

Through the initiative of the Rev. Norman Setchell of the United Reformed Church and Mr. Fred Wright of St. Margaret's RC Church, the churches of the Twickenham United Christian Council anticipated Pentecost Sunday and celebrated vigorously at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th May in St. Mary's Church, Twickenham.

The Salvation Army was there singing in strength; the Brownies and the Guides sang; the URC Musical Director conducted a large ecumenical choir including our friends from St. Francis de Sales, accompanied by a band with two guitarists, a trumpeter, Nick Grey at the piano and Norman at the drums. Members of the congregations of the Twickenham churches of all denominations took part singing popular hymns; St. Stephens put on a dramatic turn and there were relevant and moving readings. St. Mary's was full, not to over-flowing I must admit, but we all made a good noise, and tried to raise the roof: 'Careful of it please', said the Rev. Alun Glyn-Jones, who conducted the service, 'its just been painted'.

The Rev. Martin Peppiatt gave the address. How glad he was, he said, to see the joining together in this service of celebration of all the varieties of Christian churchmanship in the district. Here was a unity as there should be. We were celebrating the giving of a gift to all, men, women and children, on this day, the birthday of the Church. 'The promise is to you' he emphasized, quoting from Peter's first speech after the giving of the Holy Spirit. 'You will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is to you and to your children'. What a gift on this birthday party of the Church, and we could say OUR birthday party.

I had meant to say something in this leader about Pentecost, and this service seemed symbolic of much of what we are celebrating at this time. At the first Pentecost there was a wide variety of people in the crowds, there followed a unity of understanding. Here at St. Mary's there was a variety of Christians coming together with a unity of purpose; coming together in joyful celebration, in eager expectation of a gift. And such a gift: inspiration, power, new life, light - illumination leading to the knowledge of God and His Will, and strength to carry this out, Christ within us.

And in this strength, Peter and his fellow disciples, and in due course Paul, went out carrying the Good News of the Gospel, in the power of the Spirit, to all areas of the known world at that time.

On Pentecost Sunday at St. James's our services continued the inspiration of this New Life in the Spirit. To many, both at the first Pentecost and now in all places, it was indeed a Birthday Party of the Church.

Hannah Stanton

Sunday 25th June - 'Children in the Way'

9.30am Children's Communion with children participating

6.30pm Prayer 'n' Praise followed by coffee at 7.15pm

7.30pm Workshop - All-age Workshop

Annual Parochial Church Meeting

The Area Dean, Tim Higgins, was in the chair on 26th April for our APCM. Firstly our two Churchwardens, Lesley Mortimer and Alan Taylor, were re-elected and warmly thanked for their part in getting our new Vicar for us and handling the interregnum so well.

It was announced that the Electoral Roll stood at 137. Our Treasurer advised that the total income for 1988 was £31,400 against £30,800 in 1987. However outgoings were greater, totalling £32,200 against £32,000. We have also carried over a £1,900 deficit on our Common Fund payments into this year. David Dore stood down as Deanery Synod representative and Pip Rowett took his place. The following 20 people offered themselves for the Parochial Church Council and they were duly declared elected:

Ann Davis	Terry Baldwin
Mona Gow	Ron Bridges
Monica Heaford	Jack Gostling
Rosalie Meyerowitz	David Lloyd
Ruth Mills	Ron Metcalfe
Marion Nevill	Paul Revis
Margery Orton	Pip Rowett
Eila Severn	Hal Severn
Moya Smith	John Smith
	David Taylor
	Dick Wilde

Margaret Leatherdale and Helen Taylor, who stood down, were thanked for their devoted service over many years.

We heard reports on Stewardship, Church properties, the Deanery Synod, the P.C.C. and the interregnum. The P.C.C. had looked at many issues, mainly the search for a new Vicar, the interregnum and our finances. Warmest thanks go to everybody who has helped the church to run so smoothly, particularly to Gordon Wilson for acting as our Celebrant so many times. Unfortunately we still need to look very closely at our finances which continue to be under great strain. But some splendid fund-raising efforts have been, and continue to be, made for both the Church's Urban Fund and the 'Save our Spire' appeal. On Sunday 25th June, a special effort will be made to get to grips with 'Children in the Way', a report on how best to bring children fully into the worshipping community of the church.

Various possibilities for rationalising our church properties, which had been under consideration by a special committee, were reported and discussed. As regards the church building itself, we were now awaiting proposals from the Architect.

We were delighted and excited at the prospect of Brian Leathard and family coming to us this September. They can be sure of a warm welcome.

We covered a great deal of ground this year but still managed to finish on time at 10 pm.

Terry Baldwin

Spire Appeal

Good news, Bad news.

BAD news. At £5,900 so far, we are less than half way to the likely costs to be met.

GOOD news. That £5,900 has come from about 120 very generous individual donations (including a splendid £230 plus from our three Mini-marathon girls).

So almost certainly there are many others in the parish intending to help who just haven't got round to it yet! If that describes YOU, we'd be glad to hear from you - perhaps at our Open Day on 17th June?

Or, if you can't make it then, just pop your donation in an envelope and send it to me at 21 St. James's Road. But do it soon. Please. We really do need the money.

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SPIRE APPEAL

Jack Gostling.

More about the Open Day

- ... We are delighted to hear that OUR NEW VICAR, BRIAN LEATHARD, PLANS TO BE WITH US for at least part of the day.
- ... Coryn Robinson (979 6786) would appreciate offers of HELP WITH THE TEAS - making small cakes, scones and sandwiches; setting up tables; serving; and washing up.
- ... Thanks to the generosity of our local High Street traders, there will be many splendid prizes in our GRAND RAFFLE.
- ... We understand that among the attractions, there may be a BARREL ORGAN.

Wealth Warning

ATTENDING
OUR OPEN DAY
COULD
SERIOUSLY
DAMAGE YOUR

~~HEALTH~~
POCKET

Coffee Morning

Thursday 8th June at 10.30am

30 st. James's Road

Bring and Buy, raffle, coffee and refreshments, 30p.

Diminishing Whist Party

We are holding a Diminishing Whist Party at our house, 151 Uxbridge Road, on Friday 23rd June at 7.45pm in aid of the Church Spire Appeal.

If you have not played this game before don't worry! Everyone plays for themselves, you don't have to be an expert, and you have no partners to worry about! You are dealt 13 cards for the first round and, each time after this round, the number of cards in the deal is reduced until finally only 1 card each is dealt. Each time you say how many tricks you hope to make and you get a bonus of 10 marks if you make a correct guess. Obviously the fun starts as the cards being dealt decrease and you don't know which cards are in the spare pile!

You are asked to bring a prize valued at under 50p so everyone wins something. You may choose to bring a novelty but even sweets or a book of stamps is acceptable.

Tickets will be £2.50 including a buffet supper but numbers will be limited to 30 so book early. Our phone number is 979 6325.

David and Janet Nunn

Mini-Marathon

Hello. I thought I might tell you about the mini-marathon because Emily and I (and Sally) raised some money for the Spire Appeal. Well, I'll begin. I got up at 5 o'clock, washed and dressed, had breakfast and did my hair and teeth. Emily and her mother came and my Nan drove us to Twickenham station. The coaches arrived and that's when the excitement began.

When we arrived in London we put on our tee-shirts - the colours were orange, yellow, blue and turquoise. Turquoise and blue went first, then yellow, then orange. Everyone cheered. Soon we were off. We ran faster and faster, further and further. Emily sprinted past me, then I saw Big Ben and sprinted. We both got our medals. We had done it! We got foil capes and a goody bag. It had been a good day, and we hope to go in for it next year.

Davina Warrington (aged 11)

P.S. I would like to say a special thanks to Malcolm Muir, our trainer and to my Nan for taking us.

Churchyard Recording

Do you have a relative, friend or neighbour buried in St. James's Churchyard? Perhaps you haven't visited the grave for some time because it was totally overgrown. Why not come along and see if it is one of those which have seen the light of day for the first time for many years?

Many people have put in a lot of work to achieve the result we see, and the work must continue if the clearance is to be maintained. We have also made a start on recording the graves and their inscriptions so that finally we hope to have a proper record, as far as is possible, of who is buried where. It would be even better if we had some more information about the people and their families which would make it more interesting, especially how they were related, what they did for a living, and so forth.

I have started on a card index of names. This is only in its early stages but already the same family names keep cropping up, so if you know the Baldwins, the Boulonois, the Gathergoods or any of the other local families, I should be very interested to hear about them. Jot it down on a piece of paper and let me have it at 68 Park Road.

Helen Taylor

A Meditation on Mark 1:21-28

Consider the synagogue in Capernaum. Perhaps it is particularly full, perhaps a rumour had got round that the strange preacher and healer, Jesus of Nazareth would speak.

He stands up, a simply clad man amongst the finery of the scribes and Pharisees. He has no pride or birth, or worldly wealth or academic learning but he speaks compellingly. The listeners are moved by what he says, words that assail their hearts and not just their ears. 'What authority he has' they say to each other. They recognise another dimension in his teaching, opening up vistas closed to their religious leaders and therefore to them.

They are not the only ones to recognise this. In that holy place an unclean spirit has entered in and it recognises Jesus for who and what He is - the conqueror of evil. The poor possessed demoniac raves in rage and terror, thrown about by the powers of darkness which inhabit him. The congregation watch, shocked and helpless but Jesus stretches out his hand, rebukes the evil spirit, saying with the authority vested in him by the Father, "Be silent, come out of him", and the evil power which had possessed and tormented the man for so many years, leaves him. For a moment all is quiet, hushed in amazement and awe.

Imagine the scene. The people had just heard teaching such as they had never heard before and now they witnessed 'the other side of the same coin', the supernatural power of God's healing grace. They had heard the Good News preached and had witnessed the almighty sign. Now the synagogue is full of excited voices, 'A new teaching, an authority that both speaks and acts, teaches and heals'. Can't you imagine those witnesses telling others; the Good News spreading outwards from the synagogue into the town, beyond the town into the surrounding countryside - all through Galilee and beyond into a world as yet unknown - our world.

'Now to Him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to His Power that is at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever, Amen'.

Margery Orton

24 Hour Famine

Many thanks to all those who helped to raise money for World Vision. At the time of writing we have collected about £540. As an example this amount will provide a year's medicinal supplies to an African clinic.

Thank you.

Margaret Revis

Church's Urban Fund

Concert

Why weren't you at the excellent concert at the church on April 21st? I posed this question and received varying answers. Some said that they were unaware of it. This seems surprising when there were so many posters and notices. Perhaps next time there should be even more! Then there was the ever present fear of going out alone at night. I don't know the answer to this. When was there last any trouble in Hampton Hill? The most surprising reason given to me was someone who said that he feared that it would all be heavy church organ music. How wrong he was!

They missed a very enjoyable evening attended by about eighty who contributed the good sum of £112 to the Fund. The programme was well chosen and varied and interestingly introduced by Olive Hayward with instructive and entertaining comments. The Programme included so many pleasing items that there is insufficient space to discuss them all.

The one thing which impressed me as much as any was the great versatility of the organ, and in particular the sweet dulcet notes of the upper registers, revealed by the playing of Olive and Charles Dobson. Also the excellent way in which it represented the orchestra accompanying the young Daniel Smith in the familiar 'hunting-call' movement from Mozart's Horn Concerto. How well the church's acoustics responded to the horn in this stirring piece. Then in renderings of Bach Goes to Town, The Tritsch-Tratsch Polka and Narcissus, I was almost transported, dare I say, to the Tower Ballroom!

There were also fine renderings by the choir and a most expressive dance by the Liturgical Dancers. We were able to follow the theme of the elegant and evocative dance from a resumé which was provided. The recorded music of the London Symphony Orchestra playing extracts from 'Classic Rock' came through the speakers with real 'Hi-i' quality. The concert seemed to finish all too early, leaving us wanting more. Watch out for the next concert and don't miss it!

Dick Waltham

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At the final count our parish raised some £1250 for this fund for the inner-city parishes. Our target of £1000 set a year ago has thus been easily exceeded. We look forward to hearing the Diocesan total and of the presentation of the amounts collected in St. Paul's Cathedral at Pentecost.

DANGEROUS LOVE

The more we reflect on the dangers, the risks and the pain of loving, the more remarkable it appears that you or I or anyone else should dare to love at all. Yet we do. Despite all the dangers, all the risks, all the pain involved, we accept that loving and being loved is the best thing we can imagine - it is our calling and our destiny.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Robert Runcie

Parish Summer Outing

The date is set - Saturday 1st July. The place is chosen - Ferry Meadows Country Park just outside Peterborough. The coach is booked. All we need now is for you to join us in an exciting day out together.

We plan to leave St. James's at 9.30am and arrive in time for lunch. Don't forget to bring yours with you. It is planned to include liquid refreshment in the all-inclusive cost of £4.00 per person.

Ferry Meadows Country Park contains 800 acres of fine country-side, lakes, meadows and woodland. It is the focal point of the much larger Nene Park which runs from Peterborough city centre to the A1 at Wansford.

There are nature walks, a bird sanctuary, pony-and-trap rides, cruising on the Nene Star on the lake, Nene Valley International Steam Railway and lake fishing.

Peterborough can easily be reached for those who would like to visit the cathedral.

There is a shop selling books and gifts, and cafe serving hot and cold snacks. You can picnic almost anywhere in the park.

A list is on the notice-board in church and, if you have not already done so, please put your name on it so we will know how many are coming. Seats on the coach will be limited.

Finally we will have the pleasure of the company of Nicholas and Susan Chubb who will meet us at the park and spend the afternoon with us, so make up your mind to come with us and have a wonderful day.

We should be back in Hampton Hill by 7.00pm.



David Lloyd

TAKING UP WITH GOD

*I leave aside my shoes - my ambitions,
undo my watch - my timetable,
take off my glasses - my views,
unclip my pen - my work,
put down my keys - my security,
to be alone with You the only true God.*

*After being with You,
I take up my shoes to walk in Your ways,
strap on my watch to live in Your time,
put on my glasses to look at Your world,
clip on my pen to write up Your thoughts,
pick up my keys to open Your doors.*



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May Day with a Difference

It all started with an invitation received just before Christmas. Helen Taylor had devised a wonderful surprise to celebrate Alan's 50th birthday. On Monday 1st May as many members of the old Y.P.F. (Young People's Fellowship for the uninitiated) as possible gathered at the Parish Hall to congratulate Alan on his half-century and wish him and his family all the best for the future.

As I made my way to the Hall, I wondered how many people I would recognise after such a long break (some I had not seen for at least 20 years). As people arrived I realised that most of them had similar feelings, and there was quite a bit of 'is that so-and-so?' and trying to work out which spouses and children belonged to whom.

After acquaintances were renewed and news was caught up on, we all sat down to an excellent lunch ably serviced by Helen and Ruth (the Taylor boys took turns in manning the bar) followed by games of rounders (played to Y.P.F. - non-existent - rules) and football on the Rec. By the time that was over we were all more than ready for the welcome cup of tea and birthday cake Helen had been preparing. Then it was time to leave.

That so many people came is a tribute to all Alan's hard work in organising us as youngsters and to Helen's efforts in contacting everyone. It has given me one more happy memory to add to those I have of the Y.P.F. - thank you both.

Gillian Gostling

Around the Spire

Two regular members of our congregation who are at present in hospital are Freda Moses and Gerwyn Anthony. We remember them both in our prayers and send them out love and good wishes.

We also send our love to Hilde Bucknell and family, with whom we still have close contact although they are not longer living among us, on the recent death of Hilde's mother in Germany. Known to many as 'Mutti', she became a familiar and much loved figure on her many visits to Hampton Hill. Much as we shall miss her visits, so much more will she be missed by her family.

We were also very sorry to hear of the recent death of John Sumner who was Scout Leader in the 3rd Hampton Hill Scout Group for some years until a few years ago.

Congratulations to John and Moya Smith on the occasion of their Silver Wedding in June. It looks as if they are going to have a busy time but we hope they enjoy the celebrations.

Scouts to revive Children's Sports Day

3rd Hampton Hill Scouts are to revive the Hampton Hill Children's Sports Day, which was an annual event for many years, much enjoyed by the local community. The Sports Day lapsed a few years ago when the organiser left the area.

The Scouts organised a few races last year, but this year intend to hold the event as it used to be, with races for children aged 3 - 12, stalls and games - an afternoon for all the family. It will take place on Holly Road Recreation ground, Hampton Hill on Saturday 8 July at 2.00pm.

Anyone wishing to have a stall at this event should contact John Nielsen on 941 0352.



GARDEN COMPETITION

JUDGED BY

Alan Titchmarsh

"How does your garden grow"

Sunday July 23rd

- Three Groups 1) Front Gardens
 2) Back Gardens
 3) Containers: troughs, pots, boxes etc.

PRIZES: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place of each group donated by

Squires Garden Centre

Plus cup for overall winner

Registration Fee 50p

Information 979-2726

"Where have all the flowers gone"

From the Registers

Baptism			
April	23	Lee Thomas Whittle	3 Chelsea Close
Wedding			
May	13	Timothy Shaun Fisher and Emma Myfanwy Parkin	
Funeral			
May	8	Frank Eric Dadswell	41 Fairlight aged 69

Services and Dates to Note

June	3	09.30	Churchyard Working Party
	4	08.00	Holy Communion
		09.30	Informal Service
		18.30	Parish Communion with Healing Ministry

	6	09.30	Holy Communion
	8	10.30	Coffee Morning, 30 St. James's Road
		19.15	Holy Communion
		20.00	Deanery Synod, St. James's
11			<u>St. Barnabas the Apostle</u>
		08.00	Holy Communion
		09.30	Parish Communion
		17.00	Said Evening Prayer
		18.30	Prayer 'n' Praise
13		09.30	Holy Communion
		20.00	Tuesday Club: A.G.M., Wayside
14		20.00	Taizé Service, St. Francis de Sale's
15		19.15	Holy Communion
		20.15	Properties Committee, 21 St. James's Road
17		10.45	Open Day, Church and Spire
18		08.00	Holy Communion
		09.30	Parish Communion, Archdeacon to preside
		18.30	Evensong
20		09.30	Holy Communion
		20.00	P.C.C., Vestry
22		19.15	Holy Communion
23		19.45	Diminishing Whist, 151 Uxbridge Road
24			<u>Birth of St. John the Baptist</u>
25		08.00	Holy Communion
		09.30	Children's Communion, 'Children in the Way'
		17.00	Said Evening Prayer
		18.30	Prayer 'n' Praise
		19.30	Workshop: 'All-age Worship'
26		20.00	Hampton Council of Churches, All Saints'
27		09.30	Holy Communion
		20.00	Tuesday Club: 'Traditions and Customs', Wayside
29			<u>St. Peter the Apostle</u>
		19.15	Holy Communion
July	1	09.30	Summer Outing to Peterborough
		09.30	Churchyard Working Party
	2	08.00	Holy Communion
		09.30	Informal Service
		18.30	Parish Communion with Healing Ministry
<u>Advance Notices</u>			
July	3		<u>St. Thomas the Apostle</u>
	8	14.00	Hampton Hill Children's Sports Day, Holly Road
	18	19.30	Windmill Road School Concert
	20	20.00	P.C.C., Vestry
	23		Celebration of St. James's Day
Sept.	14		Institution of the Rev. Brian Leathard

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