

November seems to be a month for memories. As the days become shorter we realise that winter is on its way, another year almost over. Summer and Autumn have finished, trees have shed their leaves, frosts start appearing streaked across the grass.

In the Church's calendar too the year changes at the beginning of the month, our cycle of readings changes, All Saints' Day (1 November) recalls all who followed and follow today on the Christian path. All Souls (2 November) celebrates the faith and glory of the departed.

And in the life of society memories come to the fore in November. 'Please to remember the 5th of November and Gunpowder, Treason and Plot', and all that witnesses to a turbulent period in our country's history in which religious intolerance savaged families and destroyed individuals. And of course Armistice Day, 11 November, which this year falls on a Sunday, reminds us at first of those killed in the First World War, then all other wars since. It must serve to remind us of those whose lives are destroyed or damaged by warfare or violence today, as you read this.

But what is memory? You can't see it or touch it, even under the strongest microscope. Yes on one level it is some complex electro-chemical process in one's brain, but that is only a beginning. Ask a friend who shared an event or witnessed something together with you and the chances are that your memories of it will be different. We select and store in our memories. Moments of great pleasure or great pain seem to stand out like mountains in the plateau of our memories.

What do we do with our memories? All too often we let them fester. We prefer to remain with our partial remembering, seeing things as we want to see them, rather than take someone else's perspective into account. Such memories can be so limiting.

But perhaps another model is possible. On a recent visit to a Mental Health Day Centre I sat in on a group of elderly patients whose memories were being jogged by an Occupational Therapist getting them to talk about old sepia photographs of Kingston. So carefully she knitted together a composite picture, in which almost everyone contributed something, had a particular memory, brought a special remark, told a different story. The wealth of information was extraordinary, and brought great pleasure.

What do we do when every week at the Eucharist, in the middle of our everyday lives, we hear the words, 'Do this in remembrance of me' - are we looking inwards, looking out? Or keeping our eyes closed, trying not to look anywhere?

Betty Stewart is Licensed

It was a great pleasure to be able to attend the Licensing as a Reader of Betty Stewart by the Bishop of Southwark, Ronnie Bowlby, at Southwark Cathedral on Monday 8 October. Betty now works at Springfield Mental Hospital at Tooting as a Patient Activities Co-ordinator and she works closely with the chaplain there, Tony Yeldham, who was also at the ceremony along with many other clergy. Recently, the St. James's Liturgical Dance Group took part in the Harvest Festival Service at Springfield Hospital which was a very happy occasion, so we saw a little of the environment in which Betty works.

The Cathedral was full and the service, a Eucharist, was an occasion of much joy and thanksgiving. The text for the sermon was the story of the Good Samaritan, the only one of the three people who came upon the man who had been robbed who was free of religious and cultural restrictions and so able to do anything for him. We too, said the preacher, the Bishop of Woolwich, Peter Hall, must be free of such inhibitions to be able to do the right thing, not bound by prejudices and lack of imagination.

After the service we saw Betty and she was very thrilled that we had been able to be there to support her. We admired her NEB New Testament which she and all the other new Readers had been given, and rejoiced with her that after so long, she had finally been admitted as a Reader. She was licensed to the Chaplain at Springfield. Remember Betty and all the other Readers in your prayers, give them your support and encouragement - everyone needs these.

Helen Taylor

PARISH QUIET DAY

10.30 am to 4 pm

Saturday 8 December

Convent of the Sisters of the Church, Ham

led by

The Revd. Canon John Halliburton

of St. Paul's Cathedral

Find Space and Time for a truly quiet day
amidst the headlong rush towards Christmas

Sign the list in Church or contact The Vicar



A Weekend in Vienna

From 4 to 7 October I was in Vienna for a meeting of the European Executive Committee of the World Conference on Religion and Peace. The meeting was held in a Roman Catholic Seminary, St. Gabriel's. In the dark at rush hour this took some finding, but with the help of fellow passengers and then of passers by, and a small scale sketch map, I eventually found myself on the corner of Gabrielestrasse. Then out of the darkness came the voice of an angel of mercy (actually the young wife of our German committee secretary) saying: 'Hello, Gordon!' We were quite a walk from St. Gabriel's House, but she escorted me there, even carrying my bag.

At our meeting we did not have much to do to establish relationships between eastern and western Europe, for we all met as old friends with a common interest in peace making. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the new situation in Europe and the new opportunities which have arisen, in preparation for a larger European conference next May. We had representatives at our meeting from Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia as well as from western Europe. We were mostly Christian (mostly Roman Catholic) with one Anglican (myself) but included one Jew, Lisa Palmieri from Italy, and one Muslim from Holland. Our language was generally English, but when our friends from eastern Europe joined in the discussion, they spoke German. Whilst my elementary German was sufficient to get me through Vienna, I became rather lost in the intense discussion. This shows how important it is for adequate translation to enable us all to communicate with each other directly. We English are usually regarded as lazy about learning foreign languages, but I think the trouble is that we are not so close to our neighbours as other European countries. If I could spend a month or two in France or Germany, I feel sure I would become reasonably fluent in either language. It is a daunting thought that if our son Charles and his wife had any children at their home in Bordeaux, we might become cut off by language from our own grandchildren.

On Sunday we joined with the Vienna Group at their annual meeting. Dr. John Taylor, the International Secretary of WCRP, based in Geneva, gave an excellent address in English, and Lisa Palmieri gave an address in German (she offered me and a French lady summary translations from German during the discussions at our meeting).

After lunch, John Taylor and I, who were going to the airport later in the afternoon, joined with two of our Czech friends, Professor Broz and his wife, in taking a tram to the city centre and strolling in the sunshine among the magnificent buildings and gardens, ending up in a café alongside the Opera House, drinking coffee and eating Viennese chocolate cream cake.

Hannah Stanton has written of the July meeting of WCRP at Princeton, USA, promoted by UNICEF: 'The World's Religions for the World's Children'. Our Vienna meeting called upon all national groups in Europe to study and pursue this theme in their own areas.

Gordon Wilson

Mothers' Union

London Diocese Centenary Eucharist

We were blessed with a beautiful October Saturday afternoon for the M.U. Centenary Eucharist at St. Paul's Cathedral. We recalled with pride and gratitude all who had given of their time and energy unstintingly over the years, and gave thanks for the joy of the shared service together. God's blessing on the work of the M.U. in all parts of the world was sought and we dedicated ourselves again to its service. We prayed for God's guidance that we might work with vision and imagination.

The theme of the Eucharist was 'Who touched me?' (Luke 8.45). We prayed that as we ourselves drew near to 'touch' Jesus that afternoon, we would each receive his power to strengthen our faith and prepare us as we sought to witness to him in our daily lives in the weeks and years ahead.

The bidding prayer encouraged us to wrestle with the challenges which confront us in our commitment to serve and honour God in our family life. The sermon by the Lord Bishop of London concerned love and our attention was particularly drawn to the fact that 1990 heralds the onset of the decade of evangelism. Recently our Central President issued a challenge to every M.U. member: 'Will you consciously have the proclamation of the Good News as a priority for the coming years?'

The Eucharist followed and it was a wonderful feeling that we were there as one united family to celebrate our Lord's supper and his love for us which we are called to share in his world. Young, elderly, middleaged, babies, toddlers and schoolchildren were there as one family to share in the celebration of a society that has worked so hard for the stability and joy of family life throughout the world.

Finally a moment which is always impressive - the marshalling and carrying in procession of the banners from all of the churches in the diocese.

Then the blessing: 'The God of all grace who called you to his eternal glory in Christ Jesus establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith' - **settle** you in the faith - what a wonderful expression, for it is only when we are truly settled in the faith, when our faith means more to us than life or death or self or possessions that we do indeed truly live.

Janet Jeffries

Deanery Day

On **Wednesday 21 November** our M.U. members meet with those of other local branches in our church. We begin the day with a celebration of the Eucharist at 11am, at which all members of the congregation are welcome. Please bring a picnic lunch: drinks will be provided. At approximately 1.30pm we will be showing the M.U. Video - 'The Family Firm'. We hope that the parish as a whole will be able to see it on some future occasion. The rest of the day will be taken up discussing the future of the M.U. in our area and there will be time to chat and to get to know one another. Literature and M.U. Centenary souvenirs will be on sale. Do come and encourage your friends to come too.

Meditation

Holy Father - in this decade of Evangelism, how can we spread God's word - how can we become 'fishers of men'?

We must become true followers of Christ, be as the first disciples, live our lives both with him and for him. We must 'come and see'. We must study his words and see how they are accompanied in his life by his deeds. Above all, we must pray - at all times and in all places with thanksgiving and praise.

We must thank God for his goodness. We must pray to become holy as Jesus is holy. What we lack we must ask for, for are we not **promised** that our Father in heaven is wishful to give us the best of all good gifts? If we feel - and who does not - that we are lacking God's Holy Spirit in us, then we are told we must ask for it.

If we earnestly desire to lead others 'into all truth', then we must first see that the Holy Spirit is leading us into all truth. We cannot bring to others what we have not got ourselves. If there is nothing visible of God in us, how can we lead others to the light? Jesus led his disciples because they could see the light of God shining in his face, hear the words of God living in his utterances.

Truly man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of God. Christ is God's living word. 'This is my beloved son, **listen to him**' - not just on Sunday but **every day**.

We have the bible - or do we not have a bible? If we have one, is it dog-eared, are the words of life underlined, are there markers in it - perhaps notes in the margin? Is it our handbook for life, everyday life, well-known, well-loved, well-used - or is it still brand new, seldom, if ever, used? Does it gather dust amongst the other shelf-fillers in the spare room? Do we know exactly where it is? Is it to hand? **If it is not, the chances are that, for us, the Kingdom of Heaven is not felt to be at hand either!**

Margery Orton



Jean Western (979 3358) has now taken over responsibility for ordering New Daylight and Guidelines. If you do not already take BRF's publications and would like to, let Jean know.

Using set readings with comment, such as BRF offers, does help to establish regular and disciplined bible reading.

Stewardship

Stewardship giving for the last four quarters, and for the corresponding quarters twelve months earlier, was as follows:

		£		£
July - September	1990	5,436	1989	5,073
April - June	1990	5,517	1989	4,286
January - March	1990	7,080	1989	5,549
October - December	1989	<u>5,883</u>	1988	<u>5,319</u>
Totals for 12 months		23,916		20,227

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH

CHURCH FABRIC LOAN INVESTMENT FUND

**A new and relatively painless way to help your Parish Church
find some of the money it needs for maintenance
of the fabric of the Church**

The scheme involves individuals and families making loans to the church. The loan once offered will be invested with the Central Board of Finance of the Church of England. The loan remains intact but the interest goes to the Church Fabric Fund for St. James's Church. **The church will not have to pay tax on the interest it receives.** After two years, the loan can be returned or renewed for a further year, as requested.

Letters with all the information, in which everything is carefully explained, are on their way.

RESPONSE PLEASE TO JOHN SMITH - 977 3641

Advent Collection for CMS.

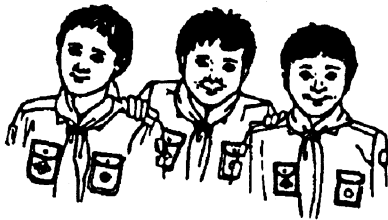
In the year 1990/91 St. James's Church will be donating £3,500 to various charitable causes both at home and overseas (for details, see the Notice Board in church). We try to maintain a continuity of giving to those organisations that we support, but inevitably fall short of funds to give to all of them. This year we have not allocated any funds to the Church Missionary Society, with which we have had a long standing association through the overseas work of Margaret Cranston.

During the four Sundays of Advent a special plate will be placed in the church for the CMS. Please help to make this a worthwhile collection.

Ann Davis

Scout Group News

The Group began its Autumn activities with a barbecue, and took part in the Hampton and Hampton Hill Carnival. Here they were highly successful. Their float, on the theme of 'space', was judged to be the best scout-group entry and the best overall float, and three members of the group won prizes in the fancy-dress competition.



At the end of September, one patrol from 3rd Hampton Hill took part in the 'Scouts Go For a Million' camp at Walton Firs. Despite rather damp conditions, they enjoyed activities including archery, an assault course, canoeing and badge-making. Our group organised three-legged stilt-racing and stilt football! Points were awarded for taking part the various activities. Thirty-two troops were camping and the 3rd Hampton Hill patrol were delighted to come 2nd overall with 1010 points, only just behind the winners who scored 1031 and well ahead of the third patrol's score of 362.

For a long time now, the Group has been hoping to buy the land known as the Triangle which it rents from British Rail. The land went for auction recently and was acquired by another bidder, so our future there is uncertain. However, we are still there at the moment and all will be welcome at our annual Firework Party at 7pm on 3 November. Hot food will be available: do come and join us.

Susan Horner

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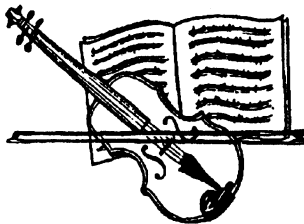
BARN DANCE

Saturday 24 November

at 7.30 pm

Parish Hall, School Road

Refreshments and Raffle



Tickets now on sale:

Adults £2.50 Children £2

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Do not miss the HHA Exhibition of Local Arts, Crafts and Hobbies

Saturday 3 November, 2 - 6 pm, Hampton Hill Junior School

Saturday 17 November at 2 p.m.

Parish Hall

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

including

a Victorian Fancy Dress Competition
(Sections for Adults and Children)

Cakes, Books, Toys, Bric-a-brac,

Handicrafts, Plants,

Christmas Gifts and Decorations,

Jams and Groceries, Tombola

Teas served all afternoon

All proceeds to Church Funds



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On **Thursday 8 November**, a **Coffee Morning** will be held from 10.30am to 12 noon at 30 St. James's Road. Please bring Christmas Presents for a stall at the Christmas Bazaar.

Help required please

Help will be required all day (from 10 am onwards) for the Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 17 November in the Parish Hall.

The first important requirement is for items to be sold on the stalls. We need cakes, books, good quality toys, handicrafts, bric-a-brac, plants, Christmas gifts and decorations, jams and groceries. Items for prizes in the tombola or raffle would also be very welcome.

On the day itself we shall need help to set up, help on, and take down, the stalls, serve teas etc. We would like to hear any other suggestions for stalls. For further details speak to Helen Taylor (979 7042) or Margaret Revis (979 4858).

Charity Christmas Cards

Cards from over 44 charities are for sale at 51 Sheen Road, Richmond (opposite Bishop's Hotel). 28,000 cards were sold last year! The shop is open from 10 am to 4 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays 10 and 17 November, and from 10 am to 7 pm on Thursdays. It is run by the Richmond upon Thames Council for Voluntary Service.

Save the Children

The Teddington and the Hamptons Branch of Save the Children was formed in 1969 involving several members of St.James's parish: some of those original members are still involved.

In its first year the Branch raised £130: last year (to March 1990) it raised £10,586! One of its early efforts was a coffee morning at Wayside.

This year we are coming back to Wayside, so please support us:

SAVE THE CHILDREN

from 10 am to 4 pm

Wayside, 25 St. James's Road

Cards, Gifts, Calendars,

Wrapping Paper etc.

For Sale



Also Mince Pies, Scones, Cakes,

Pickled Onions, Beetroot Jelly

Tea, Coffee and Biscuits

From the Registers - September

Baptisms

16	Jessica Louise Anne Brett	14 Binstead Drive, Blackwater
16	Jack William James Leary	1 Ringwood Way

Marriage Blessing

8 Christopher Skinner and Jennifer Brown

Marriages

22	Brian Carpenter and Jacqueline Sait
29	David Revell and Jane Riley
29	Gerald Potter and Rosalind Clarke

Funerals

7	Winifred Margaret Eliza Berry	5 Camps House, Edward Road	Aged 83
10	Reginald William Hyson	22 Edward Road	Aged 75
11	Sidney Thomas Mossman	11a Queens Road	Aged 82
24	Leatrice Joy Smith	6 Bishops Grove	
27	Albert George Threader	6 School Road Avenue	

Regular Weekly Services

Sunday	08.00	Holy Communion
	09.30	Parish Communion (except first Sunday in month)
Monday to Friday	09.15	Morning Prayer
Tuesday	09.30	Holy Communion
Thursday	19.15	Holy Communion (with Ministry of Healing on the first Thursday in the month)

Other Services and Dates to Note

Nov.	3	09.30	Churchyard Working Party
		14.00	HHA Arts and Crafts Exhibition, HH Junior School
	4	09.30	Informal Service
		18.30	Choral Evensong
	5	14.00	Editorial Board, 19 St. James's Road
	6	20.00	Tuesday Club: Queen Victoria Seamen's Rest, Wayside
		20.00	Stewardship Committee, 5 Oxford Road
	8	10.30	Coffee Morning, 30 St. James's Road (to noon)
	11	09.30	Parish Communion followed by Act of Remembrance at Churchyard War Memorial
		18.30	Prayer 'n' Praise
	12	20.00	M.U. Discussion Group, M.U. Video, 20 Embleton Walk
	14	20.00	P.C.C., Vestry
	17	14.00	Christmas Bazaar, Parish Hall
	18	18.30	Choral Evensong
	20	20.00	Tuesday Club: 'Hair today and gone tomorrow'
	21	11.00	M.U. Deanery Day starting with Eucharist, St. James's
	24	19.30	Barn Dance, Parish Hall
	25	18.30	Prayer 'n' Praise
	30		St. Andrew the Apostle
		10.00	Save the Children Sale, Wayside (to 16.00)
Dec.	1	09.30	Churchyard Working Party
	2	09.30	Children's Eucharist
		18.30	Choral Evensong

Advance Notices

Dec.	4	20.00	Tuesday Club: Mr. T. Davie's prizewinning photographs, Wayside
	6	20.00	P.C.C., Vestry
	8	10.30	Parish Quiet Day, St. Michael's Convent, Ham (to 16.00)

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Life is fragile

— *Handle*

with prayer