

## LEARNING OR DISCIPLINE?

Given the choice almost all of us would say that we would prefer learning to discipline because we associate discipline with some arduous, if not actually painful, activity— perhaps some unhappy period in our childhood at school (or at home) or in military service. The word discipline conjures up rigid regimes which fight against our natural inclinations and self. And yet it ought not to do so automatically because the original meaning of the word is to do with learning. At one stage of our language the terms were almost the same as each other in meaning. We cannot prevent words changing their meaning over the centuries or if we did the language would very rapidly die. But we can be aware of the different shades of meaning that a word can have.

Some people feel that the christian life cannot be undertaken without a considerable structure of rules and laws to guide them through the ups and downs of life and that they ought to submit to all kinds of things which are against their nature. Others think that christianity is essentially a freeing from a network of irritating regulations which do not allow them proper self-expression. The truth is somewhere between these two extremes. It is necessary to have some structure in one's life but it must never develop into a suffocating system that brings stagnation and death to a life in the spirit.

Here at St. James' we are going to try and tackle the subject of Discipline in a group which will meet on alternate Tuesdays beginning on 21st. September at 8.00 p.m. in the vestry. The discussion will be based on a book by Richard Foster called 'Celebration of Discipline' published by Hodder and Stoughton at £1.50. Quite a few parishes have found it a stimulating approach to the whole business of learning to be a christian, a follower of Jesus. I hope that some who do not already attend one of our groups will make the effort to come and join; hopefully some who have not yet found a niche in which to take their learning further, as well as those who have discovered that Jesus is very much for them and want to model their lives more and more on Him.

I hope also that some may be attracted to the Lectures on Christian Doctrine which will be held at Rectory School under the auspices of the Workers' Educational Association. They begin on 27th September and will last for 12 weeks. It won't be quite as dry as you might imagine because there will be opportunity for questions in every lecture . . . . and you don't have to commit yourself until you have at least tasted the contents!

Nicholas Chubb

## HARVEST FESTIVAL

Harvest Festival will be celebrated this year on Sunday, 3rd October at 4.30 p.m. It is hoped that the uniformed groups will join in the celebrations and that a light tea will be provided after the service.

The following Thursday, 7th October, a Buffet Supper will be served in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. We would like a good turnout for this event and hope for everyone's support. Tickets will be priced at £1.25p available from Helen Taylor, Roma Bridges, Eila Severn, Kath Brooks and Margaret Leatherdale. After Supper there will be a short (but lively) entertainment for your added enjoyment.

Helen Taylor

## **ST. JAMES'S DAY**

How lucky we were on the Patronal Festival day and what a grand family atmosphere there was with such a good attendance. There was a very enjoyable anthem by the choir and the Te Deum which brought the service to a close was very appropriate with its message of gratitude to God – gratitude for our church and for the devoted service of a long serving officer. Our worship was followed by a get together on the lawn for a scrumptious tea which had been prepared to grace such an important occasion – our thanks are due to all the ladies who worked so hard to make such a success of the day and, of course, to the gentlemen who transported tables and chairs.

Tea was followed by the presentation of our gifts of appreciation to that deserving pair, Len and Vera Rockliffe; our intention came as quite a surprise to them when they were approached on the matter as they said it had been a joy to serve, without any thought of thanks. Len kept us all very interested by taking us back through the years at St. James and some of us no doubt learned a lot we did not know before.

It hardly seems a year since we were so fortunate as to welcome Nicholas and Susan and their children to join our greater family of St. James. It was all over too soon and we are sure that most of us were loth to go home. Surely this occasion was just one more example of a live and active church community!

Brenda and Ray Oliver

## **A THANK YOU**

Vera and I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the gifts presented to us at the pre-St. James's Day tea party on 18th July. We are now the proud owners of an Olympus XA Camera with Electronic Flash A16 and a Prestinox Slide Projector with remote control and a carrying case to contain it. Both of these are already giving us great pleasure and we hope that we may be able to use them for many years to come.

We should like to express our gratitude especially to Dick Wilde for his kind remarks, and to him and Ron Bridges for organising the presentation, not forgetting Ruth Gostling's charmingly arranged basket of flowers given to Vera.

We have made so many staunch friends at St. James's during our 34 years here, and these have seen us through happy and sad times, to say nothing of the transport so willingly provided when BGU 682 and its driver were out of action.

We did put up a Thank You letter on the notice board in the church but feel sure many who contributed have not seen this. Once again thank you all.

Leonard Rockliffe Ex-Churchwarden

## **HELP!!**

RICHMOND UPON THAMES COUNCIL FOR VOLUNTARY SERVICES wants your Help . . . . . your time, not your money is needed!

TRANSPORT is urgently needed for the elderly, handicapped, and/or house-bound residents of this Borough. Without TRANSPORT they cannot get to doctors, dentists, opticians, clinics, clubs, church, etc. HELP them once a week, once a month or whenever you can – by being a Voluntary Driver. Petrol expenses normally paid.

CONTACT: The Voluntary Bureau, Richmond upon Thames Council for Voluntary Services, 51 Sheen Road, Richmond. Tel: 940-6995. YOUR HELP WILL BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.

## **A PRAYER ON THE FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION, AUGUST 6th 1982, REMEMBERING HIROSHIMA AUGUST 6th 1945**

Fear, amazement, wonder, joy, there on the mountain.  
"Here we must stay. Here while we gaze  
at your Glory, light, white dazzling,  
Transfiguration. To be lost in the haze? —  
No. Urgent we call, Stay with us in your Glory."

Fear, burns, death . . . . continuing death; Hiroshima;  
The bright, blinding flash . . . . continuing pain.  
"Lord, in your Glory, your Glory in earth; inspire  
our demand: that devastation must not occur again; —  
No. Urgent we call, Stay with us in your Glory."

Hannah Stanton

### **WHAT IS LITURGICAL DANCE?**

Liturgical dance is a way of expressing prayer and worship by using one's body. The use of the voice is a very familiar way to praise God and a way we all accept in our regular Sunday worship, but many people have not realised perhaps that dancing is also a very natural and moving way to express feeling and mood.

In our practice hour and a half we always open with prayer and meditation to put us in the right frame of mind to move in devotion, expressing such emotions as love, hate, grief, happiness, torment, tranquillity, etc.

Our group is still very young and we experiment a great deal. Much of what we work on we reject, but having once decided on a theme we work hard to try to perfect it for presentation, in faith and love, in a church service. The depth of our involvement and feeling during such a presentation can be so great that we become unaware of those around us.

This is a small group as yet and we would welcome more dancers, who, like us, would look upon Wednesday mornings as a form of worship. We start on Wednesday 22nd September in church at 10 a.m. sharp.

Here is the prayer used regularly by a Kingston group and I think perhaps it says it all: Dear Lord, we pray for the blessing of your Spirit that through our hearts and minds and bodies we may know you more clearly and channel and express your love more truly, using our whole selves in your worship in ways beyond the power of words. Grant that our work together may be not only a joy and stimulus to ourselves, but by our own conviction and our united effort we may be able to show something of your truth to others. We ask this in your Name. Amen.

Eila Severn

### **HAMPTON FUEL ALLOTMENT CHARITY NEW RULES**

The Trustees of the Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity approved grants totalling £6,207 during the financial period ended 30th June, 1982. Owing to the extremely cold winter many elderly residents found themselves unable to meet their fuel bills and sought the assistance of the charity who gladly enabled these people to keep their home fires burning.

The new scheme for the regulation of this charity was approved and established by order of the Charity Commissioners on 26th August 1981. The Area of benefit covered by the scheme very closely approximates to the Hampton, Hampton Hill and Hampton Nursery Ward boundaries.

THE OBJECT OF THE SCHEME IS TO PROVIDE RELIEF for anyone residing in the area of benefit who are in conditions of need, hardship or distress, by making grants of money or providing or paying for items, services or facilities calculated to reduce the need, hardship or distress of such persons.

The Trustees, of whom there are eleven, have a wide choice in the sort of relief they can give out of the income of the charity, such as:

*Payments of grants towards electricity, gas or other fuel bills, arrangements for recuperative holidays, payments to relieve sickness or infirmity, assistance with payments towards cost of heating appliances, clothing or house decoration.*

Relief must be given only to assist people who are eligible under the scheme, and must be related to the need in each case. The Trustees shall not apply any part of the income directly in relief of rates, taxes, or other public funds and shall not commit themselves to repeat or renew the relief granted.

NOTE FROM THE VICAR: Applications *must* be made for *each* request for help. Forms are available from St. James's Vicarage. Please will readers encourage people they consider to be in need of financial help to apply.

## **CANCER RESEARCH KEEP FIT OPEN AFTERNOON**

We are now able to announce that as a result of our open afternoon the total amount raised was just over £125, but thanks to one or two generous donations by people who wish to remain anonymous we were able to forward £200.50 to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

Our thanks to all who came and supported us for this worthwhile cause. The Class greatly enjoyed themselves, and judging by comments heard, so did our 'audience' who were all such splendid sports and joined in at times although completely unprepared.

September 14th is the date for the Autumn Term to start. As always, we are pleased to welcome anyone who would care to join us on Tuesday afternoons 2-3 p.m. in the Hall. Just come along on the day, or if you have a query you wish to discuss, ring Eila on 979 1954 or Pat on 979 5629. We have all age groups in the class, and try to provide a varied mobility programme, so there is sure to be something suitable for all. We hope to see YOU in September.

Pat Young

## **PEACE AND LOVE**

The Peace of God is indivisible, it is available to all – good, bad or indifferent, at all times. God does not choose. The peace of man is divisible, a little bit of peace here, a little bit of war there. Man chooses to oppose his brother. The Peace of God protects the innocent. Peace of God works from within, if we will let it. The peace of man works from without, whether we like it or not.

The Love of God is indivisible, it is available to all, good, bad or indifferent, at all times. God does not choose, The love of man is divisible, we love a few, hate some and are indifferent to most. Man chooses. The love of God comforts

the innocent. The love of man is so arbitrary that it comforts few and leaves most in loneliness and despair. The Love of God works from within, if we will let it. The love of man works from without and we receive it if we are fortunate.

I asked for Peace,  
And was given Peace,  
God help me to preserve it.  
I asked for Love,  
And was given Love,  
God help me to deserve it.

Tony Lawrance

## OUR CAMP OPEN DAY

We arrived at cub camp at the appointed time to be greeted by *our* cub who needed a new torch. Having replaced the torch at the local shop and bought a few other provisions for his total wellbeing we finally got down to looking round the camp. There were four in my son's tent and it all looked far more orderly and shipshape than his bedroom at home. We were then shown around the surrounding woodland where they had built "bivouacs". Great excitement had been caused by the local vandals who had set up trip wires, destroyed the bivouacs and the tracking signs.

At 3.30 sharp the sports started. The egg and spoon race was notable for its remarkable lack of cheating and in ducking for apples in a bowl of water some cleverly managed to nip the apple out by its stalk thus avoiding too much spluttering. Tossing the caber was a laugh. A scouter did a demonstration but his strength was such that the caber broke into three. However, one third of a caber was sufficient for most cubs and what looked so simple in fact proved not to be so. Another easy looking contest was throwing a rope with a heavy ring on its end. There was obviously quite a knack to this which was mastered by only one or two. The sports ended with a marathon run, at the end of which most seemed thoroughly exhausted and in need of sustenance. However, as always with youth, their recovery was fast and we then went on to the swimming gala, which took place in their own pool. I have to admit it did not look too inviting but was assured by my son that there was "masses of chlorine in it" and I assumed this was the cause of the murky greenness!

After the gala we were regaled with a marvellous tea of sandwiches and cakes provided by the gallant mothers who had volunteered to cater for the week.

I left at 6 pm but some stayed for the evening camp fire which I gather was great fun and ended long after my official bedtime. It was a great afternoon and as a mother I would like to express my profound thanks to Yvonne and Mike Childs and all their helpers for making this such a memorable time for the lads.

Mary Wilde

## CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

The result of this year's Box Opening Evening was very good – our best ever, £165. However, some of this money I already had in hand from various sources and most of the remaining surplus came from just one box, so that the average amount was in fact about £100, which is much as it has been for the last two years. Thank you to everyone who contributed and to all my helpers on the night. Don't forget the sponsored KNIT-IN on October 4th, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Sponsor forms will be available in September.

Helen Taylor

## **ST. JAMES'S YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP**

This summer we have been pleased to welcome some new faces. We meet each week on a Thursday morning during the school term, very often for coffee and a chat whilst the children, hopefully, sit at our feet and play quietly with the numerous toys.

We've also had many items of interest in our programme ranging from a demonstration of super summer salads by the very popular Joy Lydall, which we all sampled enthusiastically, even the children, two very useful and informative talks on emergencies and first aid in the home by two representatives from the St. John's Ambulance Brigade.

On Ascension Day the Vicar led a Pram Service in the church and we really were most grateful to Dilys Melville for providing us with our accompaniment to our songs. The children always enjoy these occasions.

The local representative from Dr. Barnados — Mrs. Pruden — showed us a short film and told us about the work of the Society today, and has enlisted our support to raise funds in the New Year. We all enjoyed a demonstration of skin care using Yafra Cosmetics.

In July we had our Annual Coach Outing, this year to Kew Gardens. It was a beautiful sunny day. The children were thrilled to be on a coach and we must have arrived at about 11 am. We walked the length of the Gardens to eat our lunch together by the Pagoda. Afterwards we went our various ways, some to look around the Gardens or to find the river, others less energetic just relaxed in the peaceful atmosphere. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and none of us really wanted to leave.

Our summer term ended with a delightful picnic in Carlisle Park. We start again on September 9th at 10.30 am. If you would like to join us please don't hesitate — just come along to Wayside, almost opposite the church on the 9th. All young mums and children are very welcome.

Chris Paton, Pam Atkinson

## **FROM "WISDOM OF THE DESERT"**

There were two elders living together in a cell, and they had never had so much as one quarrel with one another. One therefore said to the other: "Come on, let us have at least one quarrel, like other men". The other said, "I don't know how to start a quarrel." The first said, "I will take this brick and place it here between us. Then I will say 'It is mine!' After that you will say, 'It is mine', this is what leads to a dispute and a fight." So then they placed the brick between them, one said "It is mine", and the other replied to the first, "I do believe that it is mine". The first one said, "It is not yours it is mine." So the other answered, "Well, if it is yours, take it." Thus they did not manage after all to get into a quarrel.

## **ROUND THE SPIRE**

We send warm congratulations to Lesley Mortimer on being appointed as Second Mistress (Deputy Head) at Drayton Manor High School, Ealing, as from September 1st. Drayton Manor is a mixed comprehensive school of some 1200 pupils between the ages of 12 and 18. Lesley will continue to teach some German but also will be responsible for Religious Education to the 2nd, 4th and 5th years. We hope Lesley will find her new post an interesting, rewarding and happy one.

## THE CHOIR

As a member of the choir I would like to write a note of appreciation to Kath Brooks who decided on her own initiative, to hand wash all the blue cassocks — no mean job.

One did not realise how much they needed washing until we saw the result. I wonder how many of the congregation have noticed the difference.

Anyway Kath, on behalf of everyone I would like you to know how much we appreciate your hard work. THANKS.

Vivienne Prentice

## THE ANGLICAN PACIFIST FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL CONFERENCE SHEFFIELD JULY 1982

It was the first time that I have attended the APF Annual Conference. I am an Associate and not a Full Member of APF because I'm afraid I feel that in some circumstances violence is necessary. But quite one of the most moving stories quoted at the Conference was from Bishop George Appleton's book "Glad Encounter; Jesus Christ and the Living Faiths of Men":

"When I was talking with a Palestinian guerilla one night about possible gestures towards peace, he suddenly broke in, 'I am a Muslim. I admire Mohammed — he was a fighter! Jesus was a man of peace, his way was the way of love, and love is the only cure for hatred and war.'"

The Conference was held at Whirlow Grange, Sheffield, from July 26th - 30th. My contribution was "Peace spiritually in some non-Christian Religions", and for this I had to do much reading. I was thankful that among the delegates there were experts in the study of other religions who could help me.

The Conference was helped along most encouragingly by young speakers. Among others the Rev. Colin Patey, from Grimethorpe, S. Yorks, described how revulsion against the Falklands War in particular the sinking of the Belgrano had produced truly prophetic utterances from his congregation. Barbara Eggleston, Secretary of Christian Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament, spoke of the imaginative ways and the growing response to CND in helping the man in the street in his awareness of the nuclear problem. Briony Williams, a post-graduate student from Cambridge, spoke of the peace witness of the laity; she did not hide her criticism of the stand of the Churches on this issue.

But it was an encouragement to hear Bishop Michael Hare Duke from St. Andrews on the first evening, a great man of peace; and as the news came through of the Falklands Service at St. Pauls', with its emphasis on Thankfulness, Reconciliation and Peace, an ecumenical effort, we felt that Christians of a wide range, and non-Christians too, were increasingly making their voices heard about peace and about the preservation of God's beautiful world.

Hannah Stanton

## A MOVING OCCASION

Remember the excitement of ITV cameras and personalities in St. James's Road for a hectic week? The result of all this activity will be shown on ITV on Monday, 18th October at 8.30 pm. We hope this notice reaches you in time.

## HAMPTON HILL EXHIBITION OF LOCAL ARTS

This will be held on SATURDAY, October 16th from 2 - 6 pm at Hampton Hill Junior School, St. James's Avenue. Those who have been in other years will know what an enthralling treat is in store for them. Book the date now!

The HHA are hoping to discover even more unusual crafts and talents than in previous years when an amazing variety of skills has appeared. Each year local craftsmen have given 'live demonstrations' of their work and they are looking forward to seeing new talent this year as well as 'repeat performances' of crafts which have already proved so popular. Last year there were demonstrations of pottery, leatherwork, painting, candle making, silver work, lace making, needlework, Yoga, printing, macrame, model railways, machine embroidery and applique, marquetry, flower arranging, patchwork, knitting, calligraphy and clock making, as well as all kinds of exhibits from model farm carts and woodwork to bedspreads.

If anyone would like to exhibit their work (and if possible, give a demonstration) please contact :-

Mr. Eric Carter, 31 St. James's Road, Hampton Hill	979 1166
Mrs. Joyce Doughty, 228 Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill	979 2839
Mrs. Linda Bournell, 30 Windmill Road, Hampton Hill	979 3038
Mrs. Sally Low (especially for children's work), 95 High Street, Hampton Hill	979 9473

The Exhibition will be set up from 12 noon until 1 pm.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME TO THIS FAMILY VILLAGE OCCASION – THERE IS A SPECIAL SECTION FOR CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES.

## A Brief Account of the PERSONALITIES of BUSHY PARK up to 1750

Bushy Park was bought initially from the religious order The Knights of the Hospital of St. John Jerusalem, of Hampton, by Lord Daubeney; then owned by Cardinal Wolsey and later by Henry VIII, who made it a royal hunting preserve. In 1638 Charles I had the 11 mile Longford River cut as a tributary to the River Colne through Bushy Park to supply water for the gardens and fountains at Hampton Court, before joining the Thames via the Long Water. The Longford was improved by Oliver Cromwell who also had the artificial lakes, "Hare Warren Ponds" (Heron and Leg of Mutton) constructed. At this time the park reached its present size of 1,100 acres.

In 1689 William III and later Queen Anne, commissioned Sir Christopher Wren to design Chestnut Avenue, with rows of lime trees running east and west of Diana Fountain. It was to be built on the "goose-foot" principle favoured by Versailles and to be part of the grand northern approach to Hampton Court Palace. The idea was never fully achieved and the Diana Statue (by Francesco Fanelli) which used to stand in the Palace's Privy Garden, was placed on top of the fountain in the middle of the lake. It was the same William of Orange who, when thrown from his horse when it stumbled on one of the numerous molehills in the park and dying of injuries received, caused the toast "the little gentlemen in black velvet" to be raised by his Jacobite opponents.

One of the first notable Rangers of Bushy Park was Charles Montague, 1st Earl of Halifax. A successful politician, it was his "brainchild" as Lord Treasurer in 1692, to raise a loan of one million pounds for the nation – the National Debt.



In 1694 as Chancellor of the Exchequer, he established the Bank of England and a year later with Sir Isaac Newton "recoined" the currency. He is best remembered for the introduction of the notorious "window tax". From 1709 until his death in 1715, he held the office of Ranger and rebuilt Upper Lodge (now Bushy House and part of the National Physical Laboratory). He was followed by his nephew George Montague who was described by his contemporaries as a squanderer of money having a passion for cards, gambling and horse racing, as well as keeping several mistresses. He did however take a great interest in local affairs, being a trustee of Hampton Grammar School and giving financial support for the enlarging of St. Mary's Church, Hampton. On his death in 1737 his son became the next Ranger. He had a rewarding political career, holding both the posts of First Lord of the Admiralty and Head of the Board of Trade. The town of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada is named after him. He earned notoriety with his conflict with Timothy Bennet, a cobbler from Hampton Wick, who took legal action against him and triumphed, when Halifax tried to create a private park with "ticket holders" only, thus barring the right of way of the common folk to use the park. There is a plaque commemorating Bennet's action on behalf of the community, outside Hampton Wick's Royal Gate; the inscription reads "I am unwilling to leave this World worse than I found it."

Richard A. Harries

## DATES TO NOTE

### September

- 13 14.30 Ladies Choir, Vestry
- 14 09.30 Holy Communion  
10.30 Editorial Board, 75 St. James' Avenue  
14.00 Keep Fit Autumn Term Starts, Hall  
20.00 P.C.C. Wayside
- 16 19.15 Holy Communion
- 19 16th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Services as usual
- 21 09.30 Holy Communion  
20.00 Christian Discipline, Vestry (fortnightly)  
20.00 Tuesday Club, Wayside
- 22 10.00 Liturgical Dancing, Church  
17.30 A.G.M. Bishop Wand School P.T.A.
- 23 19.15 Holy Communion
- 26 17th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Services as usual
- 27 Start of W.E.A. 10 week course on Christian Doctrine, Rectory School
- 28 09.30 Holy Communion  
19.30 Start of Church Cleaning Programme
- 29 10.00 to 16.30 and 19.30 Continuation of Church Cleaning
- 30 19.15 Holy Communion

## Dates to Note continued . . . . .

### October

- 3 18th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Services as usual am  
16.30 Harvest Festival Service followed by tea
- 4 10.00 to 16.30 C of E Children's Society Sponsored Knit-in,  
2b Seymour Road and 68 Park Road
- 5 09.30 Holy Communion  
20.00 Christian Discipline, Vestry
- 6 14.30 M.U. Speaker on Salvation Army Music, Church
- 7 19.30 Harvest Buffet Supper and Entertainment, Hall
- 8 20.00 Liturgical Committee
- 10 19th SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
Services as usual
- 12 09.30 Holy Communion
- 14 19.15 Holy Communion
- 16 Week of Prayer for World Peace starts

Date	Communicants	Attendance	Pledged Giving	Other Giving
July 25	72	82	62.81	4.55
Aug. 1	72	82	139.30	7.97
8	86	96	172.80	8.17
15	84	94	95.10	9.30

Income Tax Rebate from Covenants £3,423.64

### MARRIAGES

- 7.8.82 Christopher William Gwynn to Susan Ann Clark
- 21.8.82 Richard Bernard Wallace to Sandra Ann Collins

### FUNERALS

- 11.8.82 Margaret Varley age 83 73 Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill
- 20.8.82 Phyllis May Donaldson age 84 formerly of this parish

### CHEMISTS' ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

- September 19 Moss, E Ltd, 14 Broad Street, Teddington  
26 Martin, F G Ltd, 3 Station Approach, Hampton
- October 10 Martin, F G Ltd, 3 Station Approach, Hampton  
17 Kirby, E & R, 53 High Street, Teddington  
24 Boots the Chemists, 59 Broad Street, Teddington  
31 Thomas, D R, 113 Stanley Road, Teddington

The Chemists are on duty in the weeks commencing on the above dates, during the following hours:

Weekdays (except Saturday)	6 - 7 pm
Early Closing days	6 - 7 pm
Sundays and Public Holidays	11 am - 12 noon