

"Remember, Remember" might well be the words of the month for November. Yes, the ditty calls us to remember the Gunpowder Plot, although let us hope that the religious and political tensions which caused that fearful event are now long behind us - forgiven and forgotten - in our common life in this country. But November, of course, also carries with it Remembrance Sunday when we bring to the forefront of our minds the futility of warfare as a tool for establishing international peace and justice and the shattered lives of all those who have suffered warfare. November, with winter time beginning and nights drawing in, also somehow provides us with an opportunity to remember the year that is past - those warmer days of summer and the ripe fruits of the year. My plea, however, is that we do not only look backwards at this time of year, but also forwards. Forwards to the many new things, new opportunities to which we can bring the message of God's generous love. Our Nurture Group has once again taken off; it meets fortnightly on Thursday evenings (contact Ruth Mills 977 5165) and is a place and time to discuss openly and honestly our faith journey. During November this year each Thursday evening also sees a Deanery Course called "Multiple Choices: Examining Christian Living". It is about how we make decisions in our lives as Christians. What are the factors which influence us or challenge us as we decide about crucial issues - at work, in love, life and death, health, etc? The venue for this is St. Mary's Church Hall, Teddington.

Six young people from our parish, as well as others from All Saints and St. Mary's, will be taking a giant step forward in their faith as they are confirmed on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November at 9.30 a.m. at St. James's. In this service, they will publicly commit themselves to confirming as their own the promises made on their behalf at their baptism. They will be asked by the Bishop:

Do you turn to Christ?

Do you renounce evil?

Do you repent of your sins?

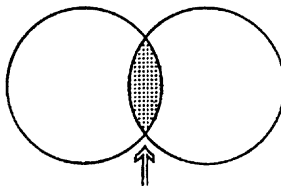
And furthermore:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the world?

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ who redeemed humankind?

Do you believe and trust in His Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

Clearly these promises have a remembrance element for they call to mind the nurturing by parents and godparents which has already happened. But perhaps even more importantly the promises these candidates make are fundamental for their future. It seems to me that November is a good month to remember that as members of the Body of Christ we each live in overlapping worlds. It is as if we live in the overlap between two circles.



This is where we live!

We are called to live in the world but not of the world. We are called to live lives of integrity in which we acknowledge and own our forgiven past, but we are also called to live in the knowledge and perspective of God's kingdom. We are to live in the overlap, fully aware, fully participating in both elements, the world that is and the world that is to be, both of which are God's. Ours is to live by feeding on Christ, week by week, remembering his body and blood, given for us, in other words living lives which depend on the generous, sacrificial love of God. Membership in the Body of Christ requires us both to look back and to look forward, to live fully in the here and now, with the perspective of both the world we inhabit and the demands of God's kingdom. Life in the overlap!

*Brian Leathard*

## HAMPTON HILL PLAYHOUSE - UPDATE



Teddington Theatre Club reports that the main contract, funded by an award from the Arts Board of the National Lottery, commenced on June 15<sup>th</sup>, with a 22 week span. Therefore this should be completed by mid-November when one or two minor contracts will follow.

TTC members had an opportunity to see work in progress in October. With preparations for taking over and managing the building from the end of this year, TTC seeks to strengthen its membership. Particularly welcome would be those with Business skills in Finance, Administration and Marketing, perhaps those who have taken early retirement who would be willing to give time to this wonderful but voluntary project. A prestigious opening programme of plays is in preparation and will be announced very shortly.

In addition to those who would like to become Audience members only, the club would wish to welcome newcomers in all departments of presenting plays - on stage/actors all ages - backstage/scenery makers and designers, costume makers and needlepersons - technical box/lighting and sound designers and operators - front of house/programme sellers, bar staff, etc. All operating in a social and friendly atmosphere in a most modern and well-equipped little theatre.

Following trial productions in the New Year, the club will present its Gala Opening production in June in the presence of a distinguished audience. Contact TTC Public Relations Officer on 0181 979 7904 (17 The Wilderness, Park Road, Hampton Hill, TW12 1HS) stating your particular interest and it will be passed to the appropriate TTC officer who will reply to you with information.

*Eric Yardley*

## ST. JAMES'S NURTURE GROUP

On Thursdays 5<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> November, Brian will be presenting a deanery training on Christian choices ( SEE OPPOSITE). This will be at St. Mary with St. Alban's church in Teddington and we will arrange to attend that course.

Our fortnightly meetings will then resume on Thursdays as follows:  
3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and (depending on demand) 31<sup>st</sup> December.

1999:	14 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> January	11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> February
	11 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> March	8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> April
	13 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> May	And then?

Please bring a Bible if you can.

Enquiries to Ruth Mills, 977 5165, 3 Elmfield Avenue, Teddington



### Church Bazaar

Saturday 21 November



10.30am-1.30pm



Stalls and refreshments  
in the church and the hall

Books, toys gifts, bric-a-brac,  
cakes, home-made preserves,  
tombola, children's games,  
china and glass, plants,  
coffee and lunches.



OUR AUTUMN  
COURSE

£2 per Session



# MULTIPLE CHOICES

EXAMINING CHRISTIAN LIVING  
LED BY REV. DR. BRIAN LEATHARD

THURSDAY EVENINGS 8 - 9.30  
NOVEMBER 5<sup>TH</sup>, 12<sup>TH</sup>, 19<sup>TH</sup>, 26<sup>TH</sup>

AT

ST. MARY'S PARISH HALL, LANGHAM ROAD, TEDDINGTON

## WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT?

Each one of us has to make decisions. Other people's decisions have an impact on our lives as individuals, in church in society.

But how do we equip ourselves to make those decisions?

This four-session course aims to help us with a framework for making decisions.

There will be some input, some discussion and questioning and some time to reflect during each session.

The areas to be covered include: -

CHOICES OF CONFLICT

CHOICES AT WORK

CHOICES OF LOVE

CHOICES OF PAIN

Further details from Brian

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## PLEASE JOIN ST JAMES'S BRASS BAND

Each week, quietly and unobtrusively, a small group of people cleans the brass rails and ornaments of the church. This group is now very small, and urgently needs more helpers. If the work is not kept up to its present high standard we shall all soon be aware of the loss. Ideally the group would like to have a rota with six people on it, two or three scheduled for cleaning each week, making it a fortnightly duty for each cleaner. At present the cleaning is done on Thursday afternoons, but this could be changed by agreement. Can you help? Please contact Jean Wilson (941 2949) or Dick Wilde (979 8887).



The church was established in 1986 as one of three congregations of Thames Christian

Community (based in Teddington.) In 1995 we became autonomous and changed our name to *The Crossway Community Church*. We chose our name to highlight our belief and experience that Jesus' death on the *cross* is the *way* that God has provided for us to be restored to God and have a new life. We keep this powerful reality at the heart of our church life through prayer, worship, breaking bread, loving relationships and outreach to our friends.

We included the word *Community* in our name because relationships are fundamental to the life of the church. We encourage strong relationships, with people sharing in one another's lives like family members.

Those who came to the *Worship Workshops* which we ran for CTaH last year will have some idea of our style of worship. We use mostly contemporary songs with a minimum of musicians and amplification. We enjoy lively praise with tambourines, clapping and dancing but we also appreciate quiet songs and silence. We expect the Holy Spirit to lead us in our worship, prompting people to pray or sing out the words God gives them. Often the Holy Spirit gives a prophetic word to bring encouragement or direction or a word of knowledge about an illness or some other need that God wants to touch. Our aim, in worship, is to experience the presence of God amongst us with the power to change our lives to be more like Jesus and we are encouraged by the joy we find in God and the frequent evidences of His blessing.

We try to follow New Testament teaching on church life, recognising those amongst us who God has clearly called and anointed to lead in various ways. Leadership lies ultimately with the elders who consult with the church and with leaders from other churches, but we don't have any voting. We believe Christ gives leaders to His church and we trust them to lead.

We do not stand alone as a church but are part of a growing network of churches called New Frontiers International (NFI) which has a very strong mission focus, serving over 200 churches in more than 40 nations.

I appreciate the opportunity to tell you a little about us, as I do find that members of more traditional churches are often very curious about our form of worship and our structures. If you would like to know more about us, then why not pay us a visit one Sunday morning. Alternatively, you will find more details in our booklet called "Vision and Values" available on request.

*Steve Dolley*

## CHURCH BAZAAR

Have you donated anything for the stalls at the Church Bazaar yet? The boxes are all in church waiting to be filled with the unwanted gift that you don't need, but someone else would love to have. The tombola stall needs bottles- surely you could spare one or two! These are the stalls which will be at the Bazaar and they all need your donations- Books, bric-a-brac, cakes, china and glass, home-made preserves, plants, toys, gifts, tombola, and raffle. Thank you for anything that you can spare.

We hope to see you there on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> November between 10.30 a.m. and 1.30 p.m. with your families, friends and neighbours!



## Daily Bread

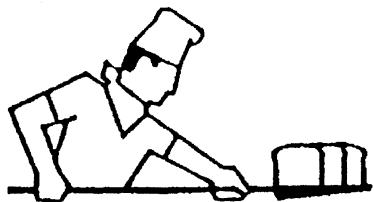
### THE BOOKWORM'S BANQUET

Making Snack Meals by San Widge  
Time to Eat by Dean R. Bell  
How to Make Honey by B. Keeper  
The Dog's Dinner by Nora Bone  
Cookery for Beginners by Egon  
Chips  
Jelly for Tea by Eileen Joyit  
Sweet Making by Annie Seedball  
Loud Rumbblings by M. T. Tumm  
School Dinners by R. E. Volting  
Tea for Two by Roland Butta  
The World of Vegetables by R. T.  
Choke

The prayer we all use most often must be the one that Jesus gave us, the one we call the Lord's Prayer.

Last month, we celebrated Harvest, and the line that comes specially to mind at this time is 'give us this day our daily bread'.

Jesus told us to pray for 'daily' bread. This had a special meaning in Jesus' day. Then, the women baked only one day's supply of bread at a time. Lots of families now have freezers or can easily get to the supermarket or bakers, so conditions have changed. But the lesson of the prayer is still as important - it is a prayer for the necessities of life, not luxuries.



As with all The Lord's Prayer, when we pray 'give us our daily bread', it isn't just a prayer for one person, but for all of us. It links together the worldwide family and our basic common needs. In our present world, in which so many suffer hunger and poverty, One World Week gives us a chance to remember that we are all part of the same world and all need the basics of life to survive.

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A Happy Poem  
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Smiling is infectious  
you catch it like the flu  
when someone smiled at me today  
I started smiling too

I passed around the corner  
and someone saw me grin  
and when he smiled, I realised  
I'd passed it on to him

I thought about the smile a lot  
and realised its worth  
a single smile like mine or yours  
could travel round the earth

So if you feel a smile begin  
don't leave it undetected  
let's start an epidemic quick  
and get the world infected



London Churches Conference  
on the

# Environment

28<sup>th</sup> November 1998  
10.00 a.m. - 3.45 p.m.

Southwark Cathedral  
(adjacent to London Bridge, SE1)

Chaired by the Bishop of London,

The Rt Revd Richard Chartres

Organised by London SCARE, The joint London and Southwark Dioceses  
Environment Group.

Admission £3.50 (£2.00 concessions) All Welcome

*	Guestspeakers	*	Workshops
*	Marketplace	*	Guest specialist panel

Details from: Chris Brice, CARIS, 36 Causton Street, London SW1P 4AU

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## IT'S THAT DOME AGAIN

The following letter appeared in *The Independent* on 26<sup>th</sup> August.

Sir: No one wants to sponsor the religion section of the Millennium Dome. I take this as heartening the news that there are still limits on the commercialisation of life in Britain. But it could also be a strong indicator of the flaw in the materialist system to which our society adheres. We can deliver the goods, but are bankrupt spiritually.

An empty room for the Spirit Section would be perfect and potent symbol

of the spiritual vacuity of our culture. No room for the Spirit would be an even stronger sign of how far we have progressed, especially as the calendar whose second millennium we are marking started with no room at the inn for birth of Christ.

*The Rev STEPHEN LEEKE*  
Warboys,  
Cambridgeshire

**Comments please?**





There have been some very good fund-raising events for various charities this month. We were delighted to hear that the sale of Christmas cards was really successful and raised over £400 for various charities. We were also pleased that the Song Recital, together with the bucket collection the following Sunday, raised £604 for the Bangladesh appeal.

Our praise to Hounslow Welcare for their work to help refugee families and thank you to everyone for their gifts at the Harvest Festival on

4<sup>th</sup> October. The service was very well attended and the generous gifts will all go to help the refugees.

Congratulations to the Revis family! Paul and Margaret's daughter Julia has given birth to a daughter, Katie Eleanor. Our best wishes to the new arrival and to the parents and grandparents.

Sadly, we have to report that Andrew Carpenter died in September. We send our sympathy and prayers to his family and friends.

We send our prayers and best wishes to Sasha, who suffered an injury to her back and is awaiting an operation soon. We hope this treatment will be successful and wish her a speedy recovery.

Please remember the Confirmation at the 9.30 a.m. service on 15<sup>th</sup> November. Our candidates are Karina Brough, Isobel and Nicola Crosse, Darren and Emma Cox and Annalie Severn. There will also be candidates from All Saints and St. Mary's churches. Do come and give your support.

Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November is gutter clearing and leaf-sweeping day and we would be very glad of volunteers to help.



At the P.C.C. meeting on 13<sup>th</sup> October, the Archdeacon of Middlesex, Malcolm Colmer, gave a presentation on the diocesan link with Mozambique.

By the time you read this page, the travellers who were on the trip to Lebanon and Syria, led by Brian, will have returned and we will have a "follow-up" in next month's magazine. Finally, a reminder that the Christingle service will be on 6<sup>th</sup> December.





## LOST AND FOUND IN FRANCE

We recently spent a few days staying in a friend's house in the Dordogne. On a short trip, we visited an antique shop in a rather remote location. We stopped for a walk on the way back and Margaret took her handbag with her - you never know who is about. Subsequently, she found the purse missing, so in a great panic we returned to the shop. No joy, but she left her address and phone number in case it turned up.

Much to her surprise, Margaret received a phone call when we returned home from a Mr. Ward, who lived near this shop. He had been handed the purse by a French local who found it in a field and saw the English driving licence. Mr. Ward went to the antique shop, correctly surmising that English tourists in the area would visit it. Lo and behold, there was the address and telephone number waiting! So the connection was made, and thanks to the honesty and goodwill of a couple of strangers the purse was safely returned.

*David Taylor*

## FROM THE SEPTEMBER REGISTERS

### Baptisms

- 6 Isabelle Dixon-Laking, 11 Seymour Road  
13 Rebecca Charlotte Kench, 19 Dean Road, Hounslow  
Jack Richard Brian Walker, 47 Wordsworth Road  
20 James David Davies, 13 Gresham Road, Hampton  
Kirsty Louise Randall, 49 Rectory Grove  
Charlotte Emily Wood, 13 Randle Road, Ham  
Stephen Keith Carroll, 210 Hanworth Road, Hampton  
Rebecca Jane Wing, 12 Byron Close, Hampton  
Emily Joanne Stoodley, 12 Byron Close, Hampton  
Jason Wing, 12 Byron Close, Hampton  
Ian John Carroll, 210 Hanworth Road, Hampton  
27 Amber Patricia Carroll, 210 Hanworth Road, Hampton  
Louise Alice Sandlan, 65 Winchendon Road, Teddington

### Funerals

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| 4  | Ruth Enid Allen, 61 Park Road                                     | 71 |
| 17 | Marjorie Hensel, 79 Hanworth Road                                 | 80 |
| 21 | Elsie Mary Osborne, Crann-Mor Nursing Home, Pyford                | 99 |
| 28 | Frederick Joseph Saunders, 26 Rectory Grove (Internment of Ashes) |    |

## DATES TO NOTE IN NOVEMBER

1	<u>All Saints Day</u>	9.30	Informal Service
		18.30	A Eucharist for All Saints Day with the music of William Byrd and Palestrina
2	<u>All Souls Day</u>	20.00	Annual Memorial Service for those who have died. The names of the deceased will be read out.
3	Richard Hooker, Teacher of the Faith, 1600		
4		20.00	Open Meeting in Church Hall with a report by the Ven. Chris Wagstaff, Archdeacon of Gloucester, on his recent visit to Milo Mission Hospital, Tanzania. We have supported this hospital for many years.
8		18.30	Finance Committee
10		10.15	Vicar and Churchwardens Meeting. Is there anything you want to raise?
15		9.30	CONFIRMATION with the Bishop of Kensington
		16.00	Friends of St. James's. Organ Recital and tea. All welcome.
16	Margaret of Scotland, Queen, Wife and Mother, 1093		
17	Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680		
20	Edmund, King of East Anglia, Martyr, 870		
21		10.30 - 13.30	<u>Christmas Bazaar</u>
29	<u>Advent Sunday</u>	18.30	The Ven. Malcolm Colmer, Archdeacon of Middlesex will lead an <u>Advent Meditation</u>
30		20.00	P.C.C. Visit from Roz Borley of the Community Health Council

### REMEMBER

#### ORGAN RECITAL

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November 1998

Tea will be available in the Church Hall from 4.15 p.m., the recital will last from 5.00 p.m. to about 6.00 p.m. and refreshments will be available in the Hall after the recital.

A £2 entry fee will be charged to cover costs.

ALL WELCOME

COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER MAGAZINE: 12<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER