessel to a floating caravan; but it only happens if everything has a home and is kept there.

On Sunday morning our first visitor arrived — my mother, still resident in North Wales, and a former sailor of the warm sunshine and Greek tavernas sort. After a thorough inspection she declared her 'a proper boat'. High praise indeed!

The next time slot we managed was at Pentecost, the May Bank Holiday week. We headed off along the North Wales coast, familiar from our childhoods, although not from this

viewpoint, towards our sailing nursery, the Menai Straits, between the mainland and the Isle of Anglesey. When planning this leg, I had been disappointed that we would not be able to slip along this passage and rekindle so many memories of early sailing experiences with my late father, without whom none of this would ever have happened. When it came to it, however, I was thrilled to see the 'outside' of Anglesey, as Dad and I had never managed a circumnavigation, and I felt that I had almost completed the circle. It's a wild and beautiful area, rich in wildlife: we spotted seals, as well as gannets, oyster catchers, and shearwaters, who skim the undulating surface breathtakingly.

We tucked safely into Holyhead, a busy port for commercial traffic and ferries to Ireland, where we were delighted to find our support crew waiting.

Daniel and Nadia Goodman, originally from New Zealand and good dinghy-sailing friends of ours, had agreed to join us for our first overnight passage. Cardigan Bay, on the West coast of Wales, is notoriously difficult to navigate, as much of it is shallow, and it faces the full brunt of the Atlantic weather, so we had decided to bite the bullet and go straight from Holyhead to Milford Haven in one 'hop' of over 30 hours. Dan has experience of sailing big boats while Nadia breezed her first time on a yacht.

People often ask if it's scary or dangerous, sailing at night, but in my experience it's neither. We are both qualified sailors, so we know the theory of navigation, how to identify lights and what to do about them, and of course how to handle an emergency. However, there are so few vessels in such enormous



Dancing with delight: the pod of dolphins off Lundy

Ahoy there! Neil, Megan and Will aboard *Meridian*



expanses of water, hazards are few and far between. This allows those on watch to gaze in awe at a night sky, when clear, rarely seen from land, because of light pollution. Watching a sun set and a moon rise instils an incredible sense of balance with the natural world. In summer, nights are relatively short, and becoming aware of the first lightening of the sky, really uplifted me — lack of sleep quite forgotten.

We were still wearing full wet weather gear, but when we arrived in Milford Haven and our guests set off to find the railway station for home, we strolled around the harbour in summer clothes, eating ice creams. The harbour was built for ships to collect coal from the valleys, and the town is typical of so many whose industrial heyday has long past.

After a full day's rest, we set off once again, intending to cross the Bristol Channel to dine in Padstow, on the north coast of Cornwall: Rick Stein, Jamie Oliver... The wind had died and we trudged across a slick millpond past the island of Lundy.

Suddenly the cry went up 'Dolphins!' and bobbing across towards us was a group of these fascinating mammals. We cut the engine and hung over the guardrails to enjoy the show. The calmness of the sea meant we could see clearly down to where they were ducking under the keel and around the bows, obviously full of joy just to be alive. Before long their friends joined in the party, entertaining us with a private show by this pod of a dozen. That afternoon will stay with me, a treasured memory of those beautiful creatures, all and only ours for that moment.

Except that it was more than a moment...eventually, we realised that we'd taken hundreds of photos and spent so much time enjoying them that we were likely to be late for the tidal gate into Padstow. We brought the engine back up to cruising speed — and the dolphins apparently saw this as a challenge, as they swam effortlessly alongside.

Inevitably, we missed the tide and decided on an unscheduled second night passage to the south coast of Cornwall. We organised the watch rota and settled down to another stunning sunset. Neil took the first watch, and when I came on deck to relieve him in the early hours the sky was again ablaze with stars. He told me he'd earlier heard an odd, yet familiar noise at the stern. When he peered over the stern he saw that the dolphins were keeping watch with him!

Dawn broke, although it took me a while to realise that the light at Pendeen, whose unique pattern of flashes I'd been watching for hours, had not disappeared but been extinguished by daylight. The rock formations that identify Land's End are spectacular at sunrise, and rounding that infamous headland was unforgettably moving.

We carefully negotiated the entrance to Newlyn Fishing Harbour, and gratefully tucked into an available berth. We chatted with the owners of a pretty little boat called *Gingerbread Man*, who showed the kindness and generosity so common amongst the sailing fraternity, offering us transport from our next stopover (their home port) to the local railway station.

Soon after our arrival, the Newlyn lifeboat came in with a rescued yacht, and we counted our blessings to

have travelled so far without incident. Newlyn has the best fish and chips I've ever tasted!

Our final passage of this section took us across the mouth of the Helford River, the setting for Daphne du Maurier's *Frenchman's Creek*, and brought us to Falmouth, the point of departure for so many round-the-world sailors. The River Fal must be one of the most beautiful places to sail in England. A huge seal was enjoying the sunshine at the foot of the Black Rock marker, although Neil wasn't happy that I steered us 'nearly close enough to count his whiskers'!

We had a fantastic sail to Mylor Yacht Haven, *Meridian's* resting place for the next few weeks. It's a curious thing, but the longer I spend on a boat, the less I want to return to 'real life' on land.

The final part of our 800-mile journey was along the western end of the English Channel. At the end of July, while Will attended a Scout camp, Megan helped us sail from Fowey to Yarmouth, on the Isle of Wight.

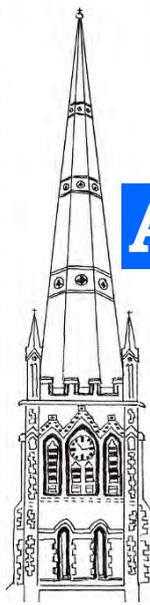
You're never far from the RNLI around our coast, and we were witness to a full-scale rescue. A diver had been reported missing and we watched as two lifeboats and a helicopter responded to the call. We followed the drama on our VHF radio. The diver was eventually brought safely to the surface, having become entangled in some discarded fishing nets.

Our next stop was Salcombe. Heading the next day for Weymouth, we were lucky again with the conditions at Portland Race, a notoriously rough area of conflicting tides around the Bill. Poole Harbour is another tricky area, busy with ferries and strong tides combined with shallows. It was lovely to revisit it in our big boat, as we'd twice trailed our dinghy there to sail in true *Swallows and Amazons* adventures.

Sailing up the Needles channel at the western end of the Isle of Wight brought back happy memories for Megan, who'd sailed a 70-foot Tall Ship, the *John Laing*, of the Ocean Youth Trust (South) there the previous summer. By Yarmouth Harbour we knew we were nearly home, with a huge increase in the number of boats and a reduction in the friendliness of fellow sailors — it's a bit like driving from a quiet country road onto the M25. Yarmouth saw us moored in rafts of four or more boats side by side. We found a lovely restaurant for our last meal out, and the final few miles brought us safely up the River Hamble, past millions of pounds-worth of yachts, to our home berth in Lower Swanwick.

Now we have six years to play, practise, design and dream — ready to go off round the world when we retire...

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# Around the Spire

NEWS FROM HAMPTON HILL AND BEYOND

## New ringers get to grips with the job

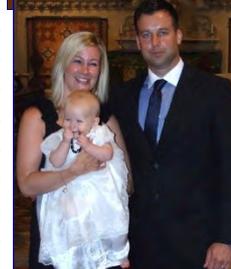


**William Nettleton, Lucy Beer, Sophie Wax and Robyn Wallace** have spent most Saturday mornings since January learning to ring the bells and are now starting to help with Sunday ringing. Welcome to the team!

■ **Edward Patey**, son of Elizabeth Wilmot, married Sarah Rossiter at Treown, near Monmouth, on 25 June. We send them our congratulations and best wishes for the future.



## A real family affair for baby Amelia's baptism

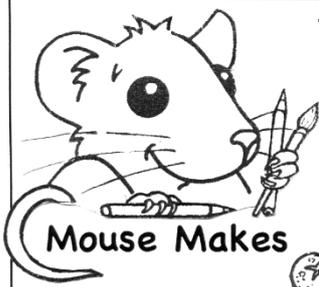


**Amelia Evelyn Eila**, daughter of Caitlyn and Rory Corrau, pictured left, grand-daughter of Coryn and Ian Robinson and great-granddaughter of Hal and Eila Severn, was baptised on 26 July. She wore the christening gown made for Coryn by Eila and her mother Vivienne Prentice, and was baptised on Vivienne's birthday in the font given in her memory.



Join our Sunday School and explore the world!

# Young Spire



## Mouse Makes

Read the full story of the feeding of the 5000 in John 6:1-15.

Find these words on the picnic rug:

- BARLEY • MIRACLE • CROWD • TEACH •
- GRASS • GATHER • BASKETS • SHARE •
- BREAD • LOAVES • FEAST • SIT • TWO •
- DISCIPLES
- ATE • SAT
- HUNGRY
- BOY • EAT
- FIVE
- FISH
- JESUS
- PIECES
- GOD
- FULL
- FEED
- TWELVE
- THANKED

### The Large Crowd and The Big Picnic

Thousands of people had followed Jesus to the other side of the lake to listen to his teaching.

All that the disciples had to feed them was **five** loaves of barley bread and **two** fish but Jesus took the bread and fish and gave thanks to God. They all had as much as they could eat and there were still **12** baskets of bread left over!



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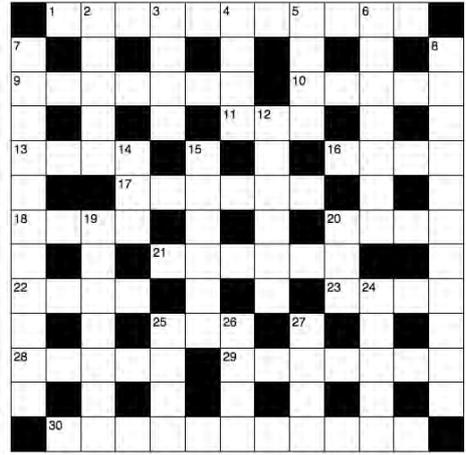


## Summer Term with the Jays

This term the Jays have been looking at Bible Heroes and on this Sunday in June they learned about St. Paul.



## Crossword



### Across

- 1 In David's battle with the Arameans, 700 of these were killed (2 Samuel 10:18) (11)
- 9 'No —, impure or greedy person has any inheritance in the kingdom of God' (Ephesians 5:5) (7)
- 10 City on the banks of the River Nile (5)
- 11 Stamped addressed envelope (1,1,1)
- 13 Taverns (4)
- 16 'Be on your guard; stand — in the faith' (1 Corinthians 16:13) (4)
- 17 'He will not always —, nor will he harbour his anger for ever' (Psalm 103:9) (6)
- 18 and 27 Down Where the magi came from and what guided them (Matthew 2:1-2) (4,4)
- 20 Celtic alphabet of 20 characters (4)
- 21 She married Esau when he was 40 years old (Genesis 26:34) (6)
- 22 A great-grandson of Noah (Genesis 10:7) (4)
- 23 Title accorded to certain Roman Catholic clerics (abbrev.) (4)
- 25 'My house will be a house of prayer; but you have made it a — of robbers' (Luke 19:46) (3)
- 28 Annie (anag.) (5)
- 29 Plead with (Zechariah 7:2) (7)
- 30 Tenth foundation of the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (11)

### Down

- 2 'We have a building from God, an eternal house in heaven, not built by — hands' (2 Corinthians 5:1) (5)
- 3 Uncommon excellence (Proverbs 20:15) (4)
- 4 'You have exalted my horn like that of a wild ox; fine — have been poured upon me' (Psalm 92:10) (4)
- 5 — Homo ('Behold the Man') (4)
- 6 'He has given proof of this to all men by — him from the dead' (Acts 17:31) (7)
- 7 'Our — is in heaven' (Philippians 3:20) (11)
- 8 'This is a day you are to —' (Exodus 12:14) (11)
- 12 Assault (Psalm 17:9) (6)
- 14 'Jesus found a young donkey and — upon it' (John 12:14) (3)
- 15 Liverpool dialect (6)
- 19 'Remember the — day by keeping it holy' (Exodus 20:8) (7)
- 20 19th Century German physicist after whom the unit of electrical resistance is named (3)
- 24 Nazirites were not allowed to eat this part of a grape (Numbers 6:4) (5)
- 25 'If anyone would come after me, he must — himself and take up his cross and follow me' (Mark 8:34) (4)
- 26 Evil Roman emperor from AD54 to 68 (4)
- 27 See 18 Across

## Sudoku

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Complete the grid so that every row, column, and each 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 once.

Solutions to both puzzles will appear in the next issue

## Solutions to July puzzles

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# What's On

## LOCAL EDUCATION

From long experience as a school governor I found the support of the local education authority always valuable. Our borough's support of schools, above all when going through difficult times, has been crucial. 'Freeing schools from the control of local authorities' and encouraging all schools to become academy schools sounds an attractive and forward looking policy.

But is *competition* the only way to run an education system? Is *cooperation* no longer to be encouraged? What happens when schools are in trouble? Is Government from Whitehall really preferable to the expertise, local knowledge and experience of the LOCAL education authority?

We have moved from a policy where academy status and the extra funding involved was focussed on schools in deprived areas to a policy where all schools are being encouraged to apply for academy status, and the later you apply the less money you receive. Will this really tackle the *No Child Left Behind Act's* challenge or will it result in an education system even more chronically divided by wealth?

## FORCED TO MOVE HOME

People are beginning to realise the effects on London of the housing benefit cuts. A recent report shows that one in six children at primary schools in Westminster may have to move home — and school in most cases — once caps on housing benefit come into force fully from next January. Those who need a home with more than three bedrooms will receive offers of other accommodation in Liverpool and Strathclyde! This exodus is also being experienced in other inner London boroughs. What will this do to the families involved? How would we respond if this happened to us?

London Mayor Boris Johnson said he would not allow 'Kosovo-style social housing'. With ever fewer homes being built and local authorities free to decide their needs and therefore very open to NIMBY (not in my backyard) pressure from their residents, is the market the only way forward? The housing benefit cuts policy was meant to bring down the rents charged by private landlords. Shortage of homes is having the reverse effect. Too late many in the last government are now asking themselves — why didn't we tackle this problem and bring in some kind of rent controls?

## GREECE

For years the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank imposed drastic measures on African countries that became heavily indebted. The citizens had their health care, education and living standards, already very poor, made worse. The issues of governance and corruption at the top were rarely tackled to any effect.

The same policies are now being meted out to Greece and the question is, will their citizens accept the same austerity measures so often faced by Africans?

Not for the first time radical questions are being asked about this whole approach to indebtedness. If you depress economies too much they simply cannot repay their debts and the threat of defaulting on their debts will always be around. The Greeks, not for the first time in history, may be forcing not just the European Union to rethink their policies.

## Picnic in Bushy Park

Sunday 14 August, time tbc, Bushy Park, on football field by Hampton Hill Gate (opposite United Reformed Church)



Please join us for our first summer social event. Don't forget to bring a picnic. There will be a treasure hunt for the children.

## Harvest / Back to Church Sunday

Sunday 2 October, 11am, St James's Church, Hampton Hill, followed by a bring and share lunch

This year we are combining our popular Harvest Service with the annual Back to Church Sunday.



This All-Age Communion, with a parade by our uniformed groups, will be followed by a bring and share lunch, served in the hall. There will be hot chilli con carne and jacket potatoes, together with a selection of cold dishes. Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available by donation.

**We ask that people bring salads and desserts — please see Liz Wilmot on Sundays or sign up for one of the items listed on the events notice board.**

We will again be collecting items for the Upper Room, a community charity that helps the socially disadvantaged in west London. Please bring toiletries and non-perishable

## Le Cúnamh dè (with the help of God)

A spiritual Retreat led by Pádraig Ó Tuama

Friday 5-Sunday 7 August,

Guild Church of St Mary Aldermay, Watling Street, London EC4M 9BW

The Moot Community has organised its first retreat in its new

home in the City of London (by Mansion House Tube station). The retreat is led by Pádraig Ó Tuama, performance poet, theologian, mediator, contemplative and retreat director. You will need to bring a packed lunch for Saturday and Sunday.

The cost is £20 (£12 concessions). To book places go to the website: <http://moot-home-retreat.eventbrite.com>



## Garrick's Temple

Sunday 7 August, Shakespeare on Sunday, Garrick's

Temple, off Hampton Court Road, Hampton TW12 2EJ

This free event features sonnets, soliloquies and scenes from Shakespeare performed by professional actors. The renowned actor-manager, David Garrick 1717-1779, built the temple in 1756 to celebrate the literary skill of William Shakespeare. The temple and gardens, near the junction with Thames Street and Church Street, is owned by the London Borough of Richmond-upon-Thames and managed by a team of volunteers. It is open on Sunday afternoons from 2-5pm until 30 October.

## Vicar's View



foods to this service, or before mid-October, making sure they are well within their 'best by' date.

A flyer of suggested items will be in church in September. The plate collection on 2 October will go to the Upper Room, so please come prepared.

**Back to Church Sunday** is now the largest single local church invitational initiative in the world. It is based on the simplest and shortest step in evangelism — that we should invite someone we already know to something we love; invite our friend to our church. The initial focus was to invite 'back' those who used to attend, but we want to ensure that anyone who doesn't currently attend can be guaranteed a specially warm welcome.

More than 150,000 people have come back to church since the first Back to Church Sunday in 2004 — enough to fill Wembley Stadium and the Emirates Stadium.

Around 3,500 churches from participating denominations welcomed back 51,000 people last year, which is an average of 18 people per church. Let's help St James's Church top that figure in 2011. The Archbishop of Canterbury, seen here at Great Chart, near Ashford, Kent, last year, is again backing the day. Churches in Scotland, Wales and Ireland will also be involved. **Pick up a leaflet in church.**



## Traidcraft Autumn Roadshow

Saturday 10 September, Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ

An opportunity to see all the craft products in the Autumn catalogue. Contact Ann Peterken for details nearer the time on 020 8891 5862.

## Open House London

Saturday 17-Sunday 18 September, various sites

Hundreds of great buildings of all types and periods open their doors, completely for free! It is a truly city-wide celebration of buildings, places and neighbourhoods. For the full list go to [www.londonopenhouse.org/index.html](http://www.londonopenhouse.org/index.html)

## Baptismal Service and Tea

Sunday 18 September, 3.30pm, St James's Church and Church Hall, Hampton Hill

We extend a warm invitation to families whose children have been baptised at St James's Church in the past three years to join us for a short service of celebration followed by afternoon tea and cakes in the Church Hall.

## St James's Theatre Group

Sunday 25 September, 3pm, Grimethorpe Colliery Band, Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond TW9 1QJ

The real stars of the hit movie *Brassed Off*. Tickets £21

**We also have tickets available for the following**

**Richmond Theatre shows:**

Friday 7 October, 7.30pm, **Tartuffe**

Roger McGough's adaptation of Molière's classic. Tartuffe is a beacon of piety and has his feet firmly under the table in the home of wealthy merchant, Orgon. The family smells a rat and hatch a plan to outwit the wily deceiver. We have the best seats for £16 (saving £10).



Sunday 6 November, 7.30pm, **Gardeners' Question Time** The BBC Radio 4 show is one of the most famous and endearing of British institutions. Tickets £22.

Friday 2 December, 7.30pm, **Calendar Girls**

The show's final ever tour. Tickets are £24 (saving £5.50).

To join us for any of these shows please add your name to the list on the church events notice board or telephone Ria Beaumont 020 8943 4336. Transport can be arranged.



# Your Voice

Jill Goddard charts a successful voyage with the RNLI

## The rough with the smooth



Out in all weathers: *City of London II*

**M**y involvement with the RNLI began back in the early 1980s when my late husband, John Denton, was asked by a friend who had been rescued by the *Blue Peter I* lifeboat at Littlehampton to help with Flag Week door-to-door collections. As both his grandfathers had been at sea and John himself had served in the Merchant Navy (we reckoned he had sea water in his veins) he was pleased to assist. And so it all began. I was then asked if I could help with the teas at various events and under the old maxim 'If you can't beat them, join them' I also became involved. In those days we had events like garden parties and charity football matches.

In 1985 we were asked to join the committee of the Twickenham and District branch, a longstanding and very successful branch formed by the Mayor of Twickenham and the Tough family in 1959. This was the start of a rewarding and long-lasting interest in Lifeboats. Before we joined, the branch had lot of support from the cast of *Z Cars* and Arthur Lowe of *Dad's Army* fame was our President. The highlight of these fundraising years was the RNLI Ball, mostly held at the Lensbury Club. It was quite normal to have a grand tombola with more than 150 prizes, all donated. How times have changed!

Every year we have a Lifeboat Service in church to remember the work of the RNLI. Some of you will remember the year when this was held at St. James's Church — complete with yacht in full sail, an anchor and a lifebuoy. These days the service is held at St. Mary's with St. Albans and their vicar is the Teddington Lifeboat chaplain.

Like most other charities, we collect at the local supermarkets. The hours spent there are most rewarding as you meet so many lovely people. Many say, 'You are the only charity I will support'. Some have such interesting stories about their brother/uncle/cousin who is or has been a crew member or been rescued. It is amazing how many people have a link with the sea and lifeboats in particular. The trouble is you spend more time chatting than collecting.

The crews themselves are outstanding. They see nothing special in what they do. When asked why they do it, most reply, 'If somebody needs our help, we go, whatever the weather, whatever the time; we just go'. I recently heard of a 'shout' at Littlehampton on Christmas Day late in the afternoon. Apparently the police had been chasing a man when he ran into the sea. The inshore lifeboat was called, but by the time they reached the area where the man was seen he had come out of the water and been arrested. What a way to spend your Christmas Day! Yet the crew would never dream of saying 'No'.

When John Denton died suddenly in 1995, there was no question of what his wishes were. Donations amounting to

almost £900 given in his memory, went towards equipping a new lifeboat, *City of London II*, to be based at Dover. We were honoured to be invited to the naming ceremony. It was a memorable but sad day. Later our branch visited the Dover lifeboat station and went out on the *City of London II*. I actually steered it — an honour indeed!

Following the Marchioness disaster, the RNLI was asked to provide lifeboat cover for the tidal stretch of the River Thames and in 2002 Teddington Lifeboat Station was opened. Following an intensive fundraising campaign, we raised sufficient to purchase a D-class inflatable lifeboat named *Spirit of the Thames*. At this time the total monies raised since the branch opened was £50,000.

In 2003 I was awarded the RNLI Silver Badge in recognition of my support. This was presented to me at Trinity House in London by Sir Jock Slater, the then Chairman of RNLI. This was a truly memorable day. Our secretary, Freda Hale, has just been awarded her Gold Badge for her work, which was presented to her at the Barbican in May.

Our fund-raising in this area had been going well when, in 2008, our chairman, David Lindsley, suggested that we try to reach a target of £1 million raised by the end of our 50th birthday year. We wondered if we were being too ambitious, but we made it with a month to spare and were presented with a certificate of thanks from the Board of the RNLI in March this year.

Although my involvement with lifeboats has mostly been fund-raising, I never fail to remember what the courageous crews go through and that we must do all we can to ensure that they go out with the best equipment and training money can buy.

■ **Jill Goddard** is vice-chairman of the Twickenham and District branch of the RNLI. For further information about their activities or to contact them go to their website [www.mlitwickenham.org.uk](http://www.mlitwickenham.org.uk) or telephone 01784 211977.



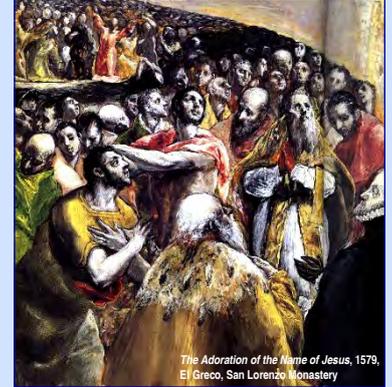
Teddington Lifeboat: *Spirit of the Thames*



## Songs of Praise

The story behind the hymn

### At the Name of Jesus



The Adoration of the Name of Jesus, 1579, El Greco, San Lorenzo Monastery

At the Name of Jesus, every knee shall bow,  
Every tongue confess Him King of glory now;  
'Tis the Father's pleasure we should call Him Lord,  
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name  
From the lips of sinners unto whom He came,  
Faithfully He bore it, spotless to the last,  
Brought it back victorious when from death He passed.

Bore it up triumphant with its human light,  
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,  
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast;  
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.

Name Him, brothers, name Him,  
with love strong as death  
But with awe and wonder, and with bated breath!  
He is God the Saviour, He is Christ the Lord,  
Ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again,  
With His Father's glory, with His angel train;  
For all wreaths of empire meet upon His brow,  
And our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

This popular hymn will be sung at St. James's as the first hymn on 7 August. Its focus is on the Person of Christ and the work of Christ. The words tell the story of Jesus and also say something about his identity. Following on from this, the implications for the believer are expressed. So 'Who is Jesus?' The 'mighty Word.' What did Jesus do? 'Faithfully bore it [his name] and 'brought it back victorious when from death he passed'. What is the disciples of Jesus to do? 'Confess him King of glory now.'

The biography of the writer shows us what lies behind the words. They were written in the 19th century by **Caroline Noel** (1817-77). She wrote various poems in her middle age following a period of illness. Her words indicate the focus of her own faith even in the midst of difficult circumstances — and that is on Jesus.

The text is based on the confession of faith that Paul quotes in **Philippians 2:6-11**. The first verse announces the triumph of the ascended Christ to whom 'every knee should bow'. In verse two Christ is the 'mighty Word' (**John 1:1-4**) through whom 'creation sprang at once to sight'. Verses three and four look back to Christ's humiliation, death, resurrection, and ascension. Verse five is an encouragement for submission to Christ, for us to have the 'mind of Christ', and verse six looks forward to Christ's return as 'King of glory'. The text is not only concerned with the name *Jesus*, whose saving work it confesses, but also with the glory and majesty that attends 'the name of Jesus'.

The hymn has at least half a dozen different tunes.