

August is still for many people the traditional holiday month when most organisations stop their activities because so few are reliably about. The Church is no exception. And yet in the early part of the month comes one of the Church's major Festivals – not, it is true, in the Prayer Book Calendar, but in almost every other. The TRANSFIGURATION of OUR LORD focusses our attention on that remarkable occurrence that jolted even the three closest companions of Jesus into a new awareness and understanding of Who He really was. Peter, James and John were so physically close to Jesus for much of the time that I am always surprised at the instances of their misunderstanding or shallowness of understanding of the nature of their Companion. So it can be with us. We can follow faithfully for weeks, months and even years and still be a long way short of understanding the true nature of Our Lord and Master. By the time you read this the Feast of the Transfiguration will probably be past as will our Patronal Festival. Perhaps though, in our time of respite from the normal round of activities, we shall be able to use August to think about the Glory of God as it was revealed to Peter and James and John on the Mountain top, and, if you are away on holiday with the family, take the opportunity of being jolted into a new aspect of the faith by not staying away from the local church but rather taking part in whatever is provided where you happen to be. On a personal note Susan and I would like to thank all of you who have made us feel so quickly at home in Hampton Hill. We thought we might feel a little strange for a while, 70 miles away from where we have spent last 17 years and where our children have spent almost their whole lives. But thanks to all your thoughtfulness we already feel as though we have been here for much longer than a week. Sarah and Naomi have made some friends, most of the packing cases have been emptied and we are all enjoying exploring our new surroundings (including the garden!). Our especial thanks to those of you who have worked so hard on the house and garden over the past months, who have planned and taken part in the services, including the Institution and who have so lovingly cared for every aspect of the church and parish since November. After the Institution we look forward to getting to know you all personally.

Nicholas Chubb

**Impressions from the Service of Institution and Induction  
of the Rev. J. Nicholas Chubb on Monday 13th July, 1981**

It was a grand party, and yes, that includes the actual party afterwards. Surprising what a difference a string of coloured lights makes to a churchyard on a warm evening. Quite the place in which to munch those non-stop sandwiches, and to reassure the visitors from Northamptonshire, fearful for their ex-vicar's well-being, that Hampton Hill is neither in the middle of six motorways, nor right at the end of the London Airport runway.

There was a party in church too, if you'll forgive the expression. Certainly the service had much in common with the best of parties. A finely decorated interior, full of friends and guests. Good music, and even a touch of fun. It was a choice moment to watch an Archdeacon's face crumple with mirth, as a new vicar almost demolished the church bell at his very first attempt at ringing it.

As at all good parties, the temperature rose. As well it might, with such a church-full. Of course, St. James tends to be a warm place anyway, even on the coldest Sunday, with a rather special brand of welcoming friendship. That was much in evidence at this induction service.

Does that sound smug? Let me report that Bishop Santer sensed the danger. At an occasion when the Church of England in all its dignity reduced the likes of Mayors and MP's to a simple place in the congregation, the Bishop cut through the feeling of cosiness, with his reminder from the pulpit of rioting Britain outside. Rioting, incidentally, as he spoke in Leicester and Leeds.

So, with a sharp sense of timing and delivery, his sermon ended with brutal abruptness on a question. Speaking earlier about the rioters' sense of being excluded from the community, the Bishop said that people who have the door shut in their faces, sometimes break the windows. So, he concluded, what did this grand service really mean in the context of burning cars and rampaging teenagers a hundred miles away? What, the Bishop asked, can Christians, should Christians do about that?

So yes, it was a grand party, both inside and outside the Church. And now it's over, with some new questions to be answered, some fresh starts to be made.

Michael Brunson

When, as newcomers, my sisters and I attended the Induction Service of our now retired, much loved and respected Vicar, Rupert Brunt, we little realised that we would have the same pleasure in 1981 to welcome our new Vicar, Rev. J. Nicholas Chubb and his family — sorry his son Andrew was unable to be with them!

The Institution and Induction Service was one of joyful solemnity and the reception which followed must, most certainly, have assured Rev. Chubb, his wife and two daughters of the warmth of our welcome. We hope and pray that they will be happy in their new environment and everyone of us benefit by his Ministry, God Bless them all.

I am sure all join me in extending a big "Thank You" to the hard working church group and visiting clergy for all they did for us, as a congregation, in ministering to our Spiritual needs during the Interregnum.

Coral McCarthy

The moment for which we have waited 7½ months arrived and there wasn't a spare seat to be seen; it was a happy occasion, a very satisfying and complete evening.

It was good to have the support of the Mayor and his wife and our Member of Parliament and his wife and dear Seymour and Dawn and other clergy.

Bishop Santer beamed upon us and gave everyone a little personal smile of blessing as he administered the Bread. His sermon about including and not excluding people as an answer to frustration was topical and effective in its simplicity. The hymns were lovely. The whole evening was splendidly organised and executed, including the party of welcome in the garden after the service at which Len Rockcliffe gave a little speech of appreciation and then called the Chubb family up to the dais for introduction.

We trust that this is the beginning of a long and successful ministry and wish the Chubb family much friendship and fulfilment in Hampton Hill.

Alison Thompson

One of my strongest impressions was of a close family gathering in which the Bishop introduced a relative with whom we had previously only corresponded and who had now come, with his family, to live amongst us and be one of us. In spite of the formal procession at the beginning of the service, everything which followed struck a personal note, we were each individually involved and the Bishop, instead of being a remote representative of the ecclesiastical hierarchy, was, as it were, the one who knew us all and was bridging the gap. Perhaps we needed the extra long Interregnum to show us how much, in God's love, we could do together and that a parish is not a 'one man band'. I had a deep feeling that "the Peace which passeth all understanding" and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit surrounded us all, not to make us an exclusive group; but to send us back to our various daily activities with renewed strength and purpose, knowing that we are members of a caring community which has just been strengthened by the addition of a family who have a fresh outlook and contribution to make.

Jean Western

My first Induction Service created a great impression on my feelings. The large congregation of all ages, the choir, the lovely flowers, all helped to make the occasion an unforgettable event.

The address given by the Lord Bishop reminded me of the hymn "When I needed a neighbour, were you there?", a phrase that illustrates the community spirit that exists in the Parish of Hampton Hill, the willingness of people wishing to help each other. It was obvious as the service and evening progressed that many people had spent a great deal of time and energy in the arrangement and preparation on this wonderful evening.

Monica Heaford

We were happy to come as a family and join in the worship with the wider circle of both the old from Brixworth and the new from Hampton Hill, and we hope that the Chubbs will find support in strengthening family life at St. James's. Incidentally, can we find more occasions to meet together and see the lovely stained glass windows of the church from the peaceful setting of the trees and lawn outside?

Moya and John Smith

The whole rite of induction was made much more meaningful for me because it had been incorporated so skilfully into our familiar Eucharist Service. (Hannah Stanton took on the daunting task of collating three separate services into a working draft which was then submitted to a sub-committee consisting of John Cotgrove the Area Dean, Ron Bridges, Alan Taylor and Len Rockcliffe – the outcome being the splendid service which meant so much to all of us.) Almost at the very beginning we were made at home with that beautiful prayer "Almighty God to whom all hearts are open" with which we start our family communion. It was just one of those lovely coincidences that the service contained three of my own favourite hymns, "Blest are the Pure in Heart" and during the Communion itself "Lord Jesus Christ You have come to us" and most beloved of all "Lord of all Power I give you my will." "Oh Praise ye the Lord" also seemed a very beautiful and appropriate choice as Nicholas, Susan and the family left the church to start their new life with us. We are truly grateful and joyful in welcoming them to St. James's.

When outlining the duties of a Priest to Nicholas Chubb and requesting his promises to fulfil them I found the Area Dean's soft questions "My brother will you DO this?" and the firm answers "I will, with God's help" very moving. A personal joy was when, during the Peace, little David Houston from Brixworth crossed the aisle to me and put up his face to be kissed – of such is the kingdom of heaven.. It was good to see David Bonner who has become a valued friend to many of us during the interregnum chosen as Bishop's chaplain. We owe him a great deal.

Out on the lawn after the Service (thank Heaven, literally, for a fine, warm evening in spite of somewhat threatening forecasts) I particularly noted the Archdeacon's remarks to the 60 strong Brixworth contingent – "don't be sad about Nicholas and the family, they will be in good and loving hands." It was not so much that Mr. Perry spoke so pleasantly about the family of St. James' but I felt for the people of Brixworth great sympathy and understanding as, from conversations with quite a few of them, it was evident that they loved and admired their ex-Vicar and were experiencing the same sort of pangs with which we had said our own "goodbyes" eight months ago.

I am sure that once more in the history of St. James's we have been greatly blessed in the calibre of our new Vicar and his wife, who in the very short time they have been in Hampton Hill already managed to endear themselves to those who have come into contact with them.

During the service we, the congregation, were asked whether we would encourage our new priest, continue the life of the Church, grow in holiness and in understanding of Christian belief and practice; renewed in Jesus Christ we were called to love one another and to make this love known to all. It was a firm and sincere affirmation as we all answered "with the help of God we will" and with the help of the God in whom we do believe, how can we fail!

Margery Orton

An air of excitement and expectancy filled the church on the evening of the institution and induction of our new vicar.

The processional hymn, "Angel voices ever singing," always makes me want to sing out and gave a sense of majesty to the beginning of the service. I was impressed by the collect, particularly the phrase "and give to your servant, Nicholas, now to be instituted the needful gifts of grace;" how true it is that we all, clergy and laity alike *need* God's gifts especially this gift of grace. It is equally important what we do with God's gift of grace when we receive it. According to the dictionary grace used in the theological terminology means the 'unmerited favour of God, divine regenerating, inspiring and strengthening influence'. We prayed that Nicholas would have this gift of grace to inspire and strengthen him and from that must surely ensue that he would wish to inspire and strengthen us.

This thought tied up with the Bishop's illuminating address. He spoke about being a community and because a community is by its very nature a sharing fellowship he stressed that we should not close the doors to outsiders but invite them to share in our lives and make them welcome. Whoever these outsiders are they need strength and inspiration just as much as we committed Christians do – and we must be prepared to accept them. If as the Bishop thought being an outsider, a non-accepted member of a community could be the breeding ground for violence and anti-social behaviour are we not the more committed to prevent

this from happening? It was an impressive sermon and I would have liked to have recorded it for times when we feel threatened by and are not to open to outsiders.

The institution was grandiose, but when the Bishop addressed the individual members of the congregation saying "The care of a Parish and its people is a great and sacred trust. I ask for you to join with me in prayer for Nicholas, that God may be present in this church and congregation and that God may continue to be made known to the people of this parish," I felt the solemnity of the occasion and I am sure there were many earnest prayers for us all.

Our Church during my time at St. James has never been without its humour and the unco-operativeness of the bell at one stage brought smiles and laughter to many faces. Not only did Nicholas make promises but we too took our part in promising to "be faithful in reading God's word, in hearing it proclaimed and in prayer, both public and private. Renewed in Jesus Christ we are all called to love one another and to make this love known to all."

Do we see this as a challenge, a union and working together of our community and our new vicarage family? Let us then endeavour each one of us to go forward with them in faith, hope and love.

I could not end these thoughts without congratulating and thanking all who were responsible for the service and evening celebrations on the lawn. Monday 13 July will long remain in my mind as in many others as a day to remember and build upon.

Janet Jeffries

## THE PARISH OUTING

So why does anyone go on a Parish Outing? Well, a lot of people we knew were going, and they were certainly determined to have a good time — so we thought it might prove fun.

So we picked up our route map from the church and off we set, puzzling over a series of very peculiar clues which would have done justice to the Times Crossword on April 1st.

To our amazement we found Caesar's Camp easily. A most amazing place on the side of a hill and I mean the side — even the tea was poured into cups at 45°. Of course we were led there from the car park over a mountainous route of uphill and down ski-slopes. Imagine our surprise when the way back revealed we could walk there in a hundred yards on the flat! But to be honest we felt a hundred miles from anywhere.

Caesar's camp is in a hollow, canopied by trees and surrounded by rhododendron bushes, ideal for hide and seek.

Roger Bucknell quickly broke up the unprompted soccer match with a masterly dissertation on the game of Podex — a cross between cricket and rounders. Two teams were chosen, with about six of us old codgers evenly matched against 30 or so more of those young upstarts. None too soon a splendid tea was served and the Charman family awarded their prize, or was it a penance, for somehow guessing the answers to the travel quiz.

Then off to the real purpose of our visit — planting cherry trees. This was thinly disguised as a Cherry Stone Spitting Contest, but of course we realised that no-one in our parish would partake in such an affair. However, imagine my surprise when two esteemed leaders of the parish admitted *cheating* — purely to

extend the row of cherry trees by a yard or two! The winners, Sarah Watkins, Oliver Taylor and that indubitable master of the craft Alan Taylor were chosen as they had somehow managed to plant their stones some yards further down the track than the rest of us – where the ground was obviously far better suited. Time flew by. A more sedate game of boules, various games of soccer, podex, and attempts at making paper plates act like frisbees resulted in everyone having a lot of fun. Thanks were certainly due to the organisers, tea makers and the 50 or so people who turned out to make this annual excursion a happy, memorable and companionable occasion, including grandparents and toddlers, teenagers and parents. Truly a Parish Family day out.

Trevor Atkinson

## A VIGIL FOR PEACE

On Friday, June 26, we were invited to take part in a vigil for peace to be held at St. Francis de Sales Church from 8 – 12 pm and organised by the Justice and Peace Group.

The sequence of the prayers and meditations were to start with what peace means personally, what it means to each one of us, then proceeding to the lack of peace in the world, the barriers which are put up preventing peace, the threat to peace by aggression between nations, by resentment, by fear and by deprivation. The third and last part of the vigil was introduced with the words of Jesus from John 16.33: "I have told you all this so that in me you may find peace. In the world you will have trouble. But courage! The victory is mine; I have conquered the world," and concentrated on the hope, the promise, the certainty, the love which will be realised in His Kingdom.

John Hales from the Teddington Methodist Church and I tried to concentrate on the peace within ourselves, and, after meditating on the words of Jesus "Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give", John brought in the challenging verse of Matthew 10.34: "You must not think that I have come to bring peace on the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword." There is the peace of inertia, the peace of not having the courage to disturb people's convictions, the peace of "saying nothing for a quiet life". Peace may need to be struggled for, even fought for. This section ended with a meditation from the writings of Jean Vanier.

In the middle section we had 2 films, both acutely painful: the "Winter Soldier Investigations", showing a number of U.S. soldiers admitting, in turn, the atrocities which they had been guilty of committing in Vietnam, and of which they were ashamed beyond measure. The second, "One Planet, Two Worlds", showed the agony of acute poverty, in Asia, in Latin America and in Africa. Between the films Father Fitzgerald gave a talk on nuclear warfare, – shattering. One comment which has stuck in my mind is the report that the medical people when asked to outline the medical provisions available after a nuclear attack, replied briefly that there would be none.

Hope and praise were the themes in the last section with peace among the fruits of the Spirit. "The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, fidelity, gentleness and self-control", with lovely songs and tunes from Folk Praise: "Peace is flowing like a River", "Be still and know that I am God", and the final hymn – which we in St. James's must learn:

“Father, I place into your hands  
the things that I can't do.  
Father, I place into your hands  
the times that I've been through.  
Father I place into your hands  
the way that I should go  
for I know I always can trust you.”

Hannah Stanton

## KOINONIA

Our last meeting of the present series took place, not in our own dear church as usual, but at Tony and Margaret Lawrance's new home at Walton.

The meeting was led by Ron Bridges who after telling us of the majestic and solemn beauty of the Grand Canyon in Arizona, led us into our theme for the evening 'Meditation'.

Ron spoke on the many ways of achieving God's peace through quietness and prayer. He gave us many things to ponder on until we all meet again as a group. Afterwards we were given the most delicious refreshments and a conducted tour of Tony and Margarets' beautiful home and garden. We all finally departed after a very happy and memorable evening.

Freda Moses

## A VISIT FROM THE SAMARITANS

On Sunday June 14, Joe Brownlee and the Church Youth Club were paid a visit by the Samaritans. These are a group of people who work twenty-four hours a day for three hundred and sixty five days a year. Their job is to give advice to the sort of people who are beginning to wonder if life is really worth living at all. They work mainly through telephones although they do speak to people in person. The two Samaritans visiting the Church Youth Club were named Doris and David and the very first question which they asked was if any members of the Club knew who the Samaritans were. Having got the distinct impression that not many people knew, they began to explain taking questions along the way. The evening was very interesting and enjoyable, I feel a great deal was learned by everyone, and I would like to thank Joe Brownlee for organising the visit.

Huw Taylor

## CHURCH YOUTH CLUB

CYC enjoys a summer break in August although there will be one meeting on Wednesday 19 August when there will be a visit to the Egyptian Temple Dancers. When CYC reconvenes on Sunday 6 September the Club will be able to cater for a much wider age range. Sarah Watkins has very kindly agreed to look after a **Junior** CYC which will cater for those children aged between 8 and 12 years old. Sarah's group will meet at Wayside every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock and so if you have children aged between 8 and 12 please bring them along to Wayside on Sunday 6 September.

**Senior** CYC will continue to meet as usual, 7.30 every Sunday at Wayside.

Joe Brownlee

## MAGAZINE APPEAL

Since our last issue we have received donations from: Miss V. Clark, Mrs. Nightingale, an anonymous donor and Miss G. Rivers.  
In bringing this appeal to a close we thank once more all those who have contributed. It is not only the gift which counts but the spirit which prompted it. We are truly grateful to you all.

Margery Orton  
(on behalf of the Editorial Board)

## AROUND THE SPIRE

Our warmest congratulations go to Laurie Browne who is this month celebrating her 91st birthday. Best wishes for a happy and healthy day from her many friends at St. James's.

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Maybe this is the place to express our appreciation and thanks to the two people who have carried the heaviest burden in running our parish business during the interregnum. As stated elsewhere they were not the only ones to work extremely hard, but I believe special thanks are due to Hannah Stanton and Bill Robinson.

## REPORT OF THE WORKING PARTY ON SHARED MINISTRY KENSINGTON EPISCOPAL AREA

A working party of four, convened at the request of Bishop Ronald Goodchild undertook:

- a) to peruse the responses made by parishes to the Bishop's questionnaire which was circulated during the summer of 1980, and
- b) to formulate an appropriate response which would be of assistance to the Area.

The responses varied enormously and it was exceedingly difficult to identify the relationship between them. The following is a resume of the working party's short report for the parishes describing their impressions of the material received. It is necessarily incomplete and anyone interested is invited to borrow the full report from any member of the PCC.

### General Impressions

1. One quarter of the parishes in the Area submitted written responses.
2. Many parishes had put a considerable amount of work into the discussion. They had found this a valuable exercise and were aware that it had started a process which would be ongoing.
4. The concept of shared ministry had already taken root in many parishes before the Bishop's initiative and a good deal of progress had been made. Suburban parishes seemed to be finding the development of shared ministry an easier task than parishes in the centre of London.
7. There were uncertainties amongst both clergy and laity as to how far the clergy could and should allow the laity to assume some of the hitherto traditional aspects of ministry.



**Question One:** WHAT ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND BY THE WORD  
MINISTRY AS APPLIED TO THE LIFE AND WORK OF  
THE CHURCH?

Points discussed were:

- a) the essential nature of ministry, described as "being a Christian and all that that implies", "an act of service to God or man done in the name of the Lord": it embraces both "being" and "doing".
- b) the distinction between internal and external thrust of ministry within the Christian community "strengthening the souls of the faithful" – outward to the world, as "ambassadors for Christ".
- c) various tasks of ministry i.e. relating to individuals "wholeness of body and mind", "proclaiming the love of God made known through Jesus", "reconciliation . . . . bringing people into a right relationship with God through the Lord Jesus Christ".  
to the Christian community.  
to the quality of life in the world as a whole; social justice, reconciliation.
- d) responsibility and gifts for ministry "Every Christian is called to be a minister . . . . has been given natural talents and many have undergone secular training which God will use together with these specific spiritual gifts which He delights to give to enable every member to exercise that ministry to which he has been called".
- e) need for training to develop these gifts. The working party felt that many people need assistance in identifying their gifts and that the vicar had a critical role to play in this respect.

## **THE WORLD DISARMAMENT CAMPAIGN**

In preparation for the Special Session on Disarmament being held at the General Assembly of the United Nations in 1982 a petition advocating multilateral disarmament is being circulated. Signatures to this petition are being collected from all countries, including from behind the Iron Curtain, millions of them!

Here in Hampton Hill the Justice and Peace Group at St. Francis de Sales are organising visitors to go round to every house in the district and collect signatures, and we and other friends are helping. Volunteers are needed who will be prepared to pay 2 visits on about 100 houses: at the first visit information leaflets will be given out, and on the second visit it is hoped that signatures from the household will be collected.

In Hampton, Janet Robinson is collecting names of volunteers, 10 Ormond Avenue, 979 8377. In Hampton Hill, George Andrews address is 170 Uxbridge Road, 979 0718, and I will also collect names and pass them on.

Hannah Stanton

## **BAPTISMS**

12 July Kelly Michelle Lewis, 58 Park Road, Hampton Hill  
Glenn Robinson, 16 Fitz Wygram Close, Hampton Hill

## **MARRIAGES**

4 July Lynette Noah to Gary Rapley

## CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

August	16	Kirby, E. & R., 53 High Stret, Teddington
	23	Boots the Chemists, 59 Broad Street, Teddington
	30	Thomas, D.R., 113 Stanley Road, Teddington
	31	Thomas, D.R., 113 Stanley Road, Teddington
September	6	Hall, H., 62 High Street, Hampton Hill
	13	Moss, E. Ltd., 14 Broad Street, Teddington

### SOME DATES TO NOTE

#### AUGUST

- 2 PENTECOST 8  
Services are as usual
- 6 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD  
10.30 Editorial Board meets at 75, St. James's Avenue.  
19.15 Holy Communion
- 9 PENTECOST 9  
Services are as usual.  
There will be a service at Laurel Dene in the afternoon
- 13 19.15 Holy Communion
- 16 PENTECOST 10  
Services are as usual
- 20 19.15 Holy Communion
- 23 PENTECOST 11  
Services are as usual
- 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE
- 27 19.15 Holy Communion
- 30 PENTECOST 12  
Services are as usual

#### SEPTEMBER

- 3 19.15 Holy Communion
- 6 PENTECOST 13  
Services are as usual  
St. Mary's, Hampton, our mother church, celebrates its **150<sup>th</sup>** anniversary

The Catechumenate continues to meet at 20.00 on Wednesdays and 19.00 on Saturdays