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As I am sat waiting for my appointment at the opticians, I start to think about eyes and glasses. I'm surrounded by many pairs of glasses. People are peering in mirrors, trying on different styles of frames, looking to find the perfect pair. The opticians are working out the prescriptions and tweaking the individual lens requirements for each of our eyes, so that we are able to see with our

vision improved.

As I'm thinking about the eyes that will see clearer through wearing these glasses, I think of that verse in 1 Corinthians 13. In verse 12, it says 'For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known' (NIV). The King James translation calls it seeing 'through a glass darkly', whereas in the Amplified version, 'For now [in this time of imperfection] we see in a mirror dimly [a blurred reflection, a riddle, an enigma], but then [when the time of perfection comes we will see reality] face to face. Now I know in part [just in fragments], but then I will know fully, just as I have been fully known [by God].'

In this chapter, Paul has been describing our knowledge of God and his ways as incomplete or partial. In this verse, vision is obscured and imperfect. It is as if we are seeing through a foggy glass or looking at a blurred reflection in a dim mirror. At that time, the bronze mirrors in Corinth were well known for their imperfections. Even today, mirrors don't show an accurate reflection as everything we see in a mirror is backwards. But the time will come when we will see God face to face, when we will see him clearer and without any obstruction.

We can see God in creation, in our world, in the Bible and in Jesus. As we spend time in his presence, praying and reading the Bible, we come to know more of God. But one day, it will be with a fully restored eyesight and vision, when we will be able to see God clearly face to face, when we won't need lenses, but just to look unrestricted and with crystal clear clarity. There will be no more dim reflection or darkened glass. What an amazing honour and privilege, what a tremendous joy to be able to know God as fully as he already knows us, and to spend eternity getting to know him in clearer detail.

As The Message expresses this verse, 'We don't yet see things clearly. We're squinting in a fog, peering through a mist. But it won't be long before the weather clears and the sun shines bright! We'll see it all then, see it all as clearly as God sees us, knowing him directly just as he knows us!' *Anne Bradford*.

FAYRE NEWS LATEST!

St John's Summer Fayre will be held on **24th July** from **1pm**, **The Worshipful the Mayor of Hillingdon, Councillor Roy Chamdal** will be opening the event.

Please help by continuing to donate bottles for our bottle stall and plants - wine, spirits, fizzy bottled drinks, etc. Please bring bottles to church during the week on Tuesday or Thursday's 9am- 12pm (wear a mask) or on a Sunday if you have pre-booked and are coming to church in person. The plants can be brought in the day before the fayre.

Thank you, everyone. **Alan**



John15:9-17

9 "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. 10 If you keep my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commands and remain in his love. 11 I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete. 12 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. 13 Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends. 14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. 16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit

—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you. 17 This is my command: Love each other.



Creation Care Champions Event on Saturday 26th June

We welcomed members of various churches in the diocese to St Johns. They came to find out more about becoming an Eco Church and how they could sign up with ARocha to begin working towards an Eco Church Award.

The meeting was led by **Steve Paynter** Vicar of St Mary's Ealing .His church has become more environmentally aware and is engaged with the local community through the Transition Movement.

Dave Bookless Vicar of St Mary's Norwood Green talked about climate change and the losses occurring in nature and encouraged us to give thought to this and add our prayers. Dave is Director of Theology for A Rocha International, working to embed creation care into global and international Christian organizations, theological institutions, and mission movements.

We were also joined by **Sigrun Wagner** who is the first Head of the newly created Department for Strategy, International Business and Entrepreneurship at Royal Holloway and **Revd Ann Lynes** from Holy Trinity Northwood.

Two excerpts from the film '**Project Drawdown: Climate Solutions** were shown.

I gave a short talk about our Eco Group and our journey in gaining the Eco Church Award It is hoped that more churches will sign up. Representatives attended from local churches including, St Margaret's and St Andrew's Uxbridge, St Martin's, West Drayton, St Mathew's, Yiewsley and St Giles Ickenham.

We can all pray and support the local churches in becoming more aware of the environment and the changes that need to be taken in caring for God's creation.

In the latest Arocha newsletter Salisbury has become the first cathedral to gain a Gold Eco Church Award for its efforts to address the climate and nature-loss crises. The Cathedral's award was the result of work done by the Cathedral's eco-army of bat and bird box builders, peregrine champions, moth and wildlife surveyors and plant recorders – staff and volunteers alike. We can now support others in gaining an award and work towards gaining a gold award too. *Christine Rodrigues*



Private A Kirby

There is a brass plaque in the South Aisle which reads as follows:

In memory of Private A. Kirby XII Royal Lancers who gave his life for his country in South Africa on June 5th 1900. Erected by XII Royal Lancers past and present.

The 12th Royal Lancers was a cavalry regiment of the [British Army](#) first formed in 1715. On the day of Private Kirby's death, the city of Pretoria was captured by British forces as part of the Second Boer War of 1899-1902. This war was **fought between the British Empire and two independent Boer states**, the trigger of the war being the discovery of diamonds and gold in those states. Eventually, the war ended with a British Victory with the 2 states being incorporated into South Africa (then part of the British Empire). Over 28,000 soldiers died from both sides, and over 46,000 civilians died, 26,000 of which died from appalling treatment in British concentration

camps.

This memorial has intrigued me for a long time. From time to time, I try to find out more about Private Kirby but I always hit the proverbial brick wall. I'm assuming that Private Kirby was a Hillingdon lad but I haven't been able to find out anything about him. We don't have his first name which makes it even more difficult. I have written to the Royal Lancers Archives Department and they haven't been able to tell me any more than we already know. Forces War records cannot provide any information either. So we are left with a mystery, who was Private Kirby? **Christine Bartlett**



Memorial of Private A Kirby.



Image of a soldier in the 12th Royal Lancers regiment



The friends and family of the late Margaret Buckingham who went to be with God on Thursday 24th June. Margaret's funeral will be held on **Friday 16th July at 11am** followed by a **12:30** service at Breakspear Crematorium.

NOTICES

St John's is Open

We are now open for Services on Sunday 9am and 10:30am we still have restrictions in place so ask that you book via Telephone on 07972 618584 or email stjohnshillingdon@gmail.com. During the week we are open for private prayer and reflection on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am-12pm. (no booking required).

We have also welcomed back our Bellringers, Knitting Group and Accordion Band. If you are interested in joining any of the groups please email or call me.

We are trying our best to open more groups and will let you know more here.

Please remember to wear your face masks.

Face masks are currently mandatory in many settings including places of worship, (while there are some exemptions) this is a legal requirement. If you do forget to bring yours we have some disposable masks available at both entrances for you to use and take away.

If you have any further questions please contact me. - *Nikki*

Hands, Face, Space.

Since the government announcement, we have all had to come to terms with the delay to the final stage of the road map out of Lockdown. Whilst this is disappointing, it is absolutely understandable with the rise in cases; especially with the rise of the new Delta variant.

Please continue to protect each other by following the government guidelines.



How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
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