

Recently the Old Testament reading was from Exodus. It included the passage we all call the Ten Commandments. They are even more striking when read out loud in a building which resounds like St. James'. However there is nothing in the Exodus account which suggests that they are commands or laws; indeed they are more properly called The Ten Words, because they spring from an all important sentence. They are set after the phrase:-

I am the Lord your God who brought you  
out of the land of slavery.

In other words the Ten Commandments are a response, a reaction to what God has done for his people. As Israel was dependent upon God to bring them out of slavery into a new life-giving relationship, so in response markers of that life-giving relationship are set down by the people of Israel - namely these Ten Words or Ten Signs of those who live in a life-giving relationship with God.

But reading that passage again in 1995 I was struck most particularly by the remark

You have six days to labour and do all your work . . . .  
for in six days the Lord made Heaven and Earth and  
on the seventh day he rested.

Very, very few people would accept that God made the world in six days, I certainly wouldn't. But equally I wouldn't want to throw the whole thing away just because of that - a classic case of baby with the bathwater.

I wonder, though, do we take seriously the need for regular rest and re-creation for ourselves, our families and our friends. In August many of us are lucky enough to have a break, go on holiday, but what of those who aren't. And here I pose a question. What about those - in our community who care for the housebound, the long-term ill, the physically and mentally handicapped? Is there adequate care for the carers in our community in Hampton Hill? Maybe there is, maybe there isn't. Should we as a community that takes seriously our dependence upon God and each other to form and stimulate our common life, be concerned for those who give and give of themselves sacrificially? Carers also need rest from caring, time for themselves and time to themselves.

Can we, should we, be caring for the carers? If so how? Please let me, the Churchwardens or members of the PCC know what you think. As we approach the holiday season let us also spare time to ask questions about re-creative time for those who give all the time they have.

*Brian Leathard*

# Industrial Chemist

I was born in 1911 at Beckenham over my father's pharmacy. In those days the chemist had his own laboratory at the back of the shop where medicines and pills were prepared. In fact people asked for Nunn's pills many years after we left.

My father moved to St. Margaret's after the 1st World War. He had graduated as a dental surgeon and I was sent to The Mall School at Strawberry Hill (still going strong!). I then went to King's at Wimbledon where they had a good science department and I took 1st Prize in Chemistry there. Although my father would have liked me to be a dentist I decided on a chemical career.

In 1929 I was interviewed in London by a Senior ICI Chemist and my Uncle dictated a letter for me to send in which I stated "I am ready and indeed anxious to start work at once". This has been the story of my life! Having got the job at a starting wage of 27 shillings a week I found myself on St. Pancras Station heading for an ICI factory at Stevenston on the Ayrshire coast. I was sorry to leave the bright lights of London to arrive in a dismal, depressed mining area.

Alfred Nobel (the inventor of dynamite) had established a large explosives factory on a windswept coastal area with a most unpleasant climate. However, they had created a fine research laboratory which attracted chemists from all over the country. Many young men like myself left good homes to work there and many reached high positions in later life having started at the bottom of the ladder.

We all lived in digs, worked a 5½ day week, and took classes in the evening. We had to study hard and there was little time for amusement but ICI provided a fine Recreation Club where we played rugby and hockey on Saturday afternoon with dancing in the evening.

I spent several years in the analytical laboratory before moving to research and development. During the War I was mainly concerned with fuse and detonators. It struck me how easily a bomb could be made using an electric detonator and a simple timing device. Explosives were easily obtainable from mines and quarries then. During recent bombing attacks home-made bombs were made to cause disastrous damage in our cities as we now know.

Very interesting work was carried out in the laboratories on paints, plastics and artificial fibres. In particular ICI manufactured gun-cotton and nitrocellulose so that many cellulose products were investigated. The use of nitrocellulose in films caused disastrous fires and other plastic products were replacing celluloid. Nitrocellulose was used in Belco car finishes and ICI needed experience in paint manufacture. They bought Naylor Bros. in Slough to provide undercoats and this led to big developments in the paint industry.

After the War I decided not to spend the rest of my working life on the windswept Scottish coast and I was lucky to be transferred to the Paints Division at Slough. About this time information was coming from Du Pont in America about Alkyd resins and this was the start of greatly improved Dulux gloss paints. Old fashioned methods were used in paints manufacture and ICI introduced scientific methods of control. Also they established a huge warehouse and a nationwide distribution system.

ICI has now become a leader in paints with hundreds of factories all over the world. I am proud to have been associated in a small way with so many developments in the chemical industry and I look back on a most interesting career which started on the wild Scottish Ayrshire coast and finished in pleasant Hampton Hill.

*David Nunn*

## Guess Who's Coming to Dinner

"How did it go?". This keen enquiry came from Ruth Mills who introduced the "Guess who's coming to dinner" plan to St. James's. The Rainbows had responded to the idea of giving a dinner party under this scheme whereby guests made a contribution to the funds of our church. Ruth's question revealed that we were the first actually to do it! By the time you read this many more friends may either have given a party or attended one.



For us it was a thoroughly enjoyable experience. Ruth makes all the arrangements with great care as to who goes where. We did not know which four people would come and they in turn only knew our address! We were delighted to discover that the couple who arrived were actually leading our Lenten group which met in their home. Another of the party works in our local estate agents' office where we negotiated the purchase of our flat, so she knew our name.

There were a few apprehensions beforehand - the limited size of our accommodation, had we got the right menu, would the conversation flow, how would the matter of donations for the meal be sensitively handled. We recalled that Jesus did much of His work over mealtimes, making friends and counselling. His last meal is forever imprinted on our lives. He created fellowship and a sense of care. These are the important things at the heart of this scheme.

Our party had fun and thoughtful conversation, and we look forward to the next time. And we are glad that it had helped with the financial needs of our church.

*Betty Rainbow*

P.S. The amount raised so far from the Dinner Parties is £290.

# Letter from Zimbabwe

We are now in mid-winter, the solstice will be next Wednesday. The night temperature is down to about 10°C, but at mid-day very comfortable, over 20°C. We can still sit out on our pleasant porch for lunch.

Three weeks ago we went to the first NUST graduation ceremony. The first graduates of the Faculty of Applied Science and the Faculty of Commerce, having completed their 4 year degree programme were presented to the Chancellor, who is also the President, Robert Mugabe. The third faculty of NUST, Industrial Technology, of which I am a member, has a five year programme. Our first graduates will complete their examinations this December, and their graduation ceremony will be next May, I am at present teaching the 31 strong cohort of my department's final year, and the first semester of this final year will end in examinations in three weeks time. I am a little apprehensive about the examination performance of this group of students. Their foundation courses were a bit hit and miss in the start up days of NUST. I have been giving them quite a lot of assessed work, both as tests and homework to try and push them along. They take this in good spirit (I think!) they still laugh when I read them the awful daily exhortations from my desk calendar, (for example "opportunity is often missed because it is disguised as hard work") but the spread of performance is wider than I would wish. Failure at this stage would be miserable for staff and students.

Returning to the degree ceremony - I was very pleasantly surprised at the efficiency of the organisation and the stirring quality of the speeches. I do not enjoy ceremonies as a rule, and somewhat churlishly had thought of skipping this one. I am glad I did not do so. It was held on the building site of the new NUST campus, about 4 km east of the centre of Bulawayo, reached by a drive along one of the cities finest avenues. It is a magnificent site, on a gentle rise overlooking the city, surrounded by woodland which does not obscure the view. The buildings are all skeletons so far, but are graceful and look functional. It is planned to move most of the scattered units of NUST to the site in June 1996, actually before completion of the building programme. My department, Electronic Engineering, will not be moved until final completion of the buildings, since we have fairly good accommodation now.

Our Vice-Chancellor, Professor P.M. Makhurane, gave a splendid speech. There was no doubt about his commitment to the continued improvement of NUST, both in facilities and quality of teaching. The speech was a bit like Churchill's "blood, sweat and tears" but also had the more hopeful flavour of Churchill's "not the beginning of the end, but the end of the beginning" about it. He had fought hard for money, and still has to fight tooth and nail for it. Matabeleland (capital Bulawayo) sees Masozoland (capital Harare) rather as Scotland sees England, as getting most of the development money. President Mugabe voiced his commitment to support, but as a lady once said "He would, wouldn't he?"

*Dick Wilde*

## A Year's Story:

### The Young Church and The Leprosy Mission

At first we thought we could never raise the target of £500, which our leader Stuart Ward, had set. The time went really quickly and it was pretty mega to think that we raised nearly £700.

It was very pleasing to present the cheque to the Leprosy Mission because we had been working hard for it. It was like a reward seeing the big cheque handed over.

We were interested to find out what would be done with the money we had collected. The story about the little girl who had been cured of leprosy was really important because we could see what our money could do. On the other hand it was important for the Leprosy Mission representative to be shown how we could work as a team in our plays, singing and stalls.

We invented a rap to shout at our monthly stalls when we sold food and sweets to the congregation at coffee time. The "Biblethon" was different, but we raised a lot of money. The stamp-collecting has produced half a bin-bag full.

It was really hard to achieve what we did, but without Stuart's help we wouldn't have got there, because he motivated us and kept us going - and gave a whole concert himself.

*Sarah Clay and Anusha Leathard*

P.S. The Young Church meets at 9.30am on Sundays and is for all 10-13 year olds.

*This year they chose to support The Leprosy Mission. Congratulations to them and thanks for all their efforts. Ed.*

### Parish Voucher Scheme

Ecclesiastical Direct (The Ecclesiastical Insurance Office) has introduced a Parish Voucher Scheme. Whenever you take out a household or motor insurance policy with Ecclesiastical Direct, they will send you a voucher which the parish can redeem for cash. For all NEW motor and household insurance policies, you will receive a £25 voucher, and when you RE-NEW an existing policy, you will receive a £10 voucher.

Vouchers are then passed to the Church Treasurer and twice a year are sent to the EIO who in turn redeem the full monetary value of the Vouchers and return it to the Treasurer. As we all have insurances of one sort or another, why not next time you are either re-newing a policy or starting a new one give the EIO a ring for a quote. They are very competitive, their number is FREEPHONE 0800 336622. Incidentally ninety-seven per cent of all Anglican Churches are insured with the EIO. If fifty people took up this offer that would increase our income, without any effort, by £2,500. Any queries to John Smith, the Vicar or Alan Taylor.

# CHILDREN'S CORNER



- S \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What you might wear on your feet  
B \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Book we read from in Church  
F \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ You may have a "best" one  
P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What we say before we go to sleep  
T \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ We need these before we can get on the train or aeroplane  
C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What we take to wear  
C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ Where we go on Sundays  
P \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ What you might put your money in

August is the month when we often go away for holidays. This usually means we have to make a journey to somewhere else, perhaps to the seaside, or a visit to Grandma or a cousin. In the quiz above are four things that you might take with you, rather like people long ago took when they went to visit a special place where a Saint had once lived. People often think that the Christian Life is rather like a journey, so also in the quiz are four more things that help us on that journey. I hope you enjoy doing the quiz, and I hope you all have a good holiday, see you again in September.

## Parish Weekend 1996



The Parish Weekend is to be held at Fairmile Court, Cobham, from Friday evening, 2nd February to Sunday afternoon, 4th February 1996. This is such an opportunity in the life of our Church and our Parish. There can be no other single event that can so well build our "family". Just as importantly, it is an opportunity for each of us, as individuals to grow personally, especially spiritually. It may be a life-changing event! It will also be FUN!

Anyone who feels that St. James's is their church is welcome. All ages will be catered for, help in organising activities for children will be very welcome, as well as help in other ways, e.g. planning the programme. All offers of help or suggestions of material to be included in the programme to either Ruth Mills or the Vicar.

The cost for the whole weekend is £60, or £14.35 for Coffee, Lunch and Tea for one day, or £23.10 for Coffee, Lunch, Tea and Dinner for one day. We appreciate that this may be expensive for some people so if you would like to start giving a small amount, say £3, regularly to either Ruth Mills or Monica Heaford then please do so. Cheques should be made payable to "St. James Church".

# Child Labour in India

A successful and informative evening was given by Ramani Leathard on the 17th May during Christian Aid week. Her subject was Child Labour in India, with special reference to children employed in making carpets. The talk was illustrated by a video made for television and told the story of a group of fathers whose children had been kidnapped or sold and were now employed making carpets. Organisations have come into being to help families find their missing children and hopefully re-unite them, the film followed one such group.

The poverty which causes child labour can be shown by the fact that in India 40% of the population live below the poverty line, 43% do not have access to clean water, and 13% of all children die before their first birthday.

The country has foreign debts, not helped by the World Bank's insistence on a Structural Adjustment Policy which means exporting more to pay off the debts at the expense of living standards, especially of the poor. (Remember Dick Wilde's letter making the same point with regard to Zimbabwe in this magazine two months ago).

There are some 55 million children in employment in India, experiencing harsh working conditions (even though it is illegal to employ anyone under 14 years of age).

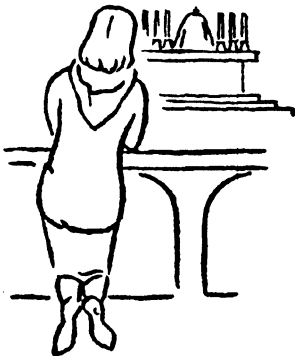
Poverty drives parents to make their children available for work and in many cases they subsequently vanish altogether. The film showed children asleep at their looms with fatigue, often poorly fed and punished severely for perceived bad work. The children are often hidden away and tracing them can be very difficult, rumours abound, but each one brings fresh hope to an anxious family, in this film there was a joyful re-union, but not everyone is so fortunate.

Carpets made without child labour are now marked by a new "RUGMARK" and are sold in many reputable shops.

The evening finished with a splendid Indian meal cooked largely by Thilaka, Ramani's mother, and raised £250 for Christian Aid.

*David Taylor*

## Meditation



Lord and Father, grant me the peace of your presence.

Blessed are they whose minds are stayed on Me, for the nearer they approach to Me, the nearer I approach to them. I am always there at the gate of each one's soul, but it is they who must approach and bid Me enter.

Does a person's heart experience a fugitive desire to approach? Then that person is my chosen: that person receives My invitation to My feast.

Alas, many are invited but few listen to the invitation of their hearts. They are too busy with the world's affairs, often over-stressed and unhappy in the midst of seeming plenty, too busy in the acquiring of worldly needs. They know in their hearts but turn their backs on the knowledge that I, the Lord their God, am their greatest and only need - for those that have Me and answer my invitation with a humble and contrite heart shall find that the nearer they approach to Me the more their real needs will be supplied.

Consider earthly relationships. Do they spring from a void of inaction? Is there not first an approach, then an acceptance or rejection? Nothing springs from nothing; but first sow the seed of a relationship, tend that seed with care and love and then shall we reap the beauty of the flower and the reward of the harvest.

Consider above all the children. Have I not said 'Suffer little children to come to Me, forbid them not, for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven?' You are all as children in the sight of God the Father, but how are the smallest to come to Me if the older ones do not know the way?

In life there are many troubles, many hardships. How blessed are they that know that the Lord is with them to give them His strength - and how forlorn those who have no such knowledge, no such comfort, no such strength.

"Come unto Me all ye that are heavy laden and I will refresh you". The operative word is "COME" - that is the choosing, the invitation to as many as will hear it. The 'I Will' is the fulfilment of the promise to those who answer the call. Come first in longing, then in prayer and in worship and 'enter the joy of your Lord'.

Praise be to God.

*Margery Orton*

## **Around the Spire**

Most people who worship here at St. James's Church, have heard the sad news of Margery Orton's bereavement. Her husband, Len, died on Monday 26th June after a long illness. The funeral was taken by David Bonner on the following Friday and was attended by many friends and colleagues.

Len was a physicist before he retired and worked for many years at the Electrical Research Association in Leatherhead.

During the war he worked on a new technique for welding Aluminium, a vitally important contribution to the manufacture of aeroplanes.

Throughout his prolonged illness he was most caringly nursed by Margery and she has been much sustained since his death by the large number of letters and cards she has received, many of which remember Len as a perfect gentleman. Our sincerest sympathy goes to Margery and Peter as they mourn Len's passing.



David Vanstone, the Vicar of All Saints, Hampton, has been appointed our new Area Dean to succeed David Palmer, who is resigning. We send David our congratulations and wish him well in his new post.

Several people from St. James' were invited to the official opening of the new hall at the United Reformed Church in the High Street. The Mayor placed a Time Capsule in a special opening left for it in the entrance hall and declared the hall open. A buffet lunch was served to about a hundred people and all enjoyed a tour of the new facilities. The White House in Hampton is to be officially opened on July 22nd by the Rev. Robin Rogers, Chairman of Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity.

We end on a romantic note! Margaret Metcalfe, who has lived for a number of years in Perth, Australia, was recently home on a visit with her young man. After a month he went home and Margaret stayed on here. When Clint got home he suddenly decided to come back and ask Margaret to marry him! He arrived on the Saunders Close doorstep unannounced and proposed there and then, the lady accepted, and two weeks later they were married and returned together to Oz. We wish them every happiness.

## **From the Registers**

### **June**

#### **Baptisms**

4	Craig Alexander Henry	17 Gould Road, Twickenham
	William John Henry	17 Gould Road, Twickenham

#### **Marriage**

3	Mark Richard Martin Wingfield and Bernice Ellen Blouddyn
17	Graham Purdy and Rebecca Jane Diton
24	Andrew George Knight and Ingrid Elizabeth Stowell

#### **Blessing**

10	Peter John Dean and Dawn Trudy Baker
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#### **Funerals**

1	William Edward Offord	140 Hanworth Road	aged 86
20	Reginald Herbert Goodburn	8 Bayleaf Close	aged 92
30	Leonard Herbert Humphrey Orton	30 St. James's Road	aged 87

## "LISTEN TO ASIA"

Six opportunities to meet Asian Christians  
and to hear what are the challenges  
facing the Churches of Asia.

Every Tuesday from 26th September to 31st October

6.30pm - 9.00pm

First two meetings at St. Giles, Cripplegate.

Further information from Brian or Ramani

## Dates to Note

### August

- 4 Dominic, Priest and Friar, 1221
- 5 Oswald, King of Northumbria, 642
- 6 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD
- 10 Laurence, Martyr of Rome, 258
- 11 Clare of Assisi, 1253
- 13 Pentecost 10
- 20 Pentecost 11
- 24 ST. BARTHOLEMEW, Apostle
- 27 Pentecost 12
- 28 Augustine of Hippo, 430  
Bank Holiday
- 31 Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 637  
John Bunyan, Author 1688



*St. Clare of Assisi*

- N.B. 30th September - 1st October  
- Flower Festival to celebrate Harvest Festival  
and Christian Aid's 50th Birthday

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