

How fortunate we are at St. James's to have a faithful community which gathers every week to praise God, to give thanks and to share together in the eucharist. Part of that celebration is in giving voice, through music in psalm and song, to our worship. In so doing we are aided by both traditional and contemporary music. Music is, after all, more than the animating of words. It is both a means of offering creative skills to God's glory and a means of receiving inspiration and beauty which have their origin in God our Creator.

Many of you will already know that our organ at St. James's is in need of considerable work, both in repairing dilapidations and in adapting its nature if it is to continue to prove useful for our needs both in worship and recital.

Our church is, I'm delighted to say, used and valued not only for its regular worship, but it is also used and admired by the wider community for concerts by local schools, choral societies, choirs and other groups, as well as being a holy place for many who mark marriage, death or other turning points in their lives here. In all these the organ and its inspiring use is conducive to the worship we offer.

The organ here has a long and distinguished history. It was built in 1837 and installed in St. Peter's, Eaton Square. It was sold to St. James's in 1874 and has given us sterling service for 123 years now. Extensive repairs were carried out in 1885, 1912, 1951 and 1971. Thus it is 26 years since any work was undertaken on the instrument and now, as well as needing overhauling and servicing, various parts of the organ are simply coming to the end of their natural life.

The total cost of the works will be approximately £18,000. The Parochial Church Council has agreed to pay for the dilapidations and repairs which amount to £6,000. **This leaves us with a target sum of £12,000.** Again this falls into roughly two equal parts: £6,000 for the replacement of the failing solenoid system by a state of the art electronic system (which sends the message from the pressing of a key to the sounding of the note by wind passing through the pipe) and £6,000 for the addition of three ranks of pipes which we have acquired from the organ at St. Mary, Twickenham. These ranks will give our instrument a greater range of tone and breadth of sound.

The good news is that we are already well on the way to raising the required sum.

£5,000 has already been raised through a variety of events and donations. This leaves us now with **£7,000** to raise through our "**Organ Donor**" scheme which will run until May 1997. Could you be an "organ donor" in sponsoring a pipe and taking a real part in restoring and enhancing the beauty of our music making at St. James's?

Would you like to be an "organ donor"?

In addition to the overhaul and modernisation of the instrument we shall be adding three completely new stops: a bass oboe, a clarinet and a corneopean

(trumpet). Together these constitute 162 new pipes of varying sizes: 16ft, 8ft, 4ft, 2ft and 1ft. Typical pipes, one of each size, are on display in church and we are now seeking sponsors - or groups of sponsors - for all of the extra pipes at the following rates.

42 1ft pipes @ £10 each
36 2ft pipes @ £15 each
36 4ft pipes @ £25 each
36 8ft pipes @ £50 each
12 16ft pipes @ £100 each
This will produce £4860 in total

As the reconstruction proceeds, each pipe will be marked with its sponsor's name (or a name requested by the sponsor, perhaps in memory of a loved one). Sponsors will also receive a "Donor Card". Further details and application forms from Jack Gostling or Pip Rowett.

Organ Appeal Donations

The Organ Appeal, launched a little over a year ago, has included some 27 individual donations so far, ranging from £5 to £500; together with a variety of fundraising events we now have about £5000. We would greatly welcome your donation, large or small, which will help us reach our **target of £12,000**. Donations should be given to Pip Rowett (0181 892 4736) or Jack Gostling (0181 979 3748) who are joint treasurers for this appeal, or to the Vicar. Cheques should be made payable to 'St. James's Organ Fund'.

If any of you individually, or together with one or two friends, is able to make a single donation of at least £250 and you are a tax payer, then we can claim back the tax you would pay on this sum. Currently this amounts to just over £30 tax money back for each £100 donated. All that is required is to fill in a simple Gift Aid form when you make the donation. Pip Rowett can supply you with a form and will be happy to help you fill it in, if you wish.

Please be an 'Organ Donor' at St. James's.
Thank you.

OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE YOUR PASTORAL SKILLS

***Learning to Listen* At St. James's**

For five weeks during Lent, beginning the week of 10th February, there will be an opportunity to attend a course on listening skills. The course is for people who may find themselves in a sympathetic, listening relationship with friends, neighbours or at work, and who wish to be able to support those with problems more effectively. It is also suitable for people who have, or may wish to have, a pastoral care role. It will be held in two hour sessions, working mainly in

pairs or small groups, and learning by experiencing and taking part. The cost of the course is £40, and the PCC will be very happy to help out with this for anyone for whom it is a barrier.

If you feel this course is relevant to you and would like to take part, please contact Brian for a form, or Kit Peck, 6 Wellside Gardens, East Sheen SW14 7AD - 0181 876 2940 who, with Margie Bray, will be running the course.

Religion and Art in Relation to Death at The Princess Alice Hospice

This course is being held at the Hospice on **Saturday 22nd February from 10 am to 1 pm** and costs £25. It is designed for people interested in exploring the relationship between religion, art and death. It is not necessary to have experience in either health care or art to participate in the course, but you are welcome to bring along one or two works of art or pictures of them, connected with death, dying and bereavement.

If you want to know more or would like to enrol, contact The Administrator, the Education Department at the Princess Alice Hospice, West End Lane, Esher KT10 8NA. The Hospice provides a range of high quality educational programmes designed to meet the needs of health care professionals and others involved in the delivery of palliative care, and details can also be obtained at the above address.

ASH WEDNESDAY- Wednesday 12th February

Parish Communion with Imposition of Ashes

8.00pm

LENT GROUPS

We shall be organising some Lent House Groups at St. James's this year, and details will be available on the notice board in Church. Volunteers are required to host and/or lead the groups and if you think you can help with this please let Brian know very soon.

ADVENT COLLECTIONS

The following special collections were held over Advent and Christmas

Advent Sunday - Second and Third Sunday's in Advent - Christmas Eve and Christmas Day -	Children's Society (Christingle Service) Community Heart Christian Aid	£240 £270 £265
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A RECIPE FROM ETNA'S KITCHEN

Roast Lamb with Saffron and Tomato

A favourite for Sunday lunch - boiled rice, root vegetables and fried plantain make delicious accompaniments.

Ingredients

Serves 6

- 2 garlic cloves crushed
 - 15ml/1 tbsp finely chopped fresh mint
 - 10ml/2tsp ground cumin
 - 5ml/1tsp dried thyme
 - 45ml/3tbsp lemon juice
 - 30ml/2tbsp olive oil
 - 1.5kg/3lb leg of lamb
 - lamb stock for basting (optional)
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper
- For the saffron and tomato sauce**
- 30ml/2tbsp vegetable oil
 - 1 red onion sliced
 - 2 garlic cloves crushed
 - 400g/14oz can chopped tomatoes
 - 10ml/2tsp ground cinnamon
 - 5ml/1tsp dried tarragon
 - generous pinch of saffron threads
 - 4 slices fresh root ginger
 - 1 green chilli seeded and finely chopped
 - 600ml/1 pint/2.5 cups lamb stock or water
 - salt and freshly ground black pepper

Cook's tip

African cooks almost always prefer to roast lamb until it is well done. If you prefer it a little pinker, then reduce the cooking time accordingly.

Variations

Saffron is expensive, but you can use tumeric or a substitute to give a golden yellow colour. A lean cut shoulder of lamb can be used instead of the leg of lamb.

1. Mix together the garlic, mint, cumin, thyme, lemon juice, olive oil and salt and pepper. Cut three fairly deep slits into the lamb and rub the mixture all over the meat, pressing well into the slits. Cover loosely with clear film and leave to marinade over night in the fridge.
2. Preheat the oven to 190°C/375°/Gas 5. Place the lamb in a large roasting tin, cover with foil and roast for about 2 hours, basting occasionally with the pan juices or a little stock if preferred.
3. Meanwhile make the sauce. Heat the oil in a large saucepan and fry the onion and garlic over a moderate heat for 4-5 minutes until the onion is fairly soft.
4. Add the tomatoes, cinnamon, tarragon, saffron, ginger, chilli and seasoning. Stir well and cook uncovered for about 5 minutes.
5. Add the stock or water, bring back to the boil and then simmer for about 30 minutes until well reduced and fairly thick. Adjust the seasoning if necessary and then remove the pan from the heat.
6. Transfer the cooked lamb to the serving plate. Cover with foil and leave to stand in a warm place for 5-10 minutes. Pour off the excess fat from the roasting tin, then add the meat juices to the sauce and reheat. Carve the lamb into thin slices and serve with the sauce accompanied by thick slices of fried plantain.

Etna's kitchen is in Hampton Road - see advert at the back of the magazine.

PSALM 23 FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my pace-setter; I shall not rush.
He makes me stop and rest for quiet intervals.
He provides me with images of stillness which restore my serenity.
He leads me in ways of efficiency, through calmness of mind,
And His guidance is peace.
Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day,
I will not fret; for His presence is there;
His timelessness; His all-importance will keep me in balance.
He prepares refreshment and renewal in the midst of my activity
By anointing my mind with His oils of tranquillity;
My cup of joyous energy overflows.
Surely harmony and effectiveness shall be the fruits of my hours
For I shall walk in the pace of my Lord and dwell in His house forever.

Tiki Machina

ENGLISH LANGUAGE COFFEE CLUB

Hampton Council of Churches are organising this club for au pairs, refugees, asylum seekers, EFL/ESOL students over 16, and anyone who wants to improve their English. You can come along to practise speaking English with English speakers, meet people, get advice and play games. There is a beginners class and language support. Coffee, tea and biscuits are provided and the lessons are free.

*Thursday evenings from 7.00 to 9.00 pm
United Reformed Church, Hampton Hill High Street
Buses R70, R68 and 285 stop nearby*

RNLI - TWICKENHAM BRANCH

BARN DANCE

**7.30 PM SATURDAY 22nd FEBRUARY
AT TEDDINGTON SCHOOL, BROOM ROAD
Tickets £9 to include Fish and Chip Supper
from Jill Denton 278 7438 or Jo Lindsley 241 7599**

ST. JAMES'S CHURCH - ORGAN FUND

GILBERT & SULLIVAN - *THE PIRATES OF PENZANCE*

**DIY Gilbert & Sullivan evening on
Saturday 22nd February at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall
Details and Tickets £5.00 from Geoffrey Bowyer**

ALONE IN LONDON

The following "case study" was sent to us by **Alone in London** who run an Advice and Crisis Counselling Service for homeless young people in London. Last year 850 young people used the service and an additional 3,500 used the telephone advice service. The role of the service is to help young people confront their circumstances, to work through their feelings and, ultimately, to take responsibility for their future.

Joseph came to our Advice and Crisis Counselling Centre after suffering years of violence and abuse from his mother and her boyfriend. His learning difficulties and the fact that his mother moved from place to place meant that his education was extremely disrupted and he never developed sufficient social skills to make friends. He was described as a "victim" by one of his teachers, as he was constantly bullied by other children. When he first sought help he had been sleeping on the streets for some time.

Alone in London advocated for Joseph to be assessed by Westminster Social Services Department under the 1989 Children's Act. He was considered to be a "child in need" and was referred back to his original local authority where he was temporarily fostered. A final assessment after his 18th Birthday discharged him from care, as he was no longer considered to be "in need". Unfortunately he was not considered to be vulnerable by Adult Social Services either.

*After leaving Care he went to stay in a bed and breakfast hostel and then moved into a short stay hostel where he was bored and started using cannabis. His drug use, and the fact that other residents exploited him for money, caused him to get into debt. He returned to **Alone in London** confused, unhappy and unable to communicate.*

It was clear that Joseph could not look after himself; he had no budgeting or hygiene skills. He was also extremely lonely and felt there was no-one he could confide in. He had already built up a relationship with his caseworker from his earlier visits and felt able to talk to her.

We were able to arrange a place at a long stay hostel with very high levels of support. Joseph is learning practical skills such as cooking and budgeting, but is also receiving the intensive emotional support he needs. He continues to see his caseworker in addition to receiving support at the hostel and is starting to develop confidence in himself. He has a long way to go but feels that he is now able to start addressing his problems now that he has a safe place to stay.

Volunteers are involved throughout the organisation of **Alone in London**, and should you be interested they can be contacted at 188 Kings Cross Road, WC1X 9DE, Telephone: 0171 278 4486.



"The person who introduces into public affairs the principles of basic Christianity will change the face of the world."

Benjamin Franklin 18th C

WASTE NOT . . .

The dustmen come on a Tuesday. The four houses that make up our little row all put their bags of rubbish out by the road to make life easier for the dustmen. When it comes to larger items, large empty cardboard boxes, old fridges and the like, the nearest Waste Disposal Depot is on the outskirts of Stowmarket, about five miles away. Having been for many years a frequent and regular visitor to the Space Way Depot in Feltham, the one at Stowmarket takes some beating for cleanliness and orderliness - "a place for everything and everything in its place". No paddling about in inches of filthy water or long queues here, huge skips with steps up the sides house everything, a different receptacle for each different item, and the whole area concreted and being swept and tidied continually. On one of our visits, Ruth, our daughter was with us. She refuses to go anywhere near their local dump in Glasgow because it is so disgusting and on seeing the one at Stowmarket she said she wouldn't mind coming here, praise indeed!

Every month we get a local newsletter "Norton News" and this gives details of events taking place locally, amounts collected for various charities after fund-raising coffee-mornings, results of prize-draws and all the fascinating minutiae of English village life. A recent item was encouraging people to use the local Bottle and Paper Banks situated outside the Village Hall as money raised from these sources is used to provide amenities locally, extra street lights and improvements to the Village Hall itself were two of the examples given. When we were in Hampton Hill I used to take an almost weekly trip to Hampton Hill Junior School Bottle Bank because I knew the money raised would go to benefit the School, now I must switch my allegiance to Norton Village Hall site for the same purpose.

What we do with our rubbish is as important as what we buy in the first place. We often have more control over the disposal of waste than the items we buy, what we want may not be available in the places we shop, or, more often not at a price we are prepared to pay even though it may be a superior product. Some years ago I wrote about using a shopping basket, a multiple trip item this. Needless to say I'm still using it, although not exclusively, so there must be less discarded Tesco's bags out there than there otherwise would be.

Lots of smaller items can also be put to good use, milk-tops, stamps, phone cards and old greetings cards are just a few of the things that spring to mind. Christmas has now gone, thank you to everyone who sent us a card, many with a few lines in bringing us news of you all. I shall now be looking for a good way to dispose of, or re-cycle all those cards to benefit either the environment or some charity.

Candlemas on the 2nd of February brings the forty days of Christmas to a close. We shall be going on holiday for a week and when we come back we shall be looking forward to Spring and the sight of our first daffodils.

Helen Taylor

AROUND THE SPIRE

We had three Christmas babies born in the Parish. Caroline and Andrew Miskin had a son named Thomas Stephen on 23rd December. On the same day, a baby girl, Jennifer, was born to Carol and Chris Bailey. Jennifer has already been to Church! Ron and Mary Metcalfe have become grandparents - their daughter Margaret had a baby son born in Australia just before Christmas. We are very pleased to hear good news about Vera Bannister who is recovering well in hospital. Please remember in your prayers Betty Redman in hospital, and Catherine Jones who died on 20th January. Her funeral is on Monday 3rd February at 1pm in church. Please also continue to pray for Ron Metcalfe and his wife Mary, and Roy and Kath Brooks.

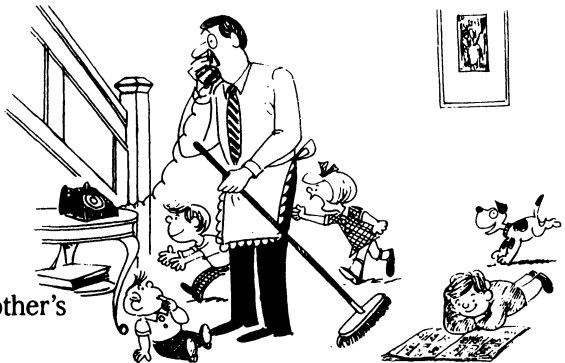
We welcome back Dick and Mary Wilde, home again after living in Zimbabwe for some years.

Two new shops have opened in the High Street. Cache Quality Dry Cleaners would like to welcome the community of Hampton Hill to take advantage of their dry cleaning services 185 High Street. Lovely pots for your house and garden are available now at Olaria, 169a High Street.

Thanks to all who helped with the Parish Party on 11th January - it was a grand evening!

"Fund raising" to pay for our organ refurbishment will be continuing. One way of raising money is for members of the congregation to request music they would like to hear. Geoffrey will oblige by playing the piece after the 9.30am service, for a donation of course!

Noel
Jackson



"She's out at a Mother's
Union meeting."

THE WINTER WIND

I'm listening to the busy wind
Wildly whispering -
Singing of things left undone,
Whistling down through clouds,
Coloured pink in the cold afternoon sun.

Peter Kucinkas

DECEMBER REGISTERS

Baptisms

- 1 Mollie Catherine Claasen , 96 Stanley Road, Teddington
Samantha Chelsea Jackson , 34 Park Road
Max James Macleod , 47 Fairlight
- 15 Grace Marianna Rose Hodgkinson, 2 West Close, Hampton
- 22 Iona Margaret Hutchison, 155a High Street, Hampton Hill
- 29 Darcy Rebecca Ellie Cox and Jane Elizabeth Cox
42 Malvern Road, Hampton

Funerals

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| 2 | Sarah McLean Stewart, 41 Walker Close, Hanwell | 84 |
| 10 | Alan Frederick Chandler, 7 Fitzwygram Close | 72 |
| 16 | Dorothy Violet Corney, 12 Wellington Court | 84 |



CHILDREN'S CORNER

As most of you will know, on the 14th of February we celebrate St. Valentine's Day. St. Valentine was a Christian priest who lived in Rome in the Third Century AD. The Emperor Claudius had banned marriages because he thought it prevented men from making good soldiers. Valentine, so it is said, performed secret marriages for lovers who wanted God's blessing for the union. Finally Valentine was captured and murdered on 14th February 269.

Today the 14th February is dedicated to St. Valentine, and sweethearts exchange cards with hearts and romantic poems as an expression of their love for each other.

This day has always been special for me as it is my brother's birthday, and he is very pleased that he wasn't christened "Valentine" or "Val" as my parents thought he might be. More importantly, this should not be the only day of the year when we say and do kind things for our friends, family and loved ones, but remember all through the year to show one another our love.

Sally Highley



DATES TO NOTE IN FEBRUARY

1st	7.30pm	Candlemas Eucharist with Byrd's music sung by the Patmos Singers.
2nd	9.30pm	Informal Service.
5th	2.30pm	Women's Forum. Favourite poems and music. Bring your special one.
6th		The Queen's Ascension 1952.
9th	3.00pm	Thinking Day Service. Hampton District Rainbows and Brownies at St. James'.
12th	8.00pm	Ash Wednesday. Parish Communion.
17th	8.00pm	PCC.
19th	8.00pm	Talk about cheese with samples, by staff from Teddington Cheese Shop.
22nd	7.30pm	Pirates of Penzance. Gilbert and Sullivan Evening in aid of the Organ Fund, in the Hall.
27th		George Herbert, Priest, Poet and Pastor 1633.

LOVE

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
 Guilty of dust and sin.
But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack
 From my first entrance in,
Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning,
 If I lack'd anything.

A guest, I answer'd, worthy to be here:
 Love said, You shall be he.
I the unkind, ungrateful? Ah my dear,
 I cannot look on thee.
Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
 Who made the eyes but I?

Truth Lord, but I have marr'd them: let my shame
 Go where it doth deserve.
And know you not, says Love, who bore the blame?
 My dear, then I will serve.
You must sit down, says Love, and taste my meat:
 So I did sit and eat.

George Herbert

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