

Have you ever been to Hippo? It is not where Hippopotamuses come from! It is the name of a town on the North African coast in what is now Tunisia and where one of the most famous of all Christians was Bishop for many years. He was born at Tagaske in Algeria: Augustine — one of the most remarkable men ever to have become a Christian and one of the most inspiring for us to learn about. He did not have a Christian home (at any rate his father was a heathen). He appears to have led a dissolute life and would not have been noticed in today's company where sexual licence is taken for granted. He had a brilliant mind and could read and understand all philosophers. Not a very good start, you might think. But when he was in his thirties he came under the influence of Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, and was in due time so drawn to the Christian Way that he forsook his previous behaviour, was ordained, gathered a community around him and was more or less compelled to become a Bishop. It fell to him to wrestle with three major heresies which in various ways were dividing the Church. He left behind him some important works notably his Confessions and the City of God. He lived from 354 - 430.

More recently (well, only three hundred years ago) John Bunyan witnessed to God in his life in a much more limited way in one sense. He was a tinker, born at Elstow near Bedford, and was very poor. He suffered for his faith and seems to have had little formal education. But he wrote one of the greatest spiritual writings in English of all time, Pilgrim's Progress, as well as some others, mainly while he was in Bedford Prison. He lived from 1628 - 88.

The Church remembers these two very great, very different, Christians in August — St. Augustine on 26th, John Bunyan on 31st. According to our abilities it would be no bad thing if we were able to read some of their works. But at any rate let us thank God for their lives and examples and take courage that there is hope even for us in the Kingdom of Heaven!

Nicholas Chubb

HIGH LEIGH CONFERENCE

What do clergy talk about and discuss in conference? I found some answers at High Leigh, near Hoddesdon, where the Kensington Area clergy and deaconesses met from 23rd - 27th May.

First they get to know each other, at a much deeper level than is otherwise possible. It is very easy for clergy to feel isolated in their own parishes and especially, it seems in London, where the density of population and the difficulty and expense of travel militate against good communication. There is also, it has to be said, a curious stagnation in the Diocese. Comparatively few movements in and out take place and so those who "come in" from other parts of the country sometimes find it hard to get to know those who have spent all their ministry in the one Diocese of London.

Secondly, there is always time for study together in one form or another. At this conference there were some excellent Bible Studies led by the Bishop of Kingston on the theme of the Gift of the Holy Spirit filling the needs of the people, the Marks of the Church and the Apostolate and Ministerial Authority.

Thirdly there is a challenge to think about what we might be doing as Christians. Bishop Mark asked us to consider and discuss in groups some of the following topics: Who am I? Who are we? What is the Church of England? Synodical Government, increasing secularization of England, the working spouse, homosexuality, divorce, the multiracial society, ecumenical developments, liturgical revolution, the shift in the "political parties" in the Church. He also asked us to learn to ask each day "where has God been leading you to-day?"

There was fun too in a "review". Unexpected talents were revealed!

We did not decide anything, but we came away refreshed and revitalised to face the challenges of our various parishes as diverse as Notting Hill, Kensington and Hampton Hill.

Nicholas Chubb

RECIPE FOR A PERFECT DAY'S OUTING

Ingredients: 1 coach with lady driver
40 happy passengers (age immaterial)
1 large bag of mixed sweets
several boxes of assorted sandwiches
at least 8 quiches lorraines
large packet of potato crisps
gallons of orange squash
gallons of lemon squash
numerous boxes of lovely cakes
1 large tea urn
2 pints of fresh milk (4 more may be required by some people)
ample sunshine and warm blue sea

Method: Start out at 9am. Lovely sunshine all the way, countryside beautiful, gardens all seem to be so much prettier and better kept than my own. Rolling hills and fields on the Southdowns, golden with wheat, oats and barley. Farmers are working hard whilst we are on our way to the sea-side. We arrive at our destination, Rustington, at 11am. The whole day is "ours", must have a paddle before lunch but the tide is out and the dreaded sea weed and stones are between us and our goal. So some give up and wait for the tide to come in. Lunch is a splendid affair, so much to eat and drink – we cannot think of bathing for at least one hour afterwards. The tide is coming in quite fast and all seems well for our dip – some go right in others like myself just up to our knees! – but what enjoyment! A quick sunbathe and then cover up. It really is very hot. Lots of lotions, sunhats and ice creams appear and then it is time for tea; more sandwiches, lovely cake and tea. Never mind if you wanted milk, someone has left it in a car boot at Hampton Hill. Ball games and more bathing are enjoyed before the whole party is packed up and the coach comes to pick us up. After more "tots" of orange and lemon squash and "dips" in the sweet bag we arrive back at 8pm. All looking more sunburnt than when we left.

Thank you all for a lovely day.

Gwendoline Tough (Parish Outing 16.7.83)

UNA – TWICKENHAM BRANCH

The Garden Party for the Twickenham Branch of the UNA was held on Saturday 16th July in the grounds of 'Homestead' in Park Road, Teddington, where £380 was taken as profit. The occasion was opened by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr. Norris who reminded us how very fortunate we all are to have mains water at the turn of a tap and to have no doubts about its purity or cleanliness. This is certainly not the case for a large proportion of the world in which we live and it was these people that we were attempting to help.

The day continued in the hot, sunny weather of the previous week and it was probably this and other rival attractions that kept many people away. However, the money from this occasion will be used entirely for purposes of our branch's choice. It is likely that at the committee meeting this week most of it will be voted towards the two Water Projects that we are supporting in this special year. One exciting thing is that an anonymous donor will match every pound we make with one of their own, so our efforts on Saturday will be doubled in this marvellous way.

Moya M. Smith

YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP OUTING (2.6.83)

This year we arranged a coach trip to Battersea Park, where there is a free Children's Zoo (and pony rides to boot!). We set off, having already braved a shower, with fingers crossed that the macs, umbrellas and wellies would not be needed. No sooner had we arrived than the heavens opened and we all used every available means of keeping dry. It was short lived, however, and kept dry after that while we looked around. The zoo was quite well stocked with monkeys, goats and birds, amongst others, and the pony rides proved very popular – even baby Hannah Atkinson had a go, but decided perhaps she was a little young.

We found sheltered seats for our picnic, so did not have to face soggy sandwiches. The children could then run around to their hearts content, as is their wont, and then we made tracks in search of the cafe for tea and ice creams. The sun even ventured out as we sat with our refreshments, closely observed by some Canada geese.

Then it was time to find the coach and wend our way back to sunny Hampton Hill, having spent a super if a trifle soggy day out with friends.

Debbie Nunn

MOTHERS UNION

Our Annual June outing consisted of a trip to Loseley Farm, Guildford. We were first conducted around the beautiful old Mansion and then were free to wander round the farm and see pigs (one with a litter of 14 piglets), sheep, hens, turkeys, peacocks, etc., and of course the pride of the farm, a wonderful herd of Jersey cows.

The shop sold a great selection of dairy produce and we were soon tucking into ice cream and cream scones, etc. Some of us went on a tour of inspection in a farm cart and others sat and enjoyed the peace and tranquility. A severe storm the night before flooded the milking parlour, so that was out of action.

We returned through leafy lanes and quiet roads, and were unanimous in voting the outing a very happy one.

Our July meeting took the form of a service in Church conducted by the Vicar. The address was given by the Rev. Carter, Vicar of St. Mary's and St. Albans, Teddington and was most interesting. The Ladies Choir sang 'Serenade' by Bizet with great feeling and harmony. Pat Young led the prayers and Freda Moses read the lesson.

In view of a severe thunderstorm tea was served in church and we were delighted to welcome our visitors from other churches. I went home feeling very uplifted and thanking God that in the middle of the storm we were able to find peace and fellowship among friends in the M.U.

Our next meeting will be at Wayside on September 7th.

Freda Moses

SCOUT GROUP NEWS

As previously mentioned both Cub Packs and the Troop will be away at Camp from Sunday July 24th to Saturday July 30th.

There will not be a Church Parade in August or September.

We are holding an AUCTION in the Parish Hall on SATURDAY 24th SEPTEMBER. Also see next month's Spire for more about our BAZAAR to be held on 22nd October.

At the Hampton Hill Association Sport's Day on 9th July we manned 3 Stalls, Tombola, Fishing for a Bottle and Crazy Kitchen, all did very well, thank you all those who helped in this fund-raising event.

Very warm congratulations go to Cub Robert Smith of Brown Pack, who saved another boy from drowning in the River Mole. During a weekend's private camping in Molesey he noticed the child struggling in deep water, he remembered his life saving skills acquired during cub training with Prill Smith, courageously went in after the boy and brought him safely to the bank.

Michael J. Childs

REMINDER

Hampton Council of Churches fortnightly autumn lectures "What it means to be Christian now" begin on 19th September. See the last issue of 'Spire'.

ST. JAMES'S YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP

Our new term begins on Thursday 8th September. We meet every Thursday at 10.30 until 12.00 at Wayside, 25 St. James's Road (Almost opposite the Church).

September	8	Toddlers Club (T.C.) – i.e. coffee and chat
	15	Come and meet Anne Malins – a member of Meet A Mum Association, i.e. MAMA
	22	T.C.
	29	Annual Party for newly baptised children and their families; everyone welcome at the Church (Harvest theme)
October	6	T.C.
	13	Cadeaux Toy Party
	20	T.C.
	27	HALF TERM
November	3	Keep Fit with Eila Severn
	10	T.C.
	17	Church of England Children's Society film launched earlier this year "With a little help" about the work of two of the Society's Family Centres
	24	T.C.
December	1	Cooking for Christmas with Joy Lyall
	8	Floral Decorations for Christmas with Roma Bridges
	15	Christmas Party

The Young Families Group would be very grateful for some toys such as little rocking horses, cash registers, telephones, hoovers, etc. If anybody could donate items that are no longer needed, please contact Pam Atkinson 979 6166.

ST. JAMES'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are closed for the summer holidays and **re-open on Sunday 18th September**. We meet at Wayside, 25 St. James's Road (almost opposite the Church) at 9.20 until 10.00. The children can either be picked up then to go home, or we take them across to the Church to join in with the last part of the Parish Communion.

So that the children may all fully participate in a suitably structured programme of activities we have divided the Sunday School into three age groups:

4 and 5 year olds – meet every Sunday, **including Parade Sunday** led by
a team of teachers

6 and 7 year olds) – meet every Sunday, except Parade Sunday
8 years and older)

Do please get your children to come along.

If you have any queries regarding the Sunday School, or wish to put your child's name down, please contact either the Vicar or Pam Atkinson (979 6166).

A PUZZLE

To keep your minds ticking over in the holiday period, here is a "jumble". When you re-arrange the letters in the following list of strange words, you get seven words that are taken from the epistle for Sunday August 14, Pentecost 12. To help you further, they are listed in the order of appearance in the ASB text. You then take all the ringed letters and by re-arranging these, you obtain that particular Sunday's theme. Good luck and good fun! Send your answers to the editor, please. The first correct entry will be published next month. All eight correct words are required.

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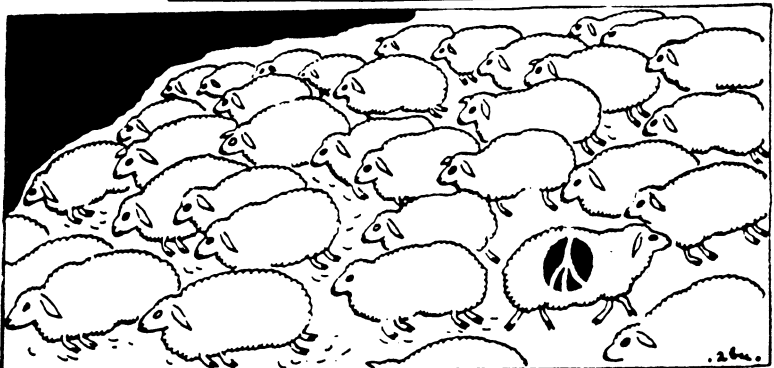
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THANK YOU

..... very much to Mrs. Hetty Burgess who responded to last month's appeal for a guillotine. She presented one to the church, and this machine has already proved very useful indeed. We are most grateful.



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WELCARE

Hampton & Hounslow Deaneries share the services of three Social Workers in the Hounslow & Hampton Area Office of WELCARE. The Diocese runs 16 offices employing 30 Social Workers. The worker who looks after our Deanery is MRS VIVIENNE RAYSKI, (570 3594 mornings only).

The aim of WELCARE is to support clients with serious personal problems, to develop their potential so that they can eventually stand on their own two feet and lead full lives. They are usually individuals who cannot cope with their circumstances and many are single-parent families. In January 1982, the Office had 55 clients and had taken on another 72 by the end of October.

Until 1958 most dioceses had MORAL WELFARE COMMITTEES, first started around 1890 for "outdoor preventive work in the field of illegitimacy and to arrange adoptions." The work has altered dramatically over the years, but is now more than ever necessary as the statutory social services cannot cope with the flood of potential clients and depend on support from the voluntary agencies.

75% of the WELCARE Social Workers' salaries are found by the Local Councils; in our case the London Boroughs of Richmond-upon-Thames and Hounslow. The other 25% and all other costs are found by the 39 parishes in the two Deaneries. Thus parish quotas are essential if the work is to continue.

An EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (Acting Chairman & Treasurer: ALEC EVANS - 719 3789) supervises the overall needs of the Hounslow Office and provides money. It is elected at an AGM by, in theory, two representatives from each parish and these reps. are meant to keep the parish informed of the excellent work done by WELCARE. Annual reports are circulated by both the Hounslow Office and the Diocesan Board.

The Diocesan Board for Social Responsibility employs the Social Workers and their work is supervised by the Deputy Director, MRS LYDIA GLADWIN.

Therefore, supervision of the local WELCARE Office is by the Diocesan Board, who control professional matters and the day-to-day running and unofficial financing is carried out by the Executive Committee elected by representatives from the parishes.

Cases come from many sources. One vital, but underutilised source of individuals in need, is through the local clergy. Closer links between the parishes and WELCARE can lead to more parishioners and their acquaintances being helped.

WELCARE helps those most in need. This is what Jesus instructed us to do.

CAN YOU HELP?

1) Clarendon School for Educationally Handicapped Children is looking for volunteers to help it in its scheme for aftercare of its school leavers.

The scheme is based upon the recommendations of the Warnock Report, which advised that such young people should each have available a person to whom they could turn for help and advice during the first two years or so after leaving school.

Formal qualifications are not looked for from volunteers, but rather a genuine and sympathetic interest in young people and a desire to help them,

together with a willingness to offer some time as a regular commitment on a periodic basis.

Induction training and continuing support will be given to those who offer to help, using the school and its staff as the base and with the supportive involvement of various agencies and services.

If you can commit some time on a regular basis and are interested in helping these young people and would like further details please ring Clarendon School on 979 1165 or come along to a coffee evening at the School on THURSDAY 29th SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m. for 8.00 p.m. when it will be more fully discussed.

2) The Hampton and Hampton Hill Community Association is looking for a Secretary or a Publicity Officer. Offers are invited to the Chairman John Bryce at the White House or the President Rev. John Rogers (979 3071).

MEET A MUM ASSOCIATION

Have you met MAMA? A registered charity, not a person – small groups of mothers organise a scheme for happy, competent mothers to befriend others who may be secretly suffering anxiety or sadness about their mothering. MAMA is not a Mother and Toddler group, but its members often move on to one, or join one as well as a MAMA group.

We need happy, healthy members willing to share their joy, but sometimes a mother who has overcome sorrow or anxiety best helps another who feels as she did. MAMA says "let me share it", or "I've been there – and it does get better."

If this interests you – especially if you have a baby under a year – please ring the Middlesex link person who has recently moved to Hampton Hill and joined the Christian family at St. James'. Ring 01 941 6784 to speak to Anne.

Registered Charity 283 271

AROUND THE SPIRE

Many people will remember Mr. Peel, who lived for many years in Burtons Road, and who became an active member of the Church after the death of his wife Frances in 1964. He served on several committees including the Magazine Committee and the PCC. He died in Bristol on June 16th at the age of 84 years. Despite a good deal of ill health over the years and the loss of sight more recently he still remained as active as possible, and in this his family including eleven grandchildren helped him. We send them our condolences and will continue to remember Mr. Peel with admiration and affection.

We recently received news of Hazel (nee Gubbins) and John Reese. John is now Vicar of St. Christopher's Church, Johore Bahru near Singapore. His congregation is rather varied, some Chinese, some Malay and some Indian; and local custom dictates that when John enters the Church he has to remove his shoes! Since they have been there Hazel and John have started a kindergarten of which their own daughter Hannah, who is now three, is a pupil. We hear that she towers over her petite Asian playmates. The Reeses expect to return to England in about eighteen months complete with the new addition due in December.

Another baby recently arrived is David Keith Bridges born on 27th June to Roland and Linda Bridges, and grandson to Roma and Ron Bridges. Congratulations to them all and hope all continue to thrive. Roma and Ron's other son Vernon is also in the news having just obtained his degree from the University of East Anglia, in Environmental Sciences. Congratulations to him.

Alison Thompson, a very much missed member of the magazine committee is currently recuperating after an operation. Alison has been ill on and off for sometime, but is now feeling much better and looking forward to seeing all her friends again soon. She has in fact asked us to thank all her friends for their messages, cards, visits and prayers.

On a boiling hot afternoon last week Hannah Stanton had a Garden Party in aid of Community Care Funds. The little ones danced entrancingly and the bigger (and older) ones sat in the shade, chatted and consumed ice creams and tea. The final sum raised was in excess of £200.

DATES TO NOTE

August

- 13 10.00 Churchyard Working Party
- 14 PENTECOST 12
Services as usual
- 16 09.30 Holy Communion
- 18 19.15 Holy Communion
- 21 PENTECOST 13
Services as usual
- 23 09.30 Holy Communion
- 24 ST. BARTHOLOMEW THE APOSTLE
- 25 19.15 Holy Communion
- 28 PENTECOST 14
No 08.00 Holy Communion
Other services as usual
- 30 09.30 Holy Communion

September

- 1 19.15 Holy Communion
- 4 PENTECOST 15
Services as usual
- 6 09.30 Holy Communion
20.00 Tuesday Club, Social, Wayside
- 7 14.30 Mothers Union, Mini Market in Wayside
20.00 Good News Group, 75 Burtons Road
- 8 THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
10.30 Young Families Group, Toddlers Club, Wayside
19.15 Holy Communion
- 9 CCG Flower Festival at St. Mary's, Hampton
- 10 10.00 Churchyard Working Party
- 11 PENTECOST 16
Services as usual
- 12 14.30 Ladies Choir, Vestry
- 13 09.30 Holy Communion
10.30 Editorial Board, 75 St. James's Avenue

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptism: 26th June Charlotte Henrietta Louisa Payne 225 High Street

Wedding: 23rd July Kenneth Leslie Purdey and Clare Ann East

Funerals: 23rd June Harold Thomas Hargrove 35 St. James's Road aged 79
 29th June Annie Britton 18 Seymour Road aged 97
 1st July Frank Edward Peel formerly of Burtons Road aged 84
 7th July Ronald Tandy 7 Graham Road aged 66
 14th July Annie McSorley 65 St. James's Avenue aged 92

CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

August 14 Martin, F G Ltd, 3 Station Approach, Hampton
 21 Moss, E Ltd, 14 Broad Street, Teddington
 28 Martin, F G Ltd, 28b Priory Road, Hampton
 29 Martin, F G Ltd, 28b Priory Road, Hampton
 Sept. 4 Kirby, E & R, 53 High Street, Teddington
 11 Boots the Chemists, 59 Broad Street, Teddington

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 Sundays and Public Holidays 11 am - 12 noon
 There is a 24 hour Chemist at London Airport

	Communicants	Attendance	Pledged Giving	Other Giving
April 10	97	107	123	13
17	105	127	98	16
24	101	128	126	10
	Bankers Orders April	£524	Easter Envelopes	£15
May 1	87	156	140	17
8	101	121	138	17
15	114	126	110	11
22	130	142	79	22
29	101	113	91	14
	Bankers Orders May	£244	Whitsun Envelopes	£98
June 5	109	152	89	14
12	114	133	216	18
19	93	114	94	9
26	107	120	108	16
	Bankers Orders June	£209		
July 3	118	158	136	22
10	115	119	125	16
17	104	111	100	15