

Has it ever struck you as odd that when we are tourists we never stop to think of the consequences of our meandering around, occupying places on buses or trains or clogging up the pavements taking photographs? I suppose many of us have done just that in the last few weeks as annual holiday time has come and gone.

But take the train up to town if you have to do anything in central London and it is murder. Every pavement is clogged with tramping tourist feet, every tube train crammed with bodies in need of a bath, every pub filled to the doors with our European cousins trying out 'ze englisch beer, ja'. Still, I suppose its all good for the invisible trade balance. And in a few weeks the vast majority of tourists will return to their homes, as we have done, facing the prospect of a new school term, a long autumn leading up to a hectic Christmas.

Traditionally this is the new season. The church's year begins in the autumn, children move to new schools, evening classes begin again. The laid-back summer season gives way to shorter busier days, peppered with the traditional autumn reminders, the last night of the Proms, new crops of apples, the Christmas catalogues.

This is the time to renew our learning, our training in the faith, our commitment to living out Christianity. Elsewhere in this magazine you will find details of some of the many activities which are based upon St. James's Church and to which you are extremely welcome. If you don't see anything that suits your needs or fires your imagination, please say so. Equally if there are activities to which you think you could offer your skills, time or energy, we would be very happy to hear from you.

And if you want some inspiration to kick-start you into the autumn, a fresh vision when you have five minutes or five hours (or even five days) to spare, risk fighting your way across Trafalgar Square to the new Sainsbury Wing of the National Gallery. It is exquisite, every turn you take charges the batteries with stunning sights. From minute personal paintings to massive altar pieces it is littered with beauty inspired by the story of Jesus of Nazareth. As the song says 'a very good place to start'.

And what is more, it is free!

*Brian Leathard*

P.S. Please don't loiter in front of Piero della Francesca's 'Baptism of Christ' - that's for me.

## Christian Aid

The final figure for our 1991 collection was £1,888.

The total given by the people of Hampton and Hampton Hill was over £8,100 - an increase of 62% on last year's total!

Thanks to all concerned.



# St. James's Festival

It is so right that churches have organs for music, music which is so soothing and yet so uplifting until one's very soul seems to be at one with heaven and earth.

And flowers which satisfy the sight until sight and mind and soul seem to be overflowing together almost out of reach.

These were my feelings and thoughts as I sat, mostly alone, in our lovely church on the third and quietest open day of the flower festival, mentally drowned in Olive's music, with the peace and beauty of St. James's all around me. I have always regretted that I am not musical but maybe its better so, as I can imagine that my joy might be drowned in the science of sound.

Twice I toured the floral arrangements which were magnificent - colour, colour, colour - and suddenly beautiful white; and this is where I come into my own, in colour appreciation.

This has been a great festival with everyone working so hard and cheerfully, even the weather supplying the rare hot and sunny days.

Thanks to all those who made the festival a success.

*Alison Thompson*

## The Young Ones

If you were not already in church admiring the flowers (or witnessing the wedding!), you may well have seen a lorry with a very colourful load driving slowly around Hampton Hill. The load was alive - the children of the church, all looking very joyful and beautifully festive!

There was much excitement as they arrived at the church, and we were then treated to some of their music, with support from The Travellers.

## The Barbecue

A barbecue! How nice! Hope the weather will be good! On Saturday 27 June the weather couldn't have been better for a barbecue in the vicarage garden. When I got there my mother's table was overcrowded so I joined friends on a neighbouring table. Soon it was time to eat and I enjoyed a 'hot dog' and a good salad. The 'hot dog' was soon followed by another - who could resist when they smelt so good! As we ate we watched some energetic people dancing to the pleasant background music. All too soon it was time to go so we walked through the churchyard, still with barbecue smells wafting. After walking my mother home, I pedalled back to my own home, happy after a very pleasant evening. My thanks for all the hard work put in.

*Kate O'Sullivan*



# The Festival . . . .

## A Shared Lunch

After a very enjoyable 11 am service (a very civilised time) sitting amongst the most beautiful floral arrangements which filled the church, many members of the congregation crossed over to the vicarage garden where tables and chairs were laid out in the sunshine and various ladies and gentlemen were scurrying around in the kitchen which was full to overflowing with various goodies that people had contributed. There were quiches, cold meats, sandwiches, huge bowls of salads and rice dishes and things too numerous to mention - I felt folks had been up all night preparing it all - and enough to feed an army. Having filled one's plate to overflowing and eaten amongst delightful companions, puds were then put out for us again to help ourselves. Strawberries, trifles, cheesecakes - those of us watching our weights had to suffer whilst others enjoyed! I could only marvel at the efficiency of it all and the sheer hard work that so many members of the church had put into the lunch and indeed the whole weekend.

Sitting in our beautiful church beforehand and then being treated to such a lovely lunch, I could only reflect on how fortunate we all were. Tranquil surroundings, good company, sunshine, excellent food, when in so many parts of the world people are suffering hardships that we in England cannot imagine. We are indeed 'rich' and I am sure everyone present whispered 'thanks be to God'.

*Ann Collins*

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The flowers were exquisite and the church really shone  
When I went as a visitor on the Sunday just gone.  
The people were friendly with so much to give:  
The spire to climb to see where you live -  
A breathtaking view - and everywhere green,  
With aspects of the village not before seen.  
Old maps of the district and photographs too,  
Showing people and places with meaning for you.  
But I really mustn't get carried away:  
A big 'thank you' is all that I'd like to say -  
To everyone involved in the Festival of Flowers  
Where I spent many happy and interesting hours.

*Gina Clifford*



# The Festival . . . .

Of course, the basis of the festival were the **flower arrangements** which so magnificently decorated the church, and we are very grateful to the members of the Hampton Hill Floral Art Club who exercised their skills and artistry to such tremendous effect.

The weekend was punctuated by **music**, delightfully performed by our organist, Olive Hayward, and by several soloists and groups of singers and musicians, and our **Liturgical Dance** Group contributed movingly to the Parish Communion and also danced on the Saturday.

Throughout the weekend, Margery Orton's splendid **History Exhibition** was a great source of interest, as was the display of **church linen and plate**, and the **church bells** rang out as some of those who ventured up the tower tried their skills at bell-ringing.

We are all deeply indebted to all those who had worked hard and for a long time to organise the festival, as well as to those who provided refreshments throughout and manned the various stalls.

About £2,500 was taken over the three days which will make a very useful contribution to the cost of maintaining our church building. The contribution of the festival to building up the fellowship of the church is even more important!

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## Celebration Eucharist for our new Bishop

David Hope, our new Bishop of London, is to be enthroned in his cathedral on Saturday 14 September at 3 pm. The following day, **Sunday 15 September at 6 pm**, there is to be a Celebration Eucharist in St. Paul's Cathedral for the whole diocese.

Every parish is invited and we hope that a party will wish to go from St. James's. Appropriate transport will be arranged as soon as we know the number of those wishing to attend.

If you would like to attend please sign the list at the back of the church.

Remember Bishop David in your prayers as he begins this exciting and crucial task.

## United Reformed church

Also on Saturday 14 September at 3 pm, the ordination and induction of Bob Warwicker will take place at the Hampton Hill United Reformed Church.

We welcome him - and may God be with him in his ministry.

# Activities . . . . .

## The Scout Group

The 3rd Hampton Hill Scout Group has four sections which meet as follows:

- Beavers: boys aged 6 - 8, Fridays 6 - 7 pm
- Cub-Scouts: boys aged 8 - 10½, Wednesdays 6 - 7.45 pm
- Scouts: boys aged 10½ - 15, Fridays 7.15 - 9 pm

These three sections normally meet at Hampton Hill Junior School but meetings are sometimes held on the Triangle beyond Holly Road Recreation Ground in the summer.

- Venture Scouts: boys and girls aged 15 - 21. Ventures meet regularly throughout the year but have no set day or venue.

The group offers a full range of scouting activities including hiking, camping, map-reading, first-aid and community service. For details please contact the Group Scout Leader, John Neilsen (941 0352). Offers of help, either as regular leaders or occasional helpers, would also be welcome.

*Susan Horner*



## The Brownies

Since January this year the 3rd Hampton Hill Brownie Pack has been having regular Pack meetings on Tuesday evenings at Carlisle Infant school. We have been made very welcome and have settled in well. During the year the brownies have been quite busy with badge work and generally working on their eight point plan. Recently we had brownie revels with a clown theme and an outing to see one of the brownies in Annie at the Centrespace Theatre in Hounslow. For the last few weeks of term the brownies worked extremely hard on their Quest badge and with the help of the Vicar we held a very enjoyable evening listening to character readings from the bible and looking at very decorative pictures of a variety of religious celebrations. To fulfil the final clause of the badge the brownies helped serve the teas at the church Open Day (plenty of satisfied customers I hope). It is at events like these that the brownies 'do their best' and 'lend a hand' to promote themselves as a Christian based organisation. I think everyone would agree that the children did themselves proud and worked very hard, thoroughly enjoying themselves in the process. If anyone is interested in becoming involved with the guiding way of life either as a helper or as a guider we are desperate for more helping hands and could really do with another brownie pack in this area. I have 20 children waiting to join and a full pack! Anyone interested in putting their child's name down should do so at about their fifth birthday and can contact me on 081 943 0683.

*Lesley, Brown Owl*

# Activities . . . . .

## Young Families

The Young Families Group that used to meet each week at Wayside is greatly missed since it closed down earlier this year.

It is hoped to start another group for the under-five's and their parents in the autumn where the members of such families can meet to enjoy each other's company and support.

If you have any ideas about such a group and/or are interested in joining one, please contact Sue Blay on 977 0263.

## The Jays

We meet on Sundays (except on the first Sundays in the month and during holiday periods) from 9.15 to 10.05 am at Wayside and afterwards in church.

We have had an enjoyable year and now have approaching 40 children on our register. Most weeks we have 20 to 25 attending.

We have been following the 'Learning Together' scheme for some time, which we have found very successful. However, from October we shall try another one entitled 'Partners in Learning' which follows more closely the ASB (Alternative Service Book) readings.

We have enjoyed the increased involvement in church services and look forward to even more in the future.

I should like to thank all the teachers and parents for their help and support over the year and I look forward to starting up again on 8 September. The teachers are Violet Clark, Gill Gostling, Carol Atkinson, Ruth Melville, Jane Dobson and Julia Revis. Caitlyn Robinson has offered her help and we look forward to seeing her whenever she can come.

If you would like more information, please ring me on 979 3078.

*Debbie Nunn*

## Prayer 'n' Praise

Prayer 'n' Praise re-commences in September. Do come along and try this informal musical service with The Travellers music group on the second, fourth and (if there is one) fifth Sundays in the month at 6.30 pm in church. Coffee and biscuits are served after the service when there is an opportunity to meet others.



# Activities . . . .

## House Groups

There are several prayer and bible study groups which meet in the parish and the details of when and where they meet, which should be regarded as provisional, are given here. If you would like to join any of these groups, please contact the leader - all are very welcome.



Alternate Mondays at 8 pm:

68 Park Road (Alan Taylor, 979 7042)

Alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 pm:

30 St. James's Road (Margery Orton, 979 5868) - see article below

Alternate Tuesdays at 8 pm:

40 Gloucester Road, Teddington (Vera Rockliffe/Terry Baldwin, 977 4909)

5 Oxford Road, Teddington (Margaret and David Taylor, 977 1342)

Alternate Wednesdays at 10.30 am:

30 Burtons Road (Hannah Stanton, 943 1336)

68 Park Road (Helen Taylor, 979 7042)

Alternate Wednesday evenings:

103A High Street, Hampton (Charles Dobson, 979 1810)

Generally, the group meetings last for about one and a half hours, and will be restarting in mid-September.

## A New Forum for Women

On Monday 7 October at 20.00 all are invited to the vicarage to discuss the launching of a new forum for women. Please bring a small contribution towards a shared meal, and your ideas about how we work, worship and witness for our Christian faith - and also have fun together!

*Jean Wilson*

## St. James's Women's Tuesday Club

This started twenty three years ago, taking over from the Young Wives' Group who closed owing to declining numbers and lack of support. The twenty three years have been very successful with regular attendances.

We meet on alternate Tuesday evenings at Wayside, St. James's Road. Our programme is very varied, with speakers and demonstrations dealing with a wide range of interesting topics. We occasionally amuse ourselves and have two parties a year, Summer and Christmas. New members are always welcome - why not come along and see for yourself. Dates of our meetings are printed in 'The Spire'. Further details can be obtained by ringing me on 979 2426.

*Margaret Robinson, Secretary*

## The Julian Group

This group was formed in 1983 following four remarkable healings which took place from Good Friday to Easter Monday of that year. The name derives from Dame Julian of Norwich's well known words, 'Prayer one-eth the soul to God'. It is primarily a prayer group. We usually start with a short reading on a religious theme. We remember Isaiah's instruction to 'put on the mantle of praise against the spirit of heaviness' and have a period of silent thanksgiving, praise and worship.

We then ask God to show us 'if there be any wicked way in us' and express in silence our faults and known trespasses and our desire for forgiveness and help in amending our lives. We then 'being as pure in heart' as we can be, put our petitions before God, remembering world problems and lifting up to God those who have asked us to pray for them and for those for whom we have special concern.

We have a period of silence to be still and know that our God is truly God and end with the ministry of the laying on of hands for those who wish it.

We meet again on 10 September at 2.30 pm promptly and finish about 3.45 pm. Some people come regularly and others when they feel a special need. The group is ecumenical and some members are not attached to any church. All are welcome. Contact me or just come along on 10 September.

*Margery Orton*

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## Bishop Wand School

This is a Church of England Comprehensive School which aims to provide a distinctly Christian education. The Headmaster, Denis Jones, has written to invite parents to an open evening at the school in Layton's Lane, Sunbury (0932 787537) at 7 pm on Wednesday 9 October.

## Church Re-decoration

As we go to press the decorators and electricians are about to move into the church to install the new lighting and re-decorate.



They are likely to take about five weeks to complete the work.

The church will be available for services each Sunday, and it is hoped that it will be possible to hold the usual mid-week services. Nevertheless, we are sorry for any inconvenience which may arise. The work will hopefully be completed by about 20 September - and we look forward with keen anticipation to seeing the 'new' interior then.



# Programmes . . . .

## Mothers' Union

Meetings at Wayside at 2.30 pm. All are welcome.

September	4	Open Meeting with a Dead (Line) Auction (B & B)
October	2	Mrs. M. Cunningham
November	6	'Creative Christmas' - your ideas shared
December	4	'On Keeping Advent', the Vicar

## St. James's Women's Tuesday Club

Meetings at Wayside at 8 pm.

September	10	Open Evening
	24	Mrs. Ann Park - Memories of the Ivory Gold Coast
October	8	Mr. Crees - Life and Times of Mrs. Beeton
	22	Mr. J. Chinn - London Bridges, with slides
November	5	Open Evening
	19	Mr. R. Swinson - Brinsworth House Entertainment Artists Benevolent Fund
December	3	Mrs. Lesley Mortimer - Schools in the 1990's
	17	Christmas Party

## Rev. Nicholas Chubb

I would like to compile an exhibition board covering Nicholas's years of ministry with us. Please look through your photos and let me have any copies you can spare for the archives. Thank you in anticipation.

*Margery Orton*

## Wayside

Wayside remains in regular use but as tenants have left we are now investigating the various options which lie before us. Our aim is eventually to dispose of the property but Charity Commission law and the Church's legal position impose certain constraints on us, the property and its sale.

If and when decisions are made over its disposal, neighbouring residents will be informed and consulted through the normal planning authorities should any planning consent be required.

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## Kate's Beetroot Jelly

Oil a two-pint basin.

Cut 1 lb. beetroot into small dice.

Make up blackcurrant table jelly with  $\frac{3}{4}$  pint hot water and  $\frac{1}{4}$  pint cider vinegar.

Put jelly and beetroot into basin.

Garnish with watercress.

# From the Registers

## Baptisms

July	7	Georgina Scarlet Carrie Eldridge	15 Seymour Road
	21	Oliver Matthew Craig	16 Cranmer Road

## Marriages

July	6	Alan Malcolm Gadd and Debra Ann Sykes
	13	Martin Hinckley and Priscilla Mary Smith
	20	Alfred Ben Mellor and Susan Jane Falkner
	27	Eric Michael John Allen and Sarah Georgina Pringle

## Funerals

July	17	Doris Gwendoline Gloyns	2 Sherwood Road
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## Dates to Note

Sept.	4	14.30	M.U.: An Open Meeting with a Dead (Line) Auction (B & B), Wayside
	8		<b>The Blessed Virgin Mary</b>
	9	14.00	Editorial Board, 68 Park Road
	10	20.00	Tuesday Club: Open Evening, Wayside
	11	20.00	P.C.C., Vestry
	14	15.00	Enthronement of the Right Reverend David Hope as Bishop of London
		15.00	Ordination and Induction of Bob Warwicker, United Reformed Church, Hampton Hill
		13.00	Hampton and Hampton Hill Carnival
	15	18.00	Celebration Eucharist, St. Paul's Cathedral
	21		<b>St. Matthew the Apostle</b>
	24	20.00	Tuesday Club: Memories of the Ivory Gold Coast, Wayside
	29		<b>St. Michael and All Angels</b>
Oct.	2	14.30	M.U.: Mrs. M. Cunningham, Wayside
	5	19.30	Harvest Supper (provisional)

## Advance Notices

Oct.	6		<b>Harvest Festival</b>
	7	20.00	Launch of a New Forum for Women, Vicarage
	8	20.00	Tuesday Club: Life and Times of Mrs. Beeton, Wayside
	9	19.00	Open Evening for parents at Bishop Wand School
	30	20.00	First of four Hampton Council of Churches Lectures, 'The Decade of Evangelism', Methodist Church, Percy Rd., Hampton
Nov.	30	10.30	Parish Quiet Day, St. Michael's Convent, Ham

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