

## HUMAN WEATHERCOCKS

On the top of the spire of St. James's we have a cross, the symbol of Christ crucified. However, on many churches we see a weathercock so that we can tell from which direction the wind is blowing, but these are not always true as they become stiff with the damp and dirt and sometimes show the same wind direction for years.

Men and women are like weathercocks but we turn not with the wind, but in response to other things. The wind keeps changing from day to day, if it remained the same we would need no weathercocks. In the same way there are many things which blow on our minds and influence us in different directions — some blowing us towards right, others towards wrong. Many people turn with the company they keep; whilst among good people they remain good but are also influenced by bad people. There are others who resemble the church weathercock that has stopped working, they are obstinate and not easily influenced or guided by other people. This can have the advantage of not being easily led astray but good advice is also ignored.

On the first Whit Sunday (Day of Pentecost) the Holy Spirit was represented by the wind. The sound of a great wind was one of the two signs which showed our Lord's disciples that the Holy Spirit had come as Jesus had promised. The noise of the wind was all the more effective as a sign because the Greek word for wind and Spirit is the same.

The Holy Spirit in our own lives is very like the wind blowing on a weathercock. The Holy Spirit puts good ideas into our minds in many ways, through the teaching of the Church, through praying or perhaps through the advice of a good and wise friend. Do we respond like a serviceable weathercock to the wind of the Holy Spirit? Do we turn in obedience or do we act like an out-of-order weathercock and refuse to obey?

In the new Baptismal Service one of the questions the God-parents are asked is "Do you turn to Christ?" In many ways the voice of the Holy Spirit keeps prompting each of us to turn to Christ, to work for Christ, to live like Christ, but prompting is not compelling and we must respond to the Holy Spirit like the weathercock responds to the wind. In our actions and in every part of our lives we must turn to Christ.

God's Whit Sunday present is a lasting one. Since the Holy Spirit came to the disciples on the Day of Pentecost nearly two thousand years ago, He has always been with the Church as a whole and with individual members of the Church who want Him in their hearts. If we make a place for Him, He is with you and me today, to help us in difficulty, to guide us in doubts, to cheer us when depressed and to strengthen our resistance in temptation. If we continue to make Him welcome He will be with us to the end of our earthly lives and He will be with His Church till the end of the world.

Don Rawlins

## PENTECOST WELCOME SERVICE

Do we accept the reality of the Holy Spirit, and are we aware of the tremendous power available to us if we allow the Spirit into *our* lives? It was the questions of this nature that were put clearly before us at the Pentecost Welcome Service by talks and the reading of Acts 2, by singing and two playlets which were thoughtfully written, well produced and confidently performed by members of the Church Youth Club or CYC.

Now that we have a fixed Spring Bank Holiday, there is a tendency to lose sight of Whitsun and even more so of its significance. Whitsun or Pentecost is one of the major church festivals and yet, as the first of the playlets suggested, even when we do recall the coming of the Spirit to the disciples on the day of Pentecost, we tend to yawn! Yet this was the event that transformed and exhilarated the disciples and enabled them to "speak in tongues" and to go out into the world with great courage to spread the gospel. The other playlet was about the problem of communication and of the Babel that results from the increasing specialisation that is a feature of the man-centred life of today. But Babel can be overcome by the Spirit: with God at the centre of our lives, communication is restored. We all should respond, in the words of the beautiful Pentecost song in which we joined, to the "breeze from heaven", the "wind shaking the doors" and the "voice that is calling us, inviting us to travel afar". We might then hope to realise in ourselves the fruits of the Spirit in such measure as to transform our lives.

Many thanks to all involved in putting this message across so effectively and stopping our yawning, and we look forward to further contributions to the life of our church from the CYC.

Ron Bridges

## A THANK-YOU

I must say how much I enjoyed Huw Taylor playing the organ on May 24th. Well done Huw! I wished to express my thanks to him, I was so impressed and touched when I saw him seated at the organ helping us to sing Praises to our God.

V. Clark

## A QUIET DAY AT HAM

On Saturday 30 May a group of us were once more privileged to spend a day at St. Michael's Convent in Ham. I am sure that those of us who have been on more than one occasion are beginning to value these days as times when we can refresh ourselves spiritually. One of my friends refers to this as recharging our batteries and thus our everyday living is enhanced greatly if we are at one with God, in communion with Him, because we have taken time to be with Him.

We began with coffee and biscuits and a pleasant welcome from one of the sisters. Throughout the day we met three times in the chapel to listen to Alan Taylor talking about Jesus's 'Yes to God'. Hannah Stanton on 'People who said Yes to God in past ages' and Tony Lawrance who considered what it meant to say "Yes" to God now. These three talks gave us much food for thought and after each one we were free (in silence) to go into the delightful garden, stay in the restful chapel, visit the library or find a quiet corner of our own for prayer and meditation.

At 12 o'clock we joined the sisters for their midday office. Alan, Hannah and one of the sisters were available should anyone wish to talk to them and here I must say a sincere "thankyou" to Alan for his wisdom with some problems I shared with him.

At lunchtime we listened to some joyful religious music which Violet Clark had thoughtfully brought along, and enjoyed our individual picnics. At the end of the afternoon we met for a cup of tea, and cakes provided by the sisters and the silence came to an end.

I have been asked to say what this day meant to me. I only know that I started it in a very upset and disturbed state of mind, enough to make me consider whether I should go at all. I came away with a sense of well-being, calm and peace and a little knowledge of what it is to forget the cares of life and rest in Christ. It was like old times for me because before I was married and had the responsibility of a family I went on several weekend retreats and found them to be stepping-stones into the presence of God. I always find that one is directly influenced by the look of peace and joy on the faces of one's friends on these occasions as joy and peace seem to be infectious.

We all hope that there will be many future occasions for quiet days or even a weekend and we extend our sincere thanks to all who strove so successfully to make this day such a worthwhile experience. In the words of Michel Quoist, on that day I found that:

"Lord, I have time,  
I have plenty of time,  
All the time that you give me,  
The years of my life,  
The days of my years,  
The hours of my days,  
They are all mine.  
Mine to fill, quietly, calmly,  
But to fill completely, up to the brim,  
To offer them to you – that of their insipid water  
You may make a rich wine such as you made once in Cana of Galilee.  
I am not asking you tonight, Lord, for time to do this and then that,  
But for grace to do conscientiously, in the time that you give me,  
what you want me to do."

Janet Jeffries

## A TRIBUTE

My two sisters, Laurie and Merlyn Browne, join me in extending to Dorothy Edmonds and all members of the Mothers Union of St. James's Church our love and warmest thanks for the delightful coach outing they gave us to the seaside on June 3, and for all the kindly help and attention showered on us. Dorothy's kind invitation to join the party afforded us great joy and pleasure and will long be remembered!

We enjoyed the drive to Brighton and then on to Seaford and it gave us great joy to meet again our well loved ex Vicar and Mrs Brunt; we thank them too for their kindly hospitality – and what a lovely tea it was! The gorgeous sunny weather enhanced the beautiful scenery through which we were driven. The visit to St. Leonards Church in Seaford was most inspiring and we thank the Vicar for the interesting talk he gave all of us.

Many thanks again to all our good and kind friends in Christ Jesus.

Coral McCarthy

## SCOUT GROUP NEWS

**Our A.G.M.** which was held on May 15 was quite well attended and it was particularly encouraging to see many new parents. We were very pleased to welcome Mr. G.I. Robinson, O.B.E. our Churchwarden and Treasurer, also Mr. David Dore who opened the meeting with prayer. Comprehensive reports had been prepared by each Section Leader and these were circulated before the meeting, also the Accounts very ably presented by our Treasurer, Mrs. Molly Saunders. The G.S.L. then gave a brief resume of the various happenings in the group over the past year after which Mr. George Carr-Hill proceeded with the election of the Committee. Scout Officer Bob Mackett then said he felt the members would like to offer their congratulations to Michael for being awarded The Medal of Merit and Yvonne for attaining the Long Service decoration.

Then followed a friendly get-together with wine and cheese provided, and also an opportunity to view the various Trophies and photographs displayed by the Scouts.

**Fete:** We must have chosen the worst Saturday of the year for this event, although the rain did stop in the afternoon to allow the Cubs to perform their Wild West Show and very competent it was complete with Indians, Cowboys, Saloon, etc. The Local Fire Engine came along and luckily were able to stay the whole afternoon, and as reported in "The Surrey Comet", as we raised about £300 it could not have been quite a "washout".

The Lucky Programme Prize Winner was Mrs. Boyce, 98 Windmill Road.

## TEAR FUND

The Church Youth Club recently entertained Liz Lawson who came to speak about the work of Tear (The Evangelical Alliance Relief) Fund.

Liz started the evening by showing a film strip entitled "A Future and a Hope" that was soundtracked by Garth Hewitt singing a moving song of the same name. After a brief resumé of the work of Tear Fund, Liz "opened" the floor for a flood of questions. The evening was brought to its conclusion by Kate Gaskell who thanked Liz on behalf of the Group for spending an evening with us, and telling us of the many ways that Tear Fund helps all those people in the third world less fortunate than ourselves.

Tear Fund's ministry is to the whole person. It combines practical Christian Service with evangelistic concern which expresses itself in the kind of love Jesus wanted us to have when he said that we should love one another as he first loved us. God knows and cares about the suffering in the world and he wants us to do the same. God also has promised us that He has plans for our welfare, plans for a *Future and a Hope*. As Christians we must share in those plans — and by supporting projects in the third world through Tear Fund we can do just that, sharing in plans that will give a *Future and a Hope* to people who had neither.

Finally, my thanks to Helen Taylor for arranging this enjoyable evening.

## CONFIRMATION CLASSES

There have recently been a number of enquiries about Confirmation, and, following this up, there is a form at the back of the church to be filled up with names and addresses of those who would like to attend confirmation classes starting in the autumn. Those who are interested are asked to indicate if they are under or over 17 years of age.

Our future Vicar, the Rev. Nicholas Chubb, is very pleased to hear of these plans. People may also, of course, send their names to the Vicar during July, August and September, or give them to any of the Readers.

## ST. JAMES'S DAY July 26 WELCOME SERVICE

Our Patronal Festival usually is a very enjoyable occasion, and this year should be no exception. It is the first time our new Vicar will celebrate St. James's Day with us, and he will in fact preach at the festive Welcome Service at 4.30 in the afternoon. This service will also include the second offering of our newly formed Liturgical Dance Group who will contribute a joyful act of praise to our Lord. Weather permitting, the Welcome Service is to be followed by the customary extensive Tea on the Church lawn.

## "GOD'S MESSENGER"

Instead of Evensong in mid-November, we propose singing a very new Cantata "God's Messenger" – about John the Baptist.

We shall begin rehearsing in mid-September – Tuesdays 8-8.45 pm (Vestry). Copies cost £1.75 – not a great expense for two months' singing, and then the pleasure of the performance. The music is not terribly difficult (for the not-so-experienced!). Please let me know if you are coming to sing and need a copy – as we have to send to Derbyshire for them.

Olive Hayward

## LOVE ALL

For those willing to court disaster and with the guts to leave the side lines there is the chance to have a smashing time on Friday evening July 17. Through the generosity of the Head Mistress, Miss E.M. Candy, the Social Committee will once again be able to use the hard tennis courts at The Lady Eleanor Holles School, Hanworth Road for an informal tennis evening from 7 to 9 pm. So get your tennis gear out and prepare yourselves for a very pleasant evening next week. Regulars will not need any prompting!

Roger Bucknell

## MAGAZINE APPEAL

We are grateful to the following people who have contributed since our last issue. The amount so far received is most gratifying and helpful and money is still coming in.

Thank you very much: 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, Mr. & Mrs. I.R. Lloyd, Mrs. M. Ganderton, Mrs. B. Page, R. & G. Manning, Mrs. M. Saunders, Mrs. G. Parr.

Margery Orton

## **"TODAY SHALL BE OUR DANCING DAY"**

All through the ages man has sought to worship God in any one of a number of different ways. Although worshipping God through dance may be a new idea to us, it is of course, a medium that is as old as time. Psalm 150 v.4 "Praise Him in the Cymbals and Dances".

As many of you already know, we have now formed our own small Liturgical Dance Group; we hope to expand later on and we do need a choreographer and someone with a fairly extensive knowledge of music to join us. There is a freedom in Dance and a joy in the use of the body which is not found in more traditional forms of worship. Inhibitions have to be shed very rapidly, even removing ones shoes and socks gives a tremendous feeling of freedom, perhaps the Moslems have the right idea. Many people are very hide-bound, shy and inhibited, but if we are to be really fulfilled people we must be prepared to be more outgoing and loving and I think perhaps dance is one way in which we may be able to achieve this.

Recently some members of our fledgling group attended a Liturgical Dance Day at St. Peters Church, Merton, which is a large modern church without pews but with a lovely parquet floor, perfect for dancing. The day was led by Jenny once leader of the Epiphany Dancers, and Kevin, the present leader. About fifty people of all ages attended including a few men. Men probably find it much harder than women to lose their inhibitions simply because of their upbringing, so it is very brave of these men to try – and terribly important for the Church as a whole. We were put through our paces by Jenny in a limberingup session and after a break for coffee we split into two groups each producing a dance for the end of the Day on the theme of Whitsun. I was in Jenny's group and she quickly sorted us out into various groups – tongues of flame, wind, flames of fire, etc. and in a very short time the dance began to emerge.

After an excellent lunch eaten outside in the sunshine we again split into groups – much smaller this time to produce our own dance on a given theme – Thunder and Lightening, Fire, The Holy Ghost the Comforter, etc. This was a very interesting experience and most worthwhile; the dances that eventually emerged were really very imaginative considering the short time available and the inexperience of some of those present.

After tea all the work of the Day was put together as a form of worship, all the dances were performed interspersed by appropriate readings and finally the Communion bread was passed around – followed by a candlelit procession. The Vicar of St. Peters, the Rev. George Nairn-Briggs appeared in a white cassock and barefoot (his wife had danced with us all day) to lead the service, in which there was a good spirit of unity.

We arrived home tired but very exhilarated with all the new experiences and the hope that, through dance, we might be able to show to others a new facet of worship and a joy in praising the living God.

Helen Taylor

## MEMBERSHIP OF THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION

It may not be generally known that some years ago St. James's Church joined the Twickenham Branch of the United Nations Association as a corporate member. A representative of the church is therefore entitled to attend Executive Committee meetings of the Twickenham U.N.A. Branch. This representative does not need to be a member of the Parochial Church Council; are there any volunteers?

The U.N. needs everyone's support. I quote from one of the latest circulars: "During the past year, many people have been deeply concerned about the breakdown of detente and the escalation of the arms race, bringing with it the possibilities of a nuclear war. People have also been shocked by the tragic plight of many millions of refugees and of hungry people. These urgent problems are the concern, right now, of the United Nations and of the Association you support. The UN exists to find alternatives to war, and to create a better future for the whole of mankind."

Hannah Stanton

## CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY Centenary 1881 - 1981

At the beginning of May with the help of my friend from Sunbury we took two large cardboard boxes full of coins and jewellery to the Society's Collecting Depot at Sheen, and you will realise from the letter which I have put on the Church Notice Board, how much our effort from St. James's is appreciated. I would like to thank all of you who have made this possible - I have discontinued collecting at the moment, but after the holidays I will have more news for you about the Society and what we can do to help its children.

Doris Childs

## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 11 - 16 MAY 1981

My grateful thanks to all the collectors of St. James's who between them collected a total of £453 during this week. Our 1980 Total was £426, so we increased it by £27, 6% up. We might have collected more still if we had managed to cover more roads in the parish and I shall be asking for more volunteers next year.

The total collection for the Hampton Council of Churches was £1975.55, this was £243 up, i.e. 14% on the previous year which is pleasing. It might be of interest for people to know that this total was made up as follows:-

United Reformed	60.00	
Methodists	292.91	
All Saints	513.42	
St. Mary's	570.67	
St. James's	453.00	
St. Francis de Sales	42.45	
St. Theodores	35.05	
Hampton Hill Jun. School	8.05	£1975.55

The total amount will be sent to the Christian Aid General Fund.

Alwyne Loyd

## Christian Aid Coffee and Tea

We have all heard about the poor living conditions of workers on tea plantations. Christian Aid is offering us a way of doing something about it. Admittedly only a drop in the ocean (of tea and coffee that we consume), but nevertheless if we all used the goods on offer and did our bit to advertise them to friends, the drop might grow into a puddle. It is *something* we can actually do.

Christian Aid offers for sale:

- 1) W.D.M. TEA, a strong Broken Orange Pekoe from Sri Lanka  
cost: £1 for 3 ¼lb packets.

This is an *alternative* tea grown on the Wavulagala estate near Galle in Southern Sri Lanka and packeted in Colombo. The estate is owned by a trust that runs six homes for mentally and physically handicapped children. WDM tea by-passes the big tea companies which have made large profits of the tea trade. Living conditions for the tea workers and their families on the Wavalugala estate are not notably better than on other estates in Sri Lanka, but then, WDM tea accounts for only a tiny part of the estate's total production. WDM tea is not sold to make profits and 10% of the price you pay goes directly to a fund to help the tea workers and their families on the estate. By packeting the tea in Sri Lanka not Britain, WDM tea also provides jobs in Colombo.

- 2) Campaign Coffee, instant coffee from Tanzania  
cost: £1 per 100g packet or £4.25 per drum of 500g.

On gaining independence from their colonial authorities many developing countries found that practically all their export earnings came from the few cash crops planted by the colonial powers. Their people were no longer growing enough food to feed themselves. Coffee is one example of such a crop. It had been cultivated in Yemen and was transplanted to many parts of Africa, South and Central America and Indonesia. Today more than 50 countries are growing and exporting coffee, 78% of it to the rich world. Coffee is the most valuable internationally traded commodity after oil. As many as 20 million people earn their living from it.

The price of coffee fluctuates on world markets and over the years has not kept pace with the price of Western manufactured goods. For example, in 1960 a tractor cost El Salvador 165 bags of coffee and 10 years later 316 bags.

For Tanzania coffee is the major source of export earnings. Most of it is grown by self-employed families on small plots where they also grow their own food. Nearly all the coffee you have been able to buy in Britain is processed by one of five 'multi-national' companies.

Campaign Coffee from Tanzania is different because it is processed at a small nationally owned factory there, the only instant coffee factory in East Africa. It is specially imported to Britain which means that more of the price of this coffee goes to the country that grew it than is the case with most other brands.

- 3) Traidfare pure ground coffee  
cost: £1 for 8 oz.

These high-quality Arabica coffees come from Tanzanian and Nicaraguan government-supervised sales organisations. They are imported by Traidcraft in conjunction with a Dutch alternative marketing company that roasts and packs the coffee. In addition to the money already paid to the producer, 10% of the price of the coffee will be channelled through Christian Aid for projects in Tanzania and Nicaragua.

Initially, orders for the tea and coffee can be placed with the Hampton area Christian Aid organiser — Pat Scowen, 9 Birchwood Grove, 979 7429.



# HAMPTON HILL ASSOCIATION

13th ANNUAL CHILDRENS SPORTS DAY AND FETE  
Holly Road Recreation Ground  
SATURDAY, 18th July First Race 2.30 p.m.

ALL CHILDREN WELCOME. SPORTS EVENTS AND NOVELTY RACES  
FOR CHILDREN 3-12 YEARS. FUN AND SPECIAL EVENTS FOR ALL  
THE FAMILY. STALLS, SIDESHOWS, REFRESHMENTS.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO RAISE MONEY FOR LOCAL ORGANISATIONS

Hampton Hill Association welcomes, free of charge, any local organisations who would like to set up stalls or games to raise funds. Games suitable for children are especially welcome. For further details contact:

Mr. Eric Carter, 31, St. James's Road, Hampton Hill. Telephone 979 1166.

## SOME DATES TO NOTE

### JULY

- 12 PENTECOST 5  
Services are as usual
- 13 INSTITUTION OF THE REVEREND J. NICHOLAS CHUBB AS VICAR  
OF THIS PARISH 20.00
- 16 19.15 Holy Communion; 20.00 Koinonia
- 19 PENTECOST 6  
First Sunday during which the Reverend J. Nicholas Chubb conducts  
services as Vicar of this Parish.  
9.30 Parish Communion  
18.30 Evensong
- 20 MEETING OF THE CHURCH COUNCIL AT 20.00 in the Vestry
- 21 20.00 TUESDAY CLUB meets at Wayside  
This evening is the occasion of the Summer Supper
- 22 ST. MARY MAGDALEN  
20.00 PRAYER MEETING AND STUDY GROUP MEETS AT 75  
Burton's Road
- 23 10.30 YFG Coach Outing to Crystal Palace
- 23 19.15 Holy Communion
- 25 ST. JAMES THE GREAT, APOSTLE
- 26 PENTECOST 7  
The Services in the morning will be at the usual times  
There will be no Evensong at 18.30  
At 16.30 there will be a SPECIAL ST. JAMES' DAY WELCOME  
SERVICE. This will be followed by refreshments
- 27 14.30 Ladies' Choir meets in the Vestry
- 30 19.15 Holy Communion

### AUGUST

- 2 PENTECOST 8  
Services are as usual
- 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
19.15 Holy Communion

## Some Dates To Note continued . . . . .

### AUGUST

- 9 PENTECOST 9  
Services are as usual. There will be a service at Laurel Dene in the afternoon
- 10 10.30 Editorial Board, 75, St. James's Avenue
- 13 19.15 Holy Communion
- 16 PENTECOST 10  
Services are as usual

As soon as possible dates of future meetings of the Koinonia will be notified. 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 10.30. Unless otherwise announced the Church Youth Club meet every Sunday at 19.30.

### CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

- July 12 Hall, H., 62 High Street, Hampton Hill  
19 Moss, E. Ltd., 14 Broad Street, Teddington  
26 Martin, F.G. (Chemists) Ltd., 28b Priory Road, Hampton
- August 2 Manley, D.G., 122 High Street, Teddington  
9 Martin F.G. (Chemists) Ltd., 3 Station Approach, Hampton  
16 Kirby, E. & R., 53 High Street, Teddington

### BAPTISMS

- June 14 (at the Parish Communion)  
Barry Russell Thirlway, 85 Connaught Road, Teddington  
Elly Thirlway, 85 Connaught Road, Teddington
- June 14 Simon Douglas Graham Squire, 62 Wordsworth Road, Hampton  
Philippa Eve Brown, 10 Oxford Road, Teddington

### MARRIAGES

- June 13 Cheryl Lynn Knott to John Peter Oliver

### *ERRATA JUNE issue.*

The Definition on the last page should have read:  
AGAPE – Christian love – is to seek the self-fulfillment of the other person.

In 'The Church's Ministry in the 1980's', the following sentence under Shared Ministry should have been a foot note: A resume of the Report of the Working Party on Shared Ministry of the Kensington Episcopal Area will appear in the July issue. – This resume will in fact have to be held over.