

There is certainly something deeply satisfying about the changing of the seasons. For me there is great relief that the grass stops growing at this time of year, and I am excused from feeling guilty about the state of the Vicarage garden. November comes with the innate quality of looking back on the year that is almost gone. The central heating is back on, the leaves have fallen, the calendar is almost over for this year - time to buy another diary. Those pointers to the ending of the year are very clear. If we add to these both Guy Fawkes Day with its "remember, remember", and Remembrance Sunday, then our sense of looking back seems even more acute during this month.

How many people look back to "Guy Fawkes" and see nothing much - apart from memories of their own childhood bonfires and "Penny for the Guy"? Of course it is important to have such memories, for they communicate our common story to future generations. The danger is that this looking back becomes unreal, if we allow it to be detached from the reasons for the celebration. How often do we look back on Guy Fawkes Day and think of the religious and political hatred which tore our land apart in the 16th and 17th Centuries? Do we dare look back and face the treachery, the violence, the criminal justice system of the day? If we do, we may get a rather nasty shock. Equally, Remembrance Sunday is an important day in our society's year if it forces us to think about the scandal and carnage of war. We have grown accustomed to thinking primarily about the combatants in the First and Second World Wars - but our looking back on Remembrance Sunday must go far beyond this. We have a duty to remember the total human cost of warfare, not only in the two world wars but in every conflict throughout the world - not only where our own country is a combatant party, but also where our country is supplying the technology of war.

In both cases, looking back can only be the beginning. Yes, we do need to remember - but we need to remember in order to change. We need to know how we have become as we are, if we are to change into the children of God which we are called to be. In fact we remember in every Eucharist. The prayer of consecration of the Bread and Wine quotes Jesus' words -

"Do this in remembrance of me."

Yes, we look back to Jesus living, dying and rising to new life - but that isn't enough. Think again about that word remember. It is made up of two parts - re-member; that is, put back together again. To remember is to put the constituent parts, or members, into a new relationship. So remembrance is about re-shaping, re-conciling, re-forming, re-creating on every level - ourselves, our community, our family, our world.

If remembering is only looking back, then we have only just begun - the hardest part is yet to come. Yes, we remember - but that means both looking back (critically, openly and carefully) and it also means looking forwards by reshaping our lives - not least every time we eat the bread and drink the "wine in remembrance of me".



3rd HAMPTON HILL GUIDES

We have now been in existence for one year and are a fully registered company. Over the last year we have grown from just six girls to a full company of twenty Guides divided into three patrols.

Having enjoyed a very successful first company camp at Heyswood in September we are now busy fund raising in order to buy some of our own equipment. The termly cake sales after Sunday Service are a valuable contribution to this, so please give us your support.

During the year our founder members gained their World camp challenge badge by working on a number of topics including; The Outdoors, Giving Service and An International Outlook. All Guides have had an opportunity to learn a number of new skills ranging from outdoor cooking to woodwork.

The 3rd Hampton Hill Scouts have both welcomed and assisted us over the last year and we are very appreciative of their support.

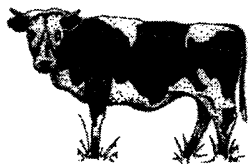
An exciting term of activities is planned including climbing and preparing for the millennium. If you have a daughter aged 9+ who would like to go on our waiting list or if you would like to offer to share a skill with the Guides please contact me on 979 8239.

Susan Blay

YOUNG CHURCH - Send a Cow

Do you recall the Young Church's Auction of Promises, way back in March? When all the money was received a grand total of £794.85 was raised!! Well done Young Church!

It had been anticipated that a pig would be sent, but this amazing amount means that they have been able to pay for a cow and six chickens to go to Uganda.



QUESTIONS PEOPLE ASK

**Have you a question about faith, the church, the bible?
A question about ethics or church teaching - on any
subject?**

**Each week a panel will try to give answers and there
will be time for you to contribute your own views**

**at 6.30 p.m. on
Sundays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th November
in the Church Hall**

**Questions to be submitted to Brian, Freda or Betty
as soon as possible**

Do come and bring questioning friends and neighbours!



UPDATE TO FOLLOW NEXT MONTH



RNLI Twickenham branch will be holding its Carol Service on Friday 3rd December at Teddington Baptist Church, Church Road, Teddington commencing at 7.30 p.m. The concert will be led by Staines Salvation Army Young People's Band and Timbrels. Refreshments will be served afterwards and souvenirs and gifts will be on sale. All welcome.

The General at Wentworth

The snail's shell

*Cracks beneath the General's boot
And leaves already dead
Sink deeper in the mud.*

No lemon trees

*Or purple bougainvillea waving in the breeze,
No sun birds hovering hypnotically
Or servants waiting in the shadows.*

Outside the Court

*The jeers and screams had left him dazed.
His Counsel led him like a naughty child
To the safety of his limousine.*

"You may stroll

*In the grounds, but you cannot go beyond
The gates" said Counsel and departed, eager to be free
From his client's grasping hand.*

The old man frowned.

*"What is this word 'stroll'? "he glared at his interpreter
"Pasearse," she stammered, "P-p-pasearse,"
"I do not stroll, I walk," he snapped.*

In the garden

*A solitary blackbird perched aloft
Sees an old soldier marching left and right,
The officer with no-one to command.*

She does not sing.

*Her nest was robbed, her young are gone;
All day she waits and watches
But thinks that they are dead.*

Marian Dewey

While General Pinochet was awaiting the Appeal hearing regarding his extradition to Spain, a condition of his bail was that he be allowed to walk in the grounds of the house at Wentworth in Surrey to which he was bailed.

Parish Child Protection Policy

On 13th September, the PCC agreed and adopted the following policy on child protection. The policy was drafted by Jane Newman, our Children's Advocate, in line with the London Diocese Child Protection Guidelines and in consultation with those who run our Sunday School and Young Church..

We commit ourselves to nurture, protect and safeguard all our members, particularly our children and young people.

We welcome and value the varied contributions made to our parish by our children and young people, and recognise their right to find and express their faith in their own way.

We recognise that our work with children and young people is the responsibility of the whole church community.

We accept and endorse the principles of the Children's Act 1989 and the House of Bishops' Policy Statement 1999.

We undertake to exercise proper care in both the selection and appointment, and the support, of those working with children, whether paid or volunteer.

We support parents and carers who have responsibility for bringing up children.

We have appointed Jane Newman as our Children's Advocate, as described in the London Diocese Child Protection Guidelines.

A copy of the London Diocese Child Protection Guidelines is held by Jane Newman.

The PCC shall review this policy annually.

If you wish to see a copy of either the Children's Act, the House of Bishops' Policy Statement or the London Diocese Child Protection Guidelines, please contact Jane on 979 6154 or Brian.

As a Parish we have discussed the future of our work with our children and young people during a session at the Parish Weekend, and this will be reported on in next month's issue. The PCC also intend, later in the year, to devote a session to this important issue to which all will be invited.

Celebrate Christingle - Sunday 5th December

*"In a darkened church the lit Christingles
shine the Light of Jesus over all present"*

Dr George Carey
Archbishop of Canterbury



We shall be celebrating Christingle at Parish Communion, 9.30 a.m. on Sunday 5th December. If you've never experienced the joy of seeing children's faces glow in the light of the Christingle, come along and see what it's all about.

The proceeds of the collection on that day will go to



**The
Children's
Society**

The Millennium Kneelers

Our beautiful kneelers will be on display for the first time on
Sunday 5th December
after the 9.30 a.m. Parish Communion/
Christingle Service.

A wonderful opportunity to view the creative handwork
of some members of our congregation.



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BRIDGES

Seeing Salvation - The Image of Christ

The National Gallery have invited church groups to previews of this exhibition in February 2000. Brian has booked to take a group of 25 at 2.00 p.m. on **Wednesday 23rd February**. The tour will be led by a speaker, and will be in the form of a walking meditation. Our Lent course will be based on this subject.

If you are interested please give your name to Brian as soon as possible, as places will be given "first come/first served".

£ £

Is 1999 the year you feel able to join St. James's Stewardship Scheme?

Our church needs a regular and secure income to provide all the facilities, support and guidance it offers to our community and us. Everyone's contribution is welcomed, however large or small - do think about it.

Members of the stewardship committee will be available to answer your questions and provide forms or envelopes after the family service on:

Sunday 7th November and Sunday 21st November

3RD HAMPTON HILL BROWNIES



We now have 27 brownies in our Pack with many more interested in joining as from January 2000. With so many girls Angela and I would really appreciate some more help so if anyone out there would be interested in giving up 2 hours a week we would love to hear from you. The more helpers we have the more interesting

we can make our programme although Angela and I work very hard to make the termly programme both interesting and enjoyable.

With so many new brownies, this term will be spent on introducing the Brownie Promise and Law and understanding the eight point plan. We plan to celebrate both Halloween and Fire Works night and entertain parents. On this evening the Brownies will be burying a time capsule underneath their Silver Jubilee Tree. They will have worked hard towards collecting a variety of items from their everyday lives to fill the capsule and you are all welcome to come along on the **7th December at 6.00 p.m.** to see them bury a reminder of Brownies at St. James's this Century as well as stay and enjoy the simple Christmas entertainment and refreshments.

A small entrance fee for this evening will be charged as we are beginning our fundraising for a variety of animal charities. For both the Spring and Summer terms the Brownies will be "Thinking of Animals" and working towards their Animal Lover Badge - If anyone in the congregation has anything to do with or knows anyone who might be willing to come along and share an interest in any aspect of the animal kingdom, ie birds, animal charity work, guide dogs for the blind etc., please, please do contact me as I need all the help I can get! ! !
020 8979 6400.

Lesley Brough



Thank you to everyone for their gifts of water and money at the very joyful and well attended Harvest Festival. The brunch afterwards was much enjoyed - we didn't think we could eat chilli and baked potato in the middle of the morning, but we could and we did!

The Antiques Show at the end of September was a great success and raised £450 for our £2000 in 2000 appeal. A stream of people brought their treasures to be valued, from jewellery to warming pans, from cups and saucers to christening robes. Thanks to Kate O'Sullivan and her team for organising it all so well, and those others who helped in many ways.

We are sad to report the death of our friend Violet Shell, and send our love and sympathy to her husband Walter.

It is good to hear that Megan Parry is now recovering well after her operation. Bill and Margaret Robinson have another great grandchild. Their grand daughter Jacqueline Fereday and her husband Ian had a son, Adam Robert James, on the 8th October. Congratulations to all the family.

Confirmation will be held this year at All Saints Church, Hampton at 3.00 p.m. on Thursday 18th November. Please come to support our three candidates.

Our thanks to Chris Hodges and his friends for their inspiring Evensong on October 1st, much enjoyed by over 90 people.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER REGISTERS

Baptisms

4 th	James Morrell	85 Norris Close, Abingdon
5 th	Gamuchirayi Furamera	11 Nursery Gardens, Hounslow
26 th	Joshua Andrews	22 Ormond Drive, Hampton

Thanksgiving for the Birth of a Baby

11th Julian Meredith Smith

Funerals

7 th	Lilian Foster	11 Wolsey Road	83
9 th	Leslie Firminger	45 Burtons Road	88
20 th	Alexander Russell	65 Wordsworth Road	74
24 th	Herbert Riches	8 Princes Close, Teddington	79

DATES TO NOTE IN NOVEMBER

- 2nd 8 p.m. **All Souls** - A commemoration of the Faithful Departed - All welcome. (If you would like to add a name to the list, please speak to a member of the clergy)
- 3rd Richard Hooker, Priest and Teacher - 1600
- 6th William Temple, Archbishop and Teacher - 1944
- 10 a.m. - 1.30 Churchlink West London at St. Augustines, Whitton
- 7th 6.30 p.m. **Questions People Ask 1**
- 8th Saints and Martyrs of England
- 10th Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome - 461
- 11th Martin, Bishop of Tours - 397
- 13th Charles Simeon, Evangelical Divine - 1836
- 14th 6.30 p.m. **Questions People Ask 2**
- 16th Margaret, Queen of Scotland, Reformer - 1093
- 17th Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln - 1200
- 18th Elizabeth of Hungary - 1231
- 8 p.m. **Confirmation Service** at All Saints, Hampton
- 19th Hilda, Abbess of Whitby - 680
- 20th Edmund, King of the East Angles
- 21st **Stewardship Sunday**
- 6.30 p.m. **Questions People Ask 3**
- 22nd Cecilia, Martyr, Patron Saint of Music
- 8 p.m. Churches Together Taize Service, St. Francis de Sales
- 23rd Clement, Bishop of Rome, Martyr - 100
- 8 p.m. PCC
- 24th 8 pm Churches Together Around Hampton
Autumn Lecture: Dr. Patrick Dixon at Hampton Methodist Church
- 28th **Advent Sunday** - Lectionary Year B begins
- 6.30 p.m. **Questions People Ask 4**
- 29th Day of Intercession for Mission of the Church
- 30th St. Andrew, Apostle, Patron Saint of Scotland

£2000 in Y2000 - Our Millennium Project at St. James

We are very pleased to report that the sum raised for this appeal has reached nearly £5000 and an interim cheque has been sent to Christian Aid. The project continues as the need is great. We are aiming for a sum of £7500. We need a new name. Any ideas?

Look out for a detailed report of the Water and Health Care project that we are supporting in South West Tanzania in the December magazine.

Contributions to the appeal are welcome at any time. Cheques (payable to St. James PCC) or money should be put in an envelope marked £2000 in Y2000 and put in the weekly collection or given to the vicar, the treasurer, or the churchwardens.

Special collections during Advent will go to £2000 in Y2000.



A Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

29th August to 7th September 2000

A tour combining the wonder of the Holy City, Jerusalem with the peace of the Galilee. We follow in the footsteps of Jesus as we visit the places associated with his birth, his lakeside ministry, his death and resurrection. Both the Old and New Testaments come alive as we stop and spend time at places which seem familiar, including Bethlehem, Gaza, Nazareth, the Sea of Galilee and the Mount of Olives.

We witness to the past, the present and the future of life in this Holy Land by engaging with people who live here.

Details from Rev Brian Leathard - 979 2069