

Did you know that Christmas was once almost abolished in England? It happened a long time ago in 1657. In that year a man called John Evelyn went to receive communion at his local parish church only to find it surrounded by soldiers. He noted in his diary that as he went up to the altar to make communion the soldiers 'held their muskets against us as if they would have shot us at the altar'. Even in those distant days some people complained about how frivolous and excessive the celebration of Christmas was. But it does seem an odd way to cut down on frivolity and excess by placing soldiers up and down the aisles of church! What I wonder, would the puritans of that time make of Christmas card catalogues in July, Christmas puddings in the supermarkets in September, Christmas lights turned on in November and Christmas exhaustion on Boxing Day?

We all hear ourselves moaning from time to time about how commercial Christmas has become. Yes, of course that is true. But surely we want to celebrate the incomparable fact that the creator of the universe risks everything to identify with us, his creation, by becoming as one of us. That at heart is Christmas, that God chose and chooses to be with us, Emanuel. And further we celebrate the amazing manner of that identification, with an ordinary young girl, in a backwater of the Roman Empire. This is Christmas, that every human birth is holy, every human life precious, every human relationship can mirror God in the world.

How we celebrate is of course up to us, but part of our very humanity is to stimulate our senses joyously. So there will be lights and decorations to see, carols to hear, the fragrance of tree to enjoy, the taste of food to savour, the friends and family to embrace.

We look forward to welcoming you to our celebration of Christmas at St. James's. Services are detailed in this magazine and on the noticeboards. Bring you neighbours and guests with you too. All are welcome and there will be no muskets in the aisle in Hampton Hill. For after all if it is true that in the birth of Jesus God enters every human life, then it means God has entered your life too. As John Betjeman reminds us:

*And is it true? And is it true,  
This most tremendous tale of all, all,  
Seen in a stained glass window's hue,  
A baby in an ox's stall  
The maker of the stars and sea  
Become a child on earth fore me?*

*And is it true/For if it is,  
No loving fingers tying strings  
Around those tissued fripperies,  
The sweet and silly Christmas things,  
Bath salts and inexpensive scent  
And hideous tie so kindly meant,*

*No love that in a family dwells,  
No carolling in frosty air,  
Nor all the steeple-shaking bells  
Can with this single truth compare-  
That God was man in Palestine  
And lives today in Bread and Wine*

**A very happy Christmas to you!**

*Brian Leathard*



## THE NEW LECTIONARY

What's the best way to read the Bible in public worship? Perhaps to start at the beginning, perhaps to select themes, perhaps to miss out the blood-curdling bits, perhaps to keep the readings short?

From Advent Sunday this year we at St. James, like all the Church of England, have the opportunity to use a new method of reading the Bible in our public worship week by week throughout the year.

Reading aloud from the Old Testament, the New Testament and from the Gospels is a central part of our regular worship. Therefore it is extremely important not only that we have people who read well in public to perform this ministry, but also that we have a system of choosing which parts of the Bible to read in a manner which gives us both as wide a spread of the Bible as possible and also helps us to steer a course through the bible appropriate to the keeping of the Christian Year.

This system of Bible Readings in worship is called the Lectionary and on 30<sup>th</sup> November we shall be adopting the Revised Common Lectionary at St. James's. Our current ASB Lectionary ceases to be valid anyway in 2000, but there are real advantages to using the new Lectionary.

Firstly, it is an ecumenical cycle and brings the Church of England into a common practice with the Roman Catholic Church and many other Anglican churches among others. Secondly, it is a three year cycle. This means that there is much more scope for the inclusion of biblical material than allowed for in the current two year cycle. Thirdly, in conjunction with the new Calendar for the Church of England and new Collects accompanying that Calendar, there is a much richer breadth of worship material being introduced together. The new Calendar has seen the introduction of more local variation, more twentieth century saints of the church, many more of whom are women or are from the church in the wider world.

We have purchased the large lectern copy of the Revised Common Lectionary and shall be ordering pew editions of the Lectionary for personal use. If you would like to purchase one add your name to the list in church by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December. The price will depend on the number we order. The standard cost is £16.99 but I hope that we can get a price of about £13.50. How about that Christmas present for the Anglican who has everything?

(P.S. I already have one!)

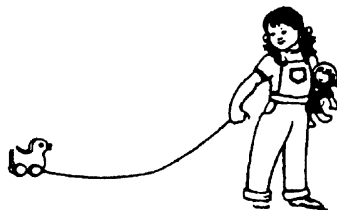
*Brian Leathard*

## CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Reading Moya and John's "Cri de Coeur" re. Children in pews in October's magazine reminded us of our wish to write on this subject. As Church going parents with four children who went to Church from infancy we can appreciate the commitment of those who now do so. We hope that some of the things we did may be of relevance and help to those now with young people. Toddlers must be allowed scope for some play but favourite soft toys, scribbling pads,

"comfort blankets" and the wearing of soft soled shoes all help to reduce noise. If one or two parents can help supervise/organise play on each Sunday on a Rota basis this would help. For the slightly older (3-4 year old) we found that sitting with them on the back Church pew with picture books (religious and others) plus drawing books as back ups when attention wandered, usually worked. During Sermons we read quietly to the children (mostly Thomas the Tank Engine books - occasionally our near neighbours listened too!). Whenever one became especially rumbustious or fractious we would rapidly take the child out of Church and let him/her let off steam for 5/10 minutes in the Churchyard. At four plus they are of course most welcome at Sunday school.

For those of us with grown up or with no children, yes, the noise in Church is sometimes very distracting. If you find this difficult why not sit up in the front pews on the right hand side farthest from the "source"? If you really find the noise just too disruptive then, as Moya and John mentioned, the 8 a.m. service is available. However we hope that you will all feel able to join in the main Family service. It is an important part of our fellowship that we are able to worship together as families. Our children (and grandchildren) are the future of the Church and we should work together to ensure they are made welcome. Despite the irritation one sometimes feels we would be extremely sorry not to see many little children and babes in arms coming to the altar to be blessed at our 9.30 a.m. Communion service.



*Pip and Anne Rowett*

For many years now I have 'campaigned' to have children accepted, no, welcomed in Church. It is, I feel, very sad that the inevitable 'noise' made by them, and it is NOT every week, is found to be unacceptable. I for one am always so pleased to see so many young families at the 9.30 a.m. service on a Sunday. One alternative of course would be for neither the children nor their parents to be there! Goodness, that cannot be what we want!

Having watched two generations in my own family battle with this (not without trauma and tears!) I do think it really would be better if the children were not all together in one area, as they make each other excited and noisy, and I think they see church as a play group. Parents must of course be allowed to sit where they feel comfortable with their children. I wonder if some might like to try and sit in the main body of the church, keeping the 'corner' available in case of need. Most little ones (not all) will not venture far from Mum on their own, so let them have a wander, not a chase! Learning that church is a very special place, quiet and full of love, should perhaps be our aim. Not easy, as we do want the little ones to want to come next week.

*Eila Severn*

## SCOUT NEWS

By the time you read this article the hall should have been completed and we should have started our evenings in it. At time of writing it is still not quite finished but handover is imminent. We now have to take on all the responsibilities that this brings and have formed a Hall Management Committee to oversee its day to day running. Marian Moody has been out scavenging and come back with surplus chairs, tables and benches from Carlisle School. A sign of the times perhaps but we have had to make sure a monitored alarm system is installed, even though the hall has been designed very much with security in mind. A formal handover ceremony will take place, strangely enough when the hall is handed over, but we are delaying our proper celebration till the end of January.

Again by the time you read this the Beavers will have been on an outing to the Watercress Steam Railway in Alton, Hampshire for a trip on Santa's Special. Speaking of Santa, we will have taken part in the High St. procession on 29<sup>th</sup> November as well. The Cubs have formed a quite successful football team recently under the managerial hand of Paul Thompson. They played a team from 2<sup>nd</sup> Whitton on 8<sup>th</sup> November coming away with a well deserved 3-3 scoreline. Due to their ongoing success we are investing in a football strip for them, which will hopefully help spur them on to greater success. Another great success was a superb third place out of twenty packs at the District swimming gala, with wins from Ellis Alexander, Ian Beer and Craig Lambert.

On to fund raising now; we will be carol singing at Sainsburys St. Clare on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December in the evening at approximately 6 O' clock so anyone who feels like exercising their lungs is welcome. We held our (slightly early) Christmas Bazaar on the 8<sup>th</sup> November and raised £400 for our funds. Now for another opportunity for you to help us relatively painlessly. We will be running a local postal service for your Christmas cards this year. There will be a post box in church, which will be emptied every Sunday, for local deliveries within the parish. The price per card will be 10p, which you can drop in a money box next to the post box. We are trying this as an experiment and if successful may expand it next year.



### Advent & Christmas Services 1997

**Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 p.m. An Advent Prose: From Darkness to Light**  
A service of Music and Readings for Advent.

An opportunity to reflect on the coming of Christ the Light of the World.

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December 6.30 p.m. Parish Carol Service**

**Christmas Eve 4.30 p.m. Crib service.** For young children.

**Christmas Day 8 a.m. Holy Communion**

**9.30 a.m. Parish Communion**

**St. Stephen (Boxing Day) 10 a.m. Holy Communion**

## THE L.D.B.S. MILLENNIUM PROJECT

In April this year I was appointed to the post of Millennium Project Officer for the London Diocesan Board for Schools. This has involved setting up and managing a diocesan-wide initiative, the aim of which is to support the development of Church schools as an educational resource within the Christian and wider community.

There are 151 Church of England primary and secondary schools in the London diocese spanning 18 local education authorities. It has long been recognised that they represent a massive, under-utilised resource. Most are only open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on weekdays for 39 weeks a year. To meet this concern and as a way of celebrating the millennium, the Board for Schools has obtained funding from a charitable trust and has, itself, put up a substantial sum of money in order to enable Church schools to extend the use of their facilities and to provide additional learning and recreational opportunities for pupils, parents and other members of the community. My job is to approve individual schools' proposals to achieve the Project's goals, to agree grants/loans and to monitor the initiatives once they are under way.

A less exciting but absolutely essential part of my work has been to devise a secure structure for the Millennium Project. This has involved drawing up aims and objectives, terms of reference, funding criteria and procedures, proposal forms and action plans. Accountability is all-important. I am personally answerable to a Steering Group comprising representative Board members, Board officers, clergy governors and headteachers. They, in turn, are answerable to the Board as a whole.

The unmitigated pleasure of my work comes from visiting schools across the diocese to discuss ideas and plans. Sometimes I meet with just the headteacher, on other occasions we are joined by clergy and community representatives. I never cease to be amazed by the resilience of some of our primary schools in the inner city. A considerable number are housed in old, unsuitable buildings or situated in inhospitable areas. They often serve very mixed communities - ethnic and religious - and many are having to shoulder the responsibility of educating a transitory population of 'bed and breakfast' children and refugees. Headteachers and clergy who work in such situations are indisputably at the front-line of the Church's witness in London. I suspect that few people, including many government officials, really understand what they are having to contend with on an unremitting, daily basis.

I have so far helped to set up 9 projects, principally in areas of great need. At St. James'/St. Michael's, Lancaster Gate, money has been provided to furnish a Parents' Room and to run a crèche for Albanian refugee mothers attending an after-school English class. At St. John's, Upper Holloway, funding has enabled the expansion of a community monitoring scheme aimed at supporting pupils with problems or on the verge of exclusion. An art therapy teacher has been employed to run extra-curricular art workshops for pupils and parents at two Hackney schools. A six-session 'Beginners I.T.' course for parents has just got under way at St. Gabriel's, Pimlico. In other schools there are Turkish classes, music workshops and even an after-school weaving class to create a

millennium tapestry.

In the remaining two years leading up to the millennium I hope to be able to encourage and support financially other initiatives of lasting value in schools across the diocese. It is a privilege to have been chosen to manage such an exciting and innovative project and to have a job where my professional and personal beliefs and values are so closely intertwined.

*Lesley Mortimer*

**ON SATURDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY**

**CELEBRATE *CHINESE NEW YEAR***

*The Year of the Tiger*

**Look out for more information in the January edition of the Spire.  
Tickets will be on sale in Church soon!**

**Churches Together in Teddington**

are providing lunch on Christmas Day at Elleray Hall  
for the lonely and elderly.

**HELP IS NEEDED:**

- \* Transport for guests to arrive at 10.30/11.30 a.m. and leave at 3.30 p.m.
- \* Kitchen help from 9 a.m. onwards - an hour or two would be useful.
- \* Greeting and chatting to guests and waiting on tables.
- \* Providing Christmas cakes, small presents and cards.
- \* Serving tea, washing up and preparing bags of food and presents.

Please contact Stella or Trevor King on 977 3891 before 13<sup>th</sup> December with offers of help, or let them know A.S.A.P. if you know anyone living locally who would appreciate being a guest.

## REPORT BACK FROM THE P.C.C.

One of the things that came out of the Parish Weekend was that people don't know what is decided at P.C.C. meetings or, in fact, what goes on! So each month, if there has been a meeting, we will try to provide a succinct flavour of the proceedings!

Recently we have been discussing the Revised Common Lectionary which will come into use on Advent Sunday. The A.S.B. is now redundant and the Church Calendar has been changed to a three year cycle. A lectern version will be in use for the readings and the P.C.C. has agreed to look into purchasing some for the pews, and enabling the congregation to purchase their own.

We have been looking at hassocks, to be purchased with a bequest from Catherine Jones' Will. New red ones were approved (Pip Rowett trying a sample out in the meeting) but have unfortunately been delivered without hooks and so will have to be returned.

A gutter clear out and general outside cleaning session has been planned for the morning of Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> December, and a Christingle manufacturing session for the morning of Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November - all are encouraged to help with both these projects.

On the whole P.C.C. Agendas are very run of the mill with the usual Apologies for Absence, Matters Arising and A.O.B., interspersed with budgets and accounts and committee reports. However, we do try to get to grips with the more interesting aspects of life in the Church and at our November meeting we were enlivened with a visit from Chuli Scarfe, the Area Secretary of the Church Missionary Society. Chuli had us looking at mission within St. James and as part of the "World Church". Did you know that there are more Christians in Nigeria than in Great Britain? We stood up and did the actions to an Angolan creed (a bit like the "Spreading Chestnut Tree"), and prayed for the world with a floor map on which we placed candles. Definitely not run of the mill!

For the future we are looking at the London Bridges Project and a Marriage Vows Service (watch this space), and at our meeting on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> January** we shall be discussing the issue of children in church. This meeting will be open to the whole congregation. A creche will be provided but if you really can't come do speak to a member of the P.C.C. so that your view can be represented.



# THE PARISH WEEKEND AT WYCHCROFT

Wychcroft is in a pleasantly rural setting, and was seen at it's best in the sunshine on Saturday. It is a delightful place for free-time walks, and the unobtrusive service, standard of catering and comfort were excellent.

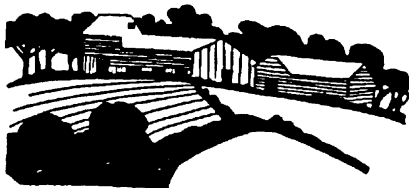
The theme for the weekend was "*Christ has no body on earth but yours . . .*", and was directed towards suggestions for ways in which we could help to take the community and Parish of St. James into the future. After Brian's initial introduction and welcome, our efforts in the sessions which followed were led and coordinated by Laurence Smith, the Lay Ministry Advisor for the Diocese. In groups we discussed possible solutions to some current problems, as well as the direction to be taken for the future.

One of my concerns was that we were not a representative cross-section of the "family" of St. James. Understandably, none of the newer members from the young families, whom we are so happy to see at the Sunday morning services, were there, whose views could have redressed the balance of the largely 50+ people who were. (Should we think of having a day conference in our hall for this purpose?)

However, the discussions were interesting, interspersed with various kinds of refreshments and free time, and it is hoped that the summarised results will be a basis for some action by the P.C.C.

It was a very sociable weekend with wonderful meals and walks, and the Saturday evening "do it yourself" entertainment was very enjoyable, the singing made even more fun by a slight hiccup. There was as much talent as tails/tales! A big thank you to all who put so much into the organisation and participation. I am sure that many of us found the quiet meditation period on Sunday morning very refreshing and helpful, and the celebration of the Eucharist in the afternoon brought us all together in a familiar and meaningful act of worship (though personally I would have preferred the A.S.B. service).

*Jean Western*



## KNEELERS

Are you interested in sewing a tapestry picture for a kneeler as a Millennium project? Materials will be provided and designs, though you may design your own if you wish.

Please contact: Margaret Taylor or Elizabeth Gossage.



## JUBILEE 2000

In April of this year the Jubilee 2000 campaign was launched. It proposes a one-off cancellation of the backlog of unpayable debt by the world's poorest countries on a case by case basis by the year 2000. What better way to commemorate the arrival of the new millennium than by exercising the Old Testament principle of Jubilee.

In Britain, Jubilee 2000 is a coalition of over 40 organisations who support debt remission. The British campaign will work with campaigns overseas and already there are Jubilee 2000 campaigns in Canada, the U.S.A., Germany, Norway, Sweden, Spain, Zambia and other countries. It is well on the way to being an international movement.

So what can we do at St. James? Jubilee 2000 is not a fund-raising movement with constant appeals for money, but it does ask for our action. The most immediate aim is to present a huge petition of signatures to the next G7 Summit meeting which will be held in Birmingham next May. So we can all help, both by signing a petition form ourselves and by getting our family, friends, colleagues and neighbours to do likewise. Some of you may want to become a member of Jubilee 2000, which only costs £16 per annum. This helps the campaign with its administrative and advertising costs. It will also keep you well informed of the campaign's progress.

I have recently become part of a small team that is looking at how the London Diocese can best promote this campaign and will have more information as time passes. For the time being I want to raise awareness and will put some posters, leaflets and petition forms in the church for you to look at and take. If anyone wants to know more or become involved then please speak to me.

*Ann Peterken*

## COVENANTED GIVING APRIL 6<sup>TH</sup> 1996 TO APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup> 1997

We have now received the Tax due to be repaid on Covenants for this period which is £10,944 recovered from the net amount received of £34,657. This net amount was a 13% increase over the previous year. However the reduction of the standard tax recovery rate from 25% last year to 24% for 1996/7 reduced our tax recovery increase to 7%. (If the 25% rate had been maintained we would have received £608 more!) If we add Gift Aid donations of £1,683, this total tax recovery of £12,627 represents 18.5%, i.e. more than 1/6th of our total income for 1996! Although not an exact comparison (they cover slightly different periods) this shows how vitally important Covenanted giving is to St. James.

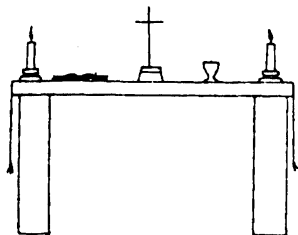
We are very grateful to the 98 people who contributed via Covenanted giving in 1996/7. (Given the usual population changes in a Parish like ours.) We were fortunate to lose only 3 Covenantors during the year. 14 people renewed or increased their Covenant and 17 people were new Covenantors. Since April 6<sup>th</sup> this year 15 people have renewed or increased covenants and 2 are new Covenantors. A significant number of

Covenantors are Friends of St. James, people who are not regular worshippers at our Church but nevertheless have a connection with or a feeling for the Church of St. James. If you would like to help in this way or would like more information please contact Andrew Craig at 16 Cranmer Rd., Hampton Hill. Tel: 979 2997. If you already come to St. James and are a tax payer please contact me for information and the very simple form!

*Pip Rowett (Tel: 892 4736)*

**The Confirmation Class** have been writing some poems.

There is a church called St. James  
Where on Sundays we sing songs of praise.  
After confirmation  
There is much celebration.  
Brian the priest gives us bread made of yeast.  
The Wine and the bread  
Remind us Christ is not dead.  
At Christmas there will be a mini-bazaar  
With people saying yippee and hurrah.  
There are services for Scouts, Brownies, Schools and more,  
And at Harvest people bring fruit and veg galore.  
This is a bit of what goes on at St. James's  
And maybe, one day, we hope it may change us.



*Sarah Leakey*

There once was a girl from St. Jim's  
who loved to sing carols and hymns.  
She sang them so loud  
she attracted a crowd  
who then joined us each week at St. Jim's.



*Lucy Newman*

All Christians have faith,  
a faith which is very strong.  
They all believe in God.  
Hey, you know what, they can't be wrong.

Christians pray each day,  
they talk to their Father above.  
They try to live the right way  
and to feel his love.



God tells us all to live a good life  
to be kind and considerate to others,  
to respect our Mums and Dads  
and not bash our sisters or brothers.

*Amy Cammidge*

There once was a church called St. James  
Whose Harvest Festival had more to offer than Sainsburys.  
There were pumpkins and flowers and Indian tea  
For people to share between you and me.  
So, if you go to St James's, you're bound to get fatter than in Sainsburys.

*Laurence Allen*

The people who inhabit St. Jim's  
Are extraordinary fond of their Pimms.  
They beat bounds on their bikes  
They take dogs on their hikes  
Who said "going to church is all hymns"?

*Ruth Mills (also Churchwarden!)*

## WOMEN'S FORUM

We have had some very enjoyable, interesting and informative meetings over the last six months, and our programme is now organised until the end of March 1998. We hope you will come along whenever possible. Notice of the meetings is given each month in the Magazine and in regular "pew slips". We are considering whether there is still a need for a Women's Forum, either in its present form or perhaps reducing our meetings to once a month. All our regular members are being consulted about this, but if you would like to give your views please contact me on 979 3654.

*Wendy Baker*

## MISPRINTS

Several years ago, when I was attending Morning Service at St. Mary's Church, Wallingford with my son Peter, the Rector, The Reverend John Morley, in his address mentioned a misprint which had occurred on a mural commissioned for display in a neighbouring church. Instead of stating "Glory to God in the Highest", it had turned up announcing "Glory to God in the High Street". The P.C.C. had wished it to be returned to the perpetrator, but the incumbent said, "No, let it stand as it is. Glory should be manifest in the High Street as well as in the Church." Rev. Morley went on to say that God's Glory should certainly be manifested outside in the market square in Wallingford, as well as inside in St. Mary's Parish Church.

I have just come across another amusing misprint from a Dundee Church's newsletter. "If your neighbours and other fiends were to come to our church, would they feel welcome?"

*Marjorie Orton*

## BROWNIES' GUARD OF HONOUR!

On Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> October, the sun shone for Angela and Chas's Wedding. Angela (Horner) has been involved with Guiding nearly all her life, beginning with Brownies at 3<sup>rd</sup> Hampton Hill when she was seven. She went on to Guides and then Rangers, taking full advantage of all that Guiding had to offer, and joining the Scout and Guide Orchestra with whom she went to Japan to play, raising most of the money herself. Certainly Angela has been part of 3<sup>rd</sup> Hampton Hill Brownies for as long as I have been Brown Owl, and apart from her years at university and abroad, she has been a constant support to us all. I know that Angela and Chas hope to continue supporting the Brownies and we were all proud to show how grateful we are by providing a Guard of Honour when they emerged from St. James's as Man and Wife. I am sure that I speak for everyone involved with 3<sup>rd</sup> Hampton Hill Brownies in wishing them all the best during their married life.

During this term the Brownies have been concentrating solely on Christmas Craft and have been making a variety of items that we hope to sell, both at the Christmas Coffee Morning on 22<sup>nd</sup> November to raise funds for the Church, and at our small Celebration on December from 6 on 2<sup>nd</sup> December to hear the Brownies Carols, and watch our their promise.



Christmas  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup>  
p.m. All are welcome  
enjoy refreshments,  
sing a few Christmas  
new Brownies make

*Brown Owl*



Our Vicar, Brian, has been visiting the Lebanon and meeting clergy from different religions. We were also very interested to hear about Ramani's visit to India on behalf of Christian Aid. She was present at a meeting between the Queen and some "low-caste" women. The meeting, at which the Queen was presented with some pottery which the women had made, was very significant because lower castes never present higher castes with gifts and in India pottery is

usually a craft pursued by men, not women.

Dudley the Donkey is also travelling! He has gone to live in France with Robin and Jo Parkin as they have moved to the North Dordogne. We shall miss seeing him on his daily walks around Hampton Hill.

Congratulations to Jeremy and Caroline Banks on the arrival of their baby daughter, Mabel.

Our New Alms' Bags were put into use at the All Souls' Service. The bags have been purchased with the legacy left to St. James by Catherine Jones. New kneelers are also being purchased with the bequest and will appear soon and will be dedicated to her memory. Our thanks to Catherine Jones' family for

these generous gifts.

David Taylor has now taken over the task of organising the Church Hall lettings from David Robotham. Our thanks to David for all his hard work and expertise.

We would like to thank everyone at St. James for their warmth and friendship over the last few years. We have very special memories of our short time as a new family with you, especially Mollie's Baptism at Christingle last year. And we have valued, tremendously, the way in which children are made welcome and cherished at St. James's.

Mollie enjoyed the services very much - the singing, the toys, the special times at the altar. In fact as soon as she started walking she was determined to head up the aisle again and again, for more blessing!

Thank you all. Do call in if you are visiting Petersfield.

*Catherine, Erik and Mollie Kate Claasen  
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Petersfield,  
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## FROM THE OCTOBER REGISTERS

### Baptisms

- 19 Jane Bayton, 60 Parkland Grove, Ashford  
Benejamin-Thomas Rutha Bayton-Bushnell, 60 Parkland Grove, Ashford  
Finlay Oliver Woodland, 39 Cochrane Road, Holly Hall, Dudley
- 26 Rebecca Elizabeth Gabrielle Regan (Bill and Margaret Robinson's Great Grand-Daughter)

### Weddings

- 4 Charles James Wodehouse and Angela Mary Horner

### Blessings

- 4 Graham John Clark and Sharon Jennifer Main

### Funerals

- 23 Eileen Elaine Glavey, 21 Fitzwygram Close 54  
Alice Elizabeth de Boeck, 257 Hanworth Road 71

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<b>FAX HEADER</b>	
FROM: THE OLD INN, BETHLEHEM.	
TO: ALL MANKIND.	
COMMENTS:	

*It's a Son!!!*

## DATES TO NOTE IN DECEMBER

- 3 2.30 p.m. Women's Forum - Talk on Church Vestments.  
6 9.30 a.m. 'Gutter Cleaning'. Church and Hall. All help welcome.  
7 9.30 a.m. Confirmation by Bishop of Kensington.  
6.30 p.m. Advent Prose: From Darkness to Light. Music and  
Meditation for Advent.  
10 1.30 p.m. Hampton Hill Junior School Carol Concert.  
11 7.00 p.m. Hampton Hill Junior School Carol Concert.  
12 2.30 p.m. L.E.H. Junior Department Carol Service.  
15 7.30 p.m. L.E.H. Senior Department Carol Service.  
16 2.30 p.m. Federation of Middlesex Towns Women's Guilds Carol  
Service.  
17 7.30 p.m. Rectory School Carol Service.  
8.00 p.m. Women's Forum - Christmas Memories.  
20 11.00 a.m. 'Churches Around Hampton' Carols at Old Sainsburys.  
21 6.30 p.m. Parish Carol Service.  
**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
24 4.30 p.m. Crib service.  
11.45 p.m. MIDNIGHT EUCHARIST.  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
25 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
9.30 a.m. Parish Communion.  
**ST. STEPHEN, First Martyr**  
26 10.00 a.m. Holy Communion.  
28 9.30 a.m.(only)Parish Communion.



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