

HEADLINES WHICH ARE NEEDED

Daily our newspapers and televisions convey to us accounts of conflict among individuals, families and nations as well as between employers and those whom they employ. Frequently we learn of conflict which results in intense pain and suffering to men, women and children who are not able to fulfil their lives due to political instability and economic disorder. Clearly the roots of conflict are in the sinful nature of mankind whose members will not easily admit to personal responsibility for sin or its consequences. Yet sin and its results are a reality which none can ignore. The daily headlines only confirm the more dramatic and important examples of mankind's folly.

When we learn of the bad news let us pause to consider another reality. Years of human failure in so many forms have never caused countless individuals in all parts of the world to despair either of the future or of performing the ordinary tasks of daily life. This continues for millions in a disorderly world full of alarming headlines which often are soon forgotten. Perhaps they have a value in reminding us of the fact that life essentially is ordinary and routine. Christians will affirm that their daily life in office, shop or factory is never meaningless but is a confirmation that God uses men and women in all the various activities of daily endeavour.

Daily life for Christians is a means of fulfilling a ministry which has been given by God. In so many situations there are opportunities to be of service to others yet witnessing to God. These occasions provide the headlines which the world rarely reports. Yet these are the headlines which the world desperately needs. To provide them we will need courage, understanding and determination. These will be given by God if our motives are right and our conviction of the reality that Jesus Christ is alive to-day is conveyed to others by our example.

Clearly the affairs of our community, country and world are our concern and responsibility. Let us seek more and more in our prayers to transform the headlines of anxiety into a proclamation that God is concerned for all men in all places at all times.

David Dore

How good it was to have Seymour Harris back with us taking the 9.30 Service on May 10. Also to have Dawn and the family in the congregation, and we all met up afterwards for the usual refreshments and social chatter.

The beautiful golden chalice was placed on a small table at the foot of the chancel steps so that all who wished could see what the congregation of St. James's had joyfully given to commemorate the happy years of service given to us by Seymour and Dawn.

Alison Thompson

THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

About 50 people attended this year's APCM on 28 April. As announced it was strictly a business meeting, a fact that appeared particularly appropriate in view of the special circumstances during our interregnum. As pointed out by Ron Bridges, who took the chair for the Vestry Meeting, special legal requirements appertain during a time without an incumbent. Not only were these carefully observed but the main meeting of the evening, which was chaired by Bill Robinson, showed that our parish is fortunate enough to have sufficient willing

and expert people to maintain all the essential functions of the church despite the absence of a vicar ; surely a tribute to Mr. Brunt who encouraged this kind of spirit. Nevertheless quite a few sighs of relief will be breathed once our new shepherd takes over to lead us forward. A particularly heavy burden is being carried by Hannah Stanton at this time, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all her work. The feeling that we are going through a difficult time is probably reflected by the result of the PCC elections. Happily, a large number of candidates had volunteered, but it was mainly the "old hands" who were elected, to see us through this year. A special thank you to those younger and more "junior" volunteers — come forward again next year. We do need your involvement.

The new PCC has the following elected members:

Mesdames — R. Bridges, R. Gostling, O. Hayward, M. Lawrance, M. Leatherdale, Debbie Nunn, M. Orton, E. Severn, P. Smith, H. Taylor, M. Taylor.

Messrs. — T. Baldwin, R. Bridges, J. Brownlee, R. Bucknell, M. Childs, J. Gostling, P. Lawrance, H. Severn, D. Taylor.

Hilde Bucknell

ORGAN RECITAL

I am sure that everyone who attended the special organ recital on 3 May found it a most inspiring occasion and would applaud Olive Hayward for her truly superb rendering.

A careful selection of music from the period of Easter to Trinity gave us the opportunity to hear some very beautiful compositions. The two lovely works by J.S. Bach — Toccata and Fugue in D Minor and Chorale Prelude — held special significance for me and left one with a feeling of joy and inner contentment.

Many thanks to Olive for a very special Evensong and may we look forward to more in the future.

Cynthia Holmes

SOME FUND RAISING EVENTS

1) Vera Rockliffe would like to thank all those who supported the "Knit-In" at 40, Gloucester Road on 8 April. Needles worked fast and many squares were produced by the nine ladies present. Those who sponsored the knitters were so generous that a cheque for £142 (one hundred and forty two pounds) has been sent to the Rt. Hon. Baroness Hornsby-Smith D.B.E. for research into those crippling twin diseases of Arthritis and Rheumatism. This was a special "Knit-In" for the International Year of the Disabled Persons.

Very many thanks to both knitters and their sponsors.

2) As a result of a successful Coffee Morning held in Wayside on April 30 by the Mothers Union and Young Families Group we were able to present a cheque for £41 to Mrs. Mary Newman when she came to tell us of the work she does for the disabled people of Hampton and Hampton Hill. This amount will help to swell the fund which is being launched to provide another ambulance so that more disabled will be able to enjoy holidays and outings.

Many thanks to all who attended.

3) The Mothers Union Austerity Lunch on Wednesday 15 April raised £33.85 for Christian Aid.

MAGAZINE APPEAL

Many thanks to those people listed below from whom donations have been received since our last issue. The Editorial Board is most appreciative of your support: Mrs. S. Roberts, - Brown, N.B. Cox, A.L. Black, J. Metcalf, P.A. and E.F. Howard, Mrs. J. Jeffries, J. Thompson, Ms. J. Cox, Mrs. C. Tipper, G.M. Shackleton, Anonymous (Cranmer Road), Mrs. J. Sanders, E.M. Bowden, L.M. Apthorpe, M. Mullan, Mrs. B.D. Smith, Mrs. L.E. Barry.

Margery Orton

THE CHURCH'S MINISTRY IN THE 1980'S

The Kensington Area Synod met for the first time under the new Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Mark Santer, on 18 March 1981. His presidential address "The Church's Ministry in the 1980's" was so unanimously acclaimed that it was decided to circulate it to every parish in the Area.

The Bishop began by saying that all Christian ministry is a participation in the ministry of Christ himself. "As the Father sent me, even so I send you." (John 20,21). The Father sent the Son to redeem the world. If we belong to Christ, that is also our task. Too often we forget that it is a *costly* task. According to the New Testament, the price of our peace is the cross of Christ. If Christ sends us as the Father sent him, he invites us to share that cross as a means of sharing with him in bringing his peace. There is no room for a Christianity which is merely a matter of hearing and talking and not doing and suffering. Any genuine participation in Christ will be expressed in the hard choices of life — in fidelity, integrity, compassion, the readiness to suffer — and it will be rooted in prayer and in the life of the Christian community. This is where it must be rooted, but not on the whole where it will be expressed. For nearly all Christian witness and mission and ministry go on miles away from 'church', in the business of everyday living.

The Bishop then turned to the particular tasks of the "ordained" ministry. They are the servants of their fellow-believers, sent to bind them together and to hold them to the Gospel. But they are servants of Christ first. Just as the work of Christ is revealed not because he keeps it to himself, but because he shares it with his brothers and sisters in the life of his Body, so the gifts of the ordained minister are for sharing, not for protecting.

In looking at "Ministry in the Eighties", the Bishop felt that one of our fundamental tasks was to ask God to strip us of our illusions. He detailed the following illusions:-

1. That because we have a history as a "national church" we have a right to respect and deference. Respect must be *earned*, not presumed on.
2. That the Church of England is the "only" Church. We share a divided inheritance and are impoverished without one another.
3. That there are infinite resources of money and men. Congregations must provide vocations to the ordained ministry if they expect to *receive* ordained ministers. If they fail to pay for their own maintenance together with proper support for the Church's wider mission, they have little right to *receive* support.
4. That it is only the survival of the congregation that matters. This can lead us to ignore the weak at the expense of the strong and to ignore aspects of the Church's mission and ministry which do not show obvious increases in the prosperity of congregations.

5. That every church building must be maintained. Most important is a Christian presence in every community, which is *not* synonymous with an exclusively Anglican presence.

6. That of the priest's self-image as a nineteenth-century professional. For the characteristics of professionals are intense competitiveness, resentment of outside interference and an emphasis on self-reliance.

In the Eighties we need to concentrate on the following points:-

1. Shared ministry. A *résumé* of the Report of the Working Party on Shared Ministry of the Kensington Episcopal Area will appear in the July issue. We must help one another to bear the burdens that are laid upon us and grow up in love and faith.

2. Clergy must be realistic about their weaknesses. Lay people must dare to be less passive.

3. The current crisis of money and professional manpower must be seen as an opportunity for the development of teamwork.

4. Spiritual counsellors, priests or lay people, will only be credible if they are themselves open to counsel and support from others.

5. The lives we lead, individually and corporately, are our primary means of witness.

6. We need to develop the contemplative element of our faith.

7. We need to develop educational work, especially among adults, if they are to give a confident account of their faith.

8. If we develop a vision of our life as a shared ministry whose aim is our participation in Christ's redeeming of our world, we shall be able to be a little more relaxed about things of lesser importance, such as 'the Catholic cause', 'the Evangelical witness' or 'the parson's freehold'. Our survival as Christians and as humans depends not on the survival of this or that building or liturgy or even of the Church of England. It depends on God, and he does not depend on them.

Finally the Bishop gave his view of his own ministry. He believed that episcopacy in an Area such as Kensington can only be effective if it is shared — with the Archdeacon and Area Deans. He was keen to delegate tasks, such as the supervision of ordinands for which John Gann, Vicar of St. Mary's Twickenham, is now responsible. Confirmations would be reduced in order that he could give more time to parishes as a whole. Likewise decorative preaching engagements, in favour of meeting groups in which he could make real contact with people. His aim was that of St. Paul: to please the Lord alone. His plea to his Flock: if I am to help you to bear your burdens, you must help me to bear mine.

Lesley Mortimer

SOME FORTHCOMING EVENTS

1) Parish Picnic. The Social Committee invites you to a picnic on Saturday 27 June 81. We shall depart from the church in our own cars (plenty of seats for those without) at 2pm and drive to *Caesar's Camp* on the outskirts of Camberley where we shall play Podex, eat a picnic tea provided by the Committee and elect the St. James's Cherry Stone Spitting Champion of 1981.

Tickets 50p each from any member of the Social Committee. Don't miss this happy family outing!

2) Tennis. The Social Committee hope to arrange an informal tennis evening on Friday 17 July. Watch this space and keep your gut dry in the meantime!

Roger Bucknell

- 3) Church of England's Children's Society. The annual Box Opening Evening for people holding Children's Society boxes will be held on July 8 from 7pm-10pm at 68 Park Road. Refreshments will available. Try and come, and bring your box!
- 4) The Friends of Laurel Dene are holding their annual Open Day this year on Saturday 11 July when there will be numerous attractions, stalls and side-shows. Any contributions for the stalls would be gratefully received. Please contact 979-1589. Come along and support your local Old People's Home.

MY PRAYER WAS ANSWERED

Preparing for a visit in the very near future of two Canadians who have expressed a wish to see the grave of Lieutenant Colonel Joseph Whiteside Boyle, a Canadian buried in the churchyard in 1923, I was somewhat at a loss to know what best to do with his grave; should I try to tidy it up, which would also mean work on the nearby graves, or should I leave it as it was with the usual winters growth of grass and weeds? On going to look at the grave one day last week I was horrified to find that some well meaning person had started work already but had apparently found the task too difficult and the grave was left in a state far worse than if it had not been touched.

I was therefore committed and wondered how it would be possible to find time to do what was now required bearing in mind all my other urgent tasks.

Imagine my relief when my wife Margaret, returning from shopping last Saturday morning, saw two men working hard in the vicinity of the Boyle grave, and upon approaching closer noted that they were working on the nearby 'Chapman' family graves. Speaking to them she found that one was married to a grand-daughter of the Chapmans and had come all the way from Mill Hill with a helper. She told them of my concern and a little of the 'Boyle' history. Shortly afterwards when I went to see them, they had decided to extend their efforts to include Boyle's grave and others in the same area.

How grateful I am to Mr. Carr and his helper and please will anyone wishing to help us in the churchyard get in touch with me (979.2426) or David and Janet Nunn (979.6325) before starting work — we can then ensure that their efforts are applied helpfully where best required.

G.I. Robinson Sunday 10 May 1981

THE PARISH HALL

We like to try and start the winter booking season with the Hall as clean and fresh as possible, and this year we have decided, as an experiment, to arrange for a thorough 'Spring' clean during the close season, when the regular uses are at a minimum.

Accepting the risk we will run of some of our otherwise willing helpers being on holiday, we have decided to set aside two Saturdays for the job: they are JULY 11 and JULY 18.

As previously, we are looking for help from active and able-bodied folk from 16 years old upwards — last year the *average* age of our helpers was 57 and it would be appreciated if some younger ones would join in this time.

So that I can have some idea of how much equipment to provide, and how to organise the work, I will be putting a chart into the Church during June, on which I would like volunteers to put their names, and some idea of how long they can spare. Twenty people at a couple of hours each can do an incredible amount! Meantime, do please note the dates in your diary.

Jack Gostling

LADIES CHOIR

The Ladies Choir is open to anyone who loves to sing. We meet on alternate Monday afternoons in the vestry at 2.30pm when we 'have a go' at all kinds of music and enjoy every moment of it.

If you would like to come and see, or rather hear, what we do one afternoon please feel free to come along — you would be most welcome or, 'phone 979.1954 and I will give you further information.

Eila Severn

LITURGICAL DANCE GROUP

We are a newly formed small and enthusiastic group. If you are interested in dancing as a form of worship, please fill in one of the forms to be found at the back of the church or, 'phone Pat Young 979.5629 or Eila Severn 979.1954.

Our regular day and time of meeting has not yet been established so we are flexible.

ROUND THE SPIRE

Some members of the congregation may remember Ken Lapworth who helped Seymour and Rodney Bishop some years ago with the YFP. He has recently died aged only 49 and we should like to extend our sympathy to his widow Ann (nee Jennings) and his three children. Likewise we should like to remember with affection Eileen Moses, who though not a member of our church, was nevertheless a well known figure to many of us. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

A happier event took place on Saturday May 16 when Rosemary Oliver was married to Ronald Woodland by David Bonner in a crowded church. We wish them all happiness in their life together and also to John Oliver and his bride-to-be when they are married in a few weeks time.

By the time this magazine is published Tony and Margaret Lawrance will be safely and happily installed in their new home at Walton. We are sorry to see them go but they assure us of their continued presence among us and we wish them all joy in their new surroundings.

LOOKING BACK

APRIL 1952: Drama Group meeting regularly at its President's home, 63 Park Road. Next venture to be a Passion Play reading for Easter and a visit to "Murder in the Cathedral". (The first of many such enjoyable excursions).

MAY 1952: Vicar wonders "whether we could not do something more to organise the collection of waste paper from the parish". !!!

AUGUST 1952: Vicar's notes: "I suppose this August will go down as one of the wettest ever experienced I have not yet heard how our church with its leaking roof and defective rainwater pipes has stood up to it all but as the deluges have poured down I have imagined streams flowing through it and hassocks floating about". (Not an excessive flight of fancy when one remembers the parlous condition of our church at that time). Mr. Brunt goes on to say that

a Licence for necessary external repairs to the value of £600 had been granted and ends "Next Spring we shall have to consider internal work for which the amount required will be much greater". (How right he was!). Monthly collection of Waste Paper was organised by Mrs. Prentice but unfortunately the bottom fell out of the market and prices fell from 12s. to 2/6d. per cwt. The scheme was therefore abandoned.

SEPTEMBER 1952: New Sunday School to start at Rectory Farm School. Leader: Miss Jean Western (who continued this work until very recently). There were often prayers in the magazine and I quote the one for this month:

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy Peace. Where there is hatred let me show love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled, as to console; to be understood, as to understand; to be loved, as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned; it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

St. Francis of Assisi

P.C.C. Minutes October 1952: Sale of Club Room in School Road and adjoining property for £2750. (This is the building opposite the present church hall. It was built as the village school by Mr. Fitzwygram, later it housed the girls whilst the boys school was on the site of the present hall.)

Arrangements were in hand for an Autumn Fair in the Hall followed by a social evening.

P.C.C. Minutes December 1952: Fabric Fund Appeal, 72 boxes had been issued and over £100 raised. The Autumn Fair (A highly enjoyable occasion) raised £73.

Even at this needy stage in our history it was noted that the Renovation Fund must bear all its own expenses and that the Christmas collections should be given to charities.

Margery Orton

CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

June	14	Martin, F.G. (Chemists) Ltd., 3 Station Approach, Hampton
	21	Kirby, E. & R., 53 High Street, Teddington
	28	Boots the Chemists, 59 Broad Street, Teddington
July	5	Thomas, D.R., 113 Stanley Road, Teddington
	12	Hall, H., 62 High Street, Hampton Hill

ST. JAMES'S YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

Programme Summer 81

April	30	Year of the Disabled Coffee Morning in conjunction with Mothers Union in aid of CCG Handicapped Group
May	7	Talk by Shirley Hill who runs St. James's Nursery School
	14	T.C. (Toddlers Club)
	21	The Rev. Seymour Harris, talk about Baptism
	28	Half Term (no meeting)
June	4	National Health Film "God Bless Mummy and Make Her Good" + Cartoon
	11	T.C.
	18	Deaconess Wareham from the Mothers Union Talk on The Pre-School Child
	25	T.C.
July	2	A Summer Picnic in Carlisle Park
	9	T.C.
	16	A Marks & Spencer Seconds Party
	23	Coach Outing to Crystal Palace 10.30 to 3.00 pm

KIDS KORNER:

Elephant facts

Can elephants jump higher than lamp posts? Yes, lamp posts cannot jump.

What's grey and has a big trunk? A mouse going on holiday.

Why do elephants wear ripple soled shoes? To give ants a fifty-fifty chance.

Quiz

- 1) Which is the biggest elephant? a) Indian b) African c) Asian
- 2) How tall is the tallest elephant? a) 2.5m b) 5.2m c) 3.8m
- 3) How much does the heaviest elephant weigh? a) 5½ tonnes b) 7½ tonnes
c) 7 tonnes
- 4) How small is the smallest elephant, which is the Pigmy elephant? a) 2m
b) 1½m c) 2½m
- 5) How long do African elephants live? a) 50 b) 20 c) 70 years

Answers c) 5 a) 4 c) 3 c) 2 b) 1

SOME DATES TO NOTE

JUNE

- 1 Ladies' Choir meets in the vestry at 14.30
- 3 Mothers' Union Coach Outing to Seaford
The coach leaves the church at 10.00
- 4 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 7 Pentecost — (Whitsunday); 09.30 Monthly Family and Parade Service;
16.30 Welcome Service; 17.15 Service at Laurel Dene
- 9 20.00 Tuesday Club meets at Wayside
20.15 Liturgical Committee meets at 63 Park Road
- 10 20.00 Prayer Meeting and Study Group meet at 75 Burton's Road
- 11 St. Barnabas the Apostle
19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 14 Trinity Sunday
Services are as usual
- 15 14.30 Ladies' Choir meets in the vestry
20.00 Meeting of the Church Council in the vestry
- 18 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 21 Pentecost 2
Services are as usual
- 23 20.00 Tuesday Club meets at Wayside
- 24 The Birth of St. John the Baptist
20.00 Prayer Meeting and Study Group meet at 75 Burton's Road
- 25 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 28 Pentecost 3
Services are as usual
- 29 St. Peter the Apostle
14.30 Ladies' Choir meets in the vestry

JULY

- 2 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 3 St. Thomas the Apostle
- 5 Pentecost 4
09.30 Monthly Family and Parade Service
18.30 Evensong
- 7 20.00 Tuesday Club meets at Wayside
- 8 20.00 Prayer Meeting and Study Group meets at 75 Burton's Road
- 9 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 12 Pentecost 5
Services are as usual
- 13 INDUCTION OF THE REVEREND J. NICHOLAS CHUBB
AS VICAR OF THIS PARISH

The Catechumenate meet every Wednesday at 20.00 and Saturday at 19.00
As shown the Prayer and Study Group at 75, Burton's Road will meet on
alternate Wednesdays unless special arrangements for a particular week are
notified.

The Young Families' Group meet on Thursdays at Wayside at 10.30am.
After the meeting on July 21 the Tuesday Club will not meet until September 8.

The definition of AGAPE – Christian Learning – is to seek the self-
fulfillment of the other person.

Martin Luther King

BAPTISMS

May 10 Susan Patricia Holroyd
16 Wolsey Road

MARRIAGES

May 16 Rosemary Josephine Oliver to Ronald Bryan Woodland

CREMATIONS AT S.W. MIDDLESEX CREMATORIUM

April 24 Harold Morris, 40 Holly Road, aged 72

May 7 Victor Giladjian
Known as Captain or Gilly, 93 Laurel Road, aged 87

May 14 Ada Mary Ann Richards, 210 Uxbridge Road, aged 92
