

United in Christ: Unis en Jesu-Christ



The May bank holiday weekend marked the 23rd year of the twinning or "jumelage" between St Mary's Shortlands and the Catholic parish of St Francis of Assisi, Douai in Northern France. The two parishes take it in turns to host and this year it was our turn to welcome over 20 friends from Douai. The programme included a visit to Lullingstone Castle, evening meals hosted at various homes around Shortlands, a service in French as well as English on the Sunday morning and a lunch in the church hall for around 70 people.

The "jumelage" is remarkable on a number of levels. Strong friendships have grown up which are renewed each year, with new friendships being forged. This has involved a lot of hard work, not only in the organisation every year, but also in opening our homes to each other and communicating effectively in a mix of English and French (involving much repetition, patient listening and much laughter!). Again and again though this has shown how much we have in common in our shared faith crossing different traditions and cultural backgrounds, and across all generations within both parishes.

As we worshiped together on the Sunday morning, we were reminded in our bible reading of the command that Jesus gave to his disciples to love one another. Rev. Ruth Peet, who led the service, asked us to think about how the freedom of love could go hand in hand with the prescription of commandment. The bible tells us how Jesus demonstrated his love for the world, and he commands us to respond to his love by following his example, even when it is hard work. The "Jumelage" helped us understand this: what started with reaching out in

friendship has been maintained through hard work and dedication. It is this commitment that has allowed love to grow and joy to deepen.

If you would like to learn more about the "jumelage" and maybe even get involved next year, please do contact Gill Dawson on 020 8460 5884.

Catherine Bingham (Licensed Lay Minister)

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www.stmarysshortlands.org.uk



Parish Picnic & Barbecue

Sunday, 10 June

in the church grounds
following the

10.30am Family and Parade Service

A great day for all the family!
Bring your own picnic,

or buy barbecue food and support the Guides
fundraising for international trips

They will also be selling soft drinks and ice creams

Donation bar run by Friends of St Mary's
Bouncy castle, games, crafts and competitions

In the church hall if wet

Special Events and Services

Sunday 10 June

10.30am Family and Parade Service

Followed by the Parish Picnic

Sunday 17 June

6.30pm Choral Evensong

Responses: Sanders

Canticles: Stanford in Blat

Anthem: The Secret of Christ - Shepherd

Sunday 1 July

6.30pm Informal Songs of Praise service

Led by the Music group



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

We welcome into God's family:

13 May Theodore Easterbrook

At Rest

We extend our sympathy to those who loved:

Yvonne José Petty 20 April

Kathleen Rees 14 May



Remembering

Desmond Truelove

Desmond was born just outside Swansea in 1924 and was baptised into the Baptist Church. Six years later his family – his mother, father, his elder brother Charles and Desmond - emigrated to Pennsylvania for a better life, where his two younger brothers were born.

Tragically six years later his father was to die in hospital of peritonitis and his mother brought the family back to Wales.

Desmond was called up in 1942 for service in the war. He served in France and Belgium and, it is believed, other countries too. He was in Signals and was an expert in Morse Code.

When Desmond returned from the Army he found that Audrey, with her family, had joined the Chapel congregation. That was the beginning of an association which was to lead to 65 and a half years of marriage.

Desmond was totally devoted to Audrey and supported her in everything she did. His routine was dominated by hairdressing appointments, choir practice, Mothers' Union meetings and so on.

Desmond, like many of his generation called up to serve in the war, had to make his own way and get his qualifications after demob. He studied determinedly and qualified as a chartered electrical engineer through night school. Initially working in Wales he eventually headed east, came to London and thence to Bromley.

Singing was a great love: he and Audrey sang in the Beckenham Chorale in the 1970s and 80s as well as St Mary's Choir where he sang the occasional solo. Whilst enjoying the singing, he wasn't a fan of the institution of the Church.

He was a great reader, very capable with his hands – once he made his son an organ for his birthday. He was fascinated with all things clock-related and he made some fine pieces of furniture which are at the Truelove home. He also enjoyed bird watching – a man of many interests.

He delighted in his granddaughters and especially in these last few months in his great granddaughter Emma.

Serving Shortlands

The Shortlands Residents' Association (SRA) held its Annual General Meeting on 26th April, with many local residents attending. Also there were Col. Bob Stewart, MP for Beckenham, and some local councillors. The main topic of discussion was concern over worsening commuter parking.

During his report Mark Dempsey, Chair of the SRA, stated that as more young families are moving into the area the SRA would like to extend the audience it is reaching out to. It wants to improve its social media and would welcome any input from local people to help achieve this.

After the AGM candidates from the four main political parties talked through their policies for the local area. It was mentioned that planning permission and funding have been agreed for the installation of lifts at Shortlands Station.

CONGRATULATIONS

to Cllr Aisha Cuthbert, elected in May as the new Shortlands ward councillor, serving alongside Cllr Mary Cooke. You can contact her on -

Aisha.Cuthbert@bromley.gov.uk.



Sunday 1 July at 6.30pm

All are welcome to an informal Songs of Praise service at St Mary's led by the Music Group
Come and join us as we enjoy some favourite hymns, worship songs, readings and prayers

Pre-school Leader required January 2019 start

St Mary's Pre-school Shortlands requires an inspirational, hands on, energetic, enthusiastic and qualified Leader. This thriving pre-school is open 5 mornings per week, term time only, and was recently graded Good by Ofsted.

Information from the website www.stmaryspreschoolshortlands.co.uk
Application pack from the Parish Office
020 8460 5682 or email office@stmaryshortlands.church

Yvonne José Petty

Born in Hastings in 1923, José liked her second name more, so was always known by it.

Working for the Clerk of Ashford Urban Council during the Second World War, José was armed with a rifle to protect the council telephone switchboard if the anticipated invasion happened. José had an active time on the Home Front being Adjutant of Ashford Girls Training Corps from its inception and Secretary of the Ashford Women's Advisory Housing Committee.

After the War was over José met Captain Peter Petty: they quickly fell in love and were married. After a year of commuting on steam trains from Ashford to London, a colleague of Peter's at the Prudential suggested a flat in Shortlands. José and Peter kept hens in the garden to supplement their rations with eggs.

Their sons Stewart, Graham and Andrew were all christened in the temporary St Mary's Church – and José was present at the opening service of the rebuilt church (following wartime bombing) in 1955. José was also one of the original members of the Friends of St Mary's.

In 1954 the family acquired a large plot of land and had an architect design their new house in Beckenham Grove. The vegetable plot was huge, and the larder was always filled with José's jams and bottled fruit.

José and Peter became avid caravanners travelling all over Britain and Europe initially with the vintage Lagonda car. They also travelled widely without the caravan, to North America, South Africa, India, Burma and China.

After José's father died from lung cancer, José became a very efficient local organiser for the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

José loved playing hockey and tennis and badminton. In the 1970s she decided that golf with Peter would keep them fit, and they both joined Shortlands Golf Club. José became passionate about playing golf and then bridge. She was very proud to be a Ladies Captain at the club and in her 90s became the most senior past Ladies Captain. José was an enthusiastic member of St Mary's mobility group.

In 2008, after 62 years of marriage, Peter passed away. José was very lucky to have the support and help of her family and friends especially in the last few years in her determination never to leave her home.

A good result!

St Mary's Pre-school Shortlands has been graded as 'Good' in a recent Ofsted inspection. The inspection lasted all morning and the inspector focussed on 'teaching and learning' and 'safeguarding'.

Key findings were that safeguarding is effective, the children behave well, staff are good role models and children develop the key skills they need for the next stages in their learning. The inspector made only one minor recommendation for improvement.

Congratulations to the Pre-school Leader, Pat Chase, and her team!

Learning about other faiths Ramadan 16 May to 14 June and Eid-al-Fitr 15 June – Islam

Ramadan is the ninth of twelve months of the lunar Islamic year, which lasts about 354 days. It is considered to be the most holy and blessed month, lasting 29–30 days based on the visual sightings of the crescent moon.

There are several reasons why Ramadan is considered important, most notably because, according to Islamic scriptures, the Qur'an (Koran) was first revealed, by the archangel Jibreel (Gabriel) to the prophet Muhammad. Also during this month the gates of Heaven are open, the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained up in Hell.

Fasting during Ramadan is one of the Five Pillars (fundamental religious duties) of Islam. It is a time of self-examination and increased religious devotion. It is common to have one meal just before sunrise and an evening meal after sunset.

During Ramadan many Muslims donate to charity by participating in food drives for the poor. Muslims are encouraged to read the entire Qur'an and give up bad habits during Ramadan.

Ramadan ends when the first crescent of the new moon is sighted again, marking the new lunar month's start.

Eid-al-Fitr is the Islamic holiday that marks the end of Ramadan. Eid-al-Fitr falls on the first day of Shawwal in the Islamic calendar, marking the start of a feast that lasts up to three days in some countries.

Eid-al-Fitr is an important Islamic holiday for Muslim communities across the United Kingdom. This event involves many Muslims waking up early and praying either at an outdoor prayer ground or a mosque. People dress in their finest clothes and adorn their homes with lights and other decorations.

Old wrongs are forgiven, special foods prepared, and friends or relatives are invited to share the feast. Gifts and greeting cards are exchanged. It is a joyous occasion but its underlying purpose is to praise Allah (God) and give thanks to him.

Dementia Friendly Churches

On Saturday April 21st St Mary's Church hosted the bi-annual meeting of the Dementia Friendly Churches Network. This group was founded three years ago to discuss how churches in the Beckenham area are responding to the needs of people living with dementia and their carers.

The meeting welcomed Julia Burton-Jones who is the Dementia Specialist Project Officer at the Diocese of Rochester. Julia talked about the excellent work being done by the 'Gift of Years', Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends and the Dementia Friendly Churches Initiative both in the diocese and beyond.

Anna Chaplains and Anna Friends are people who will listen, sent out by their congregation to work with people (including those with dementia) of strong, little or no faith at all. Their task is to promote the spiritual welfare of men and women. The role is named after the faithful older woman, Anna, who appears with Simeon in Luke's Gospel. The Gift of Years at The Bible Reading Fellowship aims to equip churches to support older people wherever they may be, including through Anna Chaplaincy.

Julia also detailed all the training opportunities within the diocese for those who wish to become more involved in this work, and about some of the resources that are available within the area, including Dementia Support Cafes.

At St Mary's, a very successful Dementia Friendly Carol Service was held in December, with people coming from various places in the borough. It is hoped that these services will become a regular activity at local churches. Additionally, a small team continues to take a short service at Durham House weekly.

If you would like more information about anything to do with this group please contact Kay Coleman or Sue Harrison on 0208 460 5682 or office@stmaryshortlands.church. More information on Anna Chaplaincy can be found at www.thegiftofyears.org.uk or www.rochester.anglican.org/mission/anna-chaplaincy

Mission of the month

Demelza and St Christopher's Hospices

Demelza Children's Hospice opened in 1998 and has developed to provide palliative, respite, end-of-life and bereavement care to around 500 seriously ill and life-limited children, young adults, and their families in East Sussex, Kent and South East London every year.

The charity now has two residential hospices, Demelza Kent at Sittingbourne and Demelza SEL in Eltham; providing facilities which include a total of 16 bedrooms all with ensuite bathrooms, sensory, music therapy and art rooms, soft play areas, hydrotherapy, wheelchair adapted playgrounds, and family rooms. The charity also has Demelza Community based in East Sussex offering a hospice at home service.

As more children survive into adulthood, preparation for adult life is an increasingly important part of the work, helping teenagers to develop life skills to be as independent as possible. It offers advice and links to adult care providers such as St Christopher's Hospice to help with life after Demelza.

St Christopher's Hospice was founded in 1967 by Dame Cicely Saunders. The charity exists to promote and provide skilled and compassionate palliative care of the highest quality. Its vision is of a world in which all dying people and those close to them have access to the care and support they need, when and wherever they need it. It believes each person is unique and it tailors care to meet social, emotional and spiritual needs, as well as manage physical symptoms.

The hospice has been a centre of education, innovation and insight ever since its foundation. The Group now consists of St Christopher's Hospice in Sydenham and St. Christopher's Bromley based in Orpington.

Every year St Christopher's provides care and support to over 6,500 people across 5 London Boroughs both at home and in the hospices. It costs £21 million a year to run its services, £15 million of which has to be found by fundraising.

For more information see www.stchristophers.org.uk, www.demelza.org.uk and the display at the back of church.



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- 08.00 Holy Communion
- 10.30 Family Communion, except when notified. During term time there are separate groups in the Church Hall for children aged 0-18.
- 18.30 Choral Evensong (3rd Sunday in the month)

Every Monday

- 17.30 Evening Prayers

Every Wednesday

- 10.00 Holy Communion

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