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July 2014

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**They should reach the Editor by 14<sup>th</sup> July.**

The August magazine will be on sale by 27<sup>th</sup> July.

## ***'Plus ça change, plus c'est la même chose'***

Forgive my French but the meaning is important as we enter into the month of July. 'The more things change the more things stay the same' is the translation. Apparently the phrase is from an epigram by Jean-Baptiste Alphonse Karr in the January 1849 issue of his journal *Les Guêpes* (The Wasps).

Karr lived in the nineteenth century with all the attendant horrors of two World Wars yet to come but no age is without its uncertainties and once again as we head towards the summer season politically, economically, and socially we are in a period of serious worry. As I write I see very disturbing events in Iraq and the Middle East, I am acutely aware that young people are finding it increasingly difficult to buy their own homes, and at best we are only just emerging out of a long and nasty period of economic downturn. So there are just three things to worry about, you can add your own to the list.

Where does that leave us as Christians trying to express our faith? Well, the Church itself in every denomination has had a pretty galling time in recent years and many of our troubles have been self-inflicted. There is a real worry that the people in the secular world, to whom we should be offering the good news of the Gospel, see us as defining ourselves dialectically, that is by what we are against rather than by what we stand for. That is a great pity, although St Martin's tries hard to be a warm, accepting and inclusive congregation.

Apropos this, if you care to take a look at our website [www.stmartinswestacton.com](http://www.stmartinswestacton.com) you'll see that in the introductory section about who we are we say: "We pride ourselves on being 'Church of England', which seems a strange thing to say ... nevertheless, in the Diocese of London with its many variations, we mean that we are neither high, nor low, neither Anglo-Catholic nor Evangelical. We are open, liberal and inclusive with a stress on community and fellowship. We welcome women's and lay ministry. Members of the congregation often travel a long way to join us."

I think that's a pretty good way of saying 'welcome' in an uncertain and troubling world and that we should pursue the idea as part of our ministry. After all a number of surveys have shown that when people

come to church and join it, it isn't particularly because they have enjoyed the sermons or liked the liturgy, rather they have felt welcomed at the coffee and fellowship afterwards!

Could then the church be a port in the storm? Yes, as long as we are outward looking as well. The Lord and Saviour who we follow in his own troubled times said: "Come unto me all who labour and are heavy laden" (Matthew 11.28). That's something that hasn't changed and neither has his command to "Go out and make disciples of all the world." (Matthew 28.19).

*Nicholas*



### **New deputy Churchwarden & coffee rota team.**

The two go together. In the sense that after quite a few years of organising our important coffee rota and ensuring that there is a warm welcome to everyone after the service, John Wilson is stepping down from the rota and up to be deputy churchwarden.

Thanks to John for all his work, which has often meant having to make new arrangements at the last moment and having the patience of Job. After many years of being without a deputy warden, John (who has in a previous church been churchwarden) has agreed to fill the role the Annual Meeting agreed we needed for this coming year.

Meanwhile into John's coffee rota shoes step Fiona Stuart and Andrew Ibi who will take up the new rota from mid July. I'm really grateful to them and all of you who help out in this important task of making St Martin's a friendly place.

*Nicholas*



### **Jackie Nicholls Commissioning**

Jackie Nicholls will be commissioned as Licensed Lay Minister to St Martin's on Monday, July 21<sup>st</sup>. The commissioning will take place at St Mellitus College, St Jude's Church, Courtfield Gardens, Earls Court. This will take place within a Eucharist service which will start at 7.30pm. All are welcome to attend.

# St Martin's Church

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# Recent Baptisms



Christening of Amaya Mason on Sunday 15th June taken here with her parents Ben and Ayumi and her Godparents.



Kiki Beau Dowden at her christening with her parents Sophie and Rio, godparents Chloe and Aaron and great, grandmother Betty – and the vicar. Sunday 25th May in St Martin's.

## Photos from the Midsummer Madness Soiree



All quiet and all ready....

Just waiting...

The evening begins with a little night music...



It was a great success, about 80 people attended. There was a lovely meal prepared by Camilla Reid and her team, the musicians played very well and it didn't rain!





And the band plays on...



And all enjoyed the sumptuous supper

**Now we look forward to .....**

Sunday 17th August 1pm – 3pm

Ken Bartram hosting his annual 'Summer in the City' Lunch  
at home in his flat in the Elephant and Castle

Please put it in your diary. Sign up on the list in the church



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## Congratulations....



Rebecca Stiff and Liam Hughes were married in St Martin's Church on Saturday 14th June. Here is a family photograph taken in the churchyard after the ceremony of the occasion. Rebecca was confirmed on Sunday 8th and her mother Vicky (far right) used to be our parish secretary some years ago.

## Also to ....



Ben and Olivia Ormerod with their new baby Jacob born on 7th May.

## ***The Good Old Days.....***

Some things your children will never learn nor understand:

The excitement of flicking through your newly developed photos as you walk through the town centre only to find half of them have your thumb over the lens.

Using reverse charges to call your mum and dad at a payphone. Will they even know what a payphone is?

The simple act of manually winding down a car window.

The relationship between a pencil and a cassette tape.

The art of recording the Sunday Top 40 chart show from the radio with minimal DJ chat over the song.

When arriving 10 minutes before your flight was considered early.

Waiting until Saturday morning for the decent cartoons on TV.

Searching through the whole Encyclopaedia to find information on a rainforest - now it is just a Google away!

Having the choice between Channel 1 (BBC) or Channel 3 (ITV)

Running your nails down the blackboard at school.

Having a Troll sitting on top of your pencil.

Having that rare ability to successfully fold the car map.

Buying a packet of crisps with a packet of salt inside.

Trying to avoid drinking warm milk at playtime in school.

Only having one – yes one – family holiday each year.

Fruit only being sold at certain times of the year... strawberries in June for example.



## **A photo of the Confirmation Candidates**



Revd Nicholas Henderson, Lucy Sweetman, Simon Warden, Rebecca Stiff, Bishop Peter, Jake Stokes, Joanna Reid, Apollonia Palmer, Ben Mason, Angelo Palmer, Revd Bruce Barnett-Cowan, Jackie Nicholls, Margaret Jones.

## **And a photo of the Wednesday Coffee Morning Group**



## For your diary.....

A Family Service will be held on Sunday 7th September  
to which all those families who have had Christenings  
and all those who have been Confirmed  
over the past five years will be invited.



Family service: Sunday 5th October  
10am Harvest Festival Family Service  
followed by Harvest Lunch



Family service: Sunday 30th November  
10am Advent Sunday, Christingle Family Service  
**12noon followed by Christmas Bazaar**



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December: Children's Nativity Play



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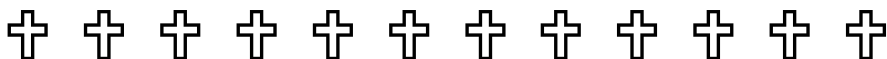
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## Memorial Service for Robert Buckley

A memorial service for the Revd Canon Dr Robert Buckley will take place in St Martin's Church at 4pm on Friday 11th July. It was with great sadness that we heard of the death of Robert Buckley our onetime clergy Associate and colleague. Robert died peaceful on Friday 16th May after a long and brave struggle with cancer.



### Additional Chalice Administrators

Karen Staartjes, Gill Hull, Sam Boundy, John Holt and Jim Hyde are to be welcomed as new additional administrators of the chalice.



### Congratulations to Johnnie and Emma Stehlin

Congratulations to Johnnie and Emma Stehlin on the birth of Tabitha Olwen Priscilla Stehlin born in early May.



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**Photographs from recent events...**



Beating The Bounds

Kim Shillinglaw models her new purchases from the Mini Mart held after a recent Family Service.



**We will have the pleasure of hearing Paul Fitzpatrick,  
from the Church Army, preach on Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> September.**



**Wednesday 5th November**

**6pm Annual Bonfire Party in the Vicarage Gardens**



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# <sup>a</sup>Midsummer Night's Dream

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## **No biblical whale in the Royal Park**

**A giant inflatable whale which Bible Society wanted to use to tell the story of Jonah has been banned from the Royal Parks because of its 'religious' undertones.**

Officials turned down recent applications to hold a children's fun day based on the Bible story at either Hyde Park or Greenwich Park in London. The Royal Parks are owned by the Queen, who is Supreme Governor of the Church of England and the Patron of Bible Society. The decision came just a month after David Cameron insisted that the UK is a 'Christian country' and said Britain should be unashamedly 'evangelical' about its religious identity.



## **Dioceses vote in favour of women bishops**

The Church of England's dioceses have now all voted in favour of the current draft legislation to enable women to be bishops. In 2011 both London and Chichester diocesan synods voted against the legislation. The February 2014 meeting of General Synod referred the current Women in the Episcopate legislation to the dioceses.

Diocesan Synods all voted in favour of the motion: 'That this Synod approve the proposals embodied in the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and draft Amending Canon No 33.' For the motion to be carried, the houses of clergy and laity had to each vote, by a simple majority, in favour. The draft legislation will now go before General Synod in July for a Final Approval vote.

The Bishop of Rochester, James Langstaff, Chair of the Steering Committee for the Draft Legislation for Women in the Episcopate said: "The dioceses have now expressed their view very clearly and the matter now comes back to General Synod in July. I pray that the Synod will continue to approach this decision in a prayerful and generous way as we move towards voting on the proposal that women may be bishops in the Church of England."

## **Churches step up fight for better lending**

The first steps towards a national network of churches, communities and credit unions has been recently launched. It is supported by the Archbishop of Canterbury's Task Group on Responsible Lending. The Church Credit Champions Network (CCCN) aims to create a network of people who will bring together churches, communities and responsible lenders. The scheme is being piloted in three Church of England Dioceses - Southwark, Liverpool and London. The members will act as advocates for the community finance providers. Sir Hector Sants, former Chief Executive of the Financial Services Authority and Head of Compliance and regulatory affairs for Barclays Bank, who convenes the Archbishop's Task Group, said: "This is a grass roots initiative that will only succeed with the enthusiasm and engagement of the local church... I am confident that the successful implementation of the Church Credit Champions Network will equip churches to be even more relevant to their local communities, and transform the lives of the many people we hope will be served as a result."



## **Messy Church celebrates 10th anniversary**

Messy Church is ten years old. What began in April 2004, in Cowplain near Portsmouth, as one congregation, has since been joined by 2342 others worldwide. This fresh expression of church life builds upon Christ-centred elements of welcome, creativity, sharing food and celebration. Most Messy Churches meet monthly, at a time that suits the community. They seek to share Christ with families for whom traditional or inherited forms of church life feel alien to their experiences. Key moments from ten years of Messy Church include: being featured on BBC's 'Songs of Praise'; St Paul's Cathedral in London hosting a Messy Church celebration; Spring Harvest becoming a popular place to dip into Messy Church seminars; Messy Nativity sheep trails popping up in shopping centres around the country each Christmas; and attention from the national press ('Messy Church crafts colourful alternative Sundays'—*The Times*). Lucy Moore, the founder, says: 'As I look at the shouting, laughing, praying, awestruck, grateful, life-giving, weeping, eating, loving Messy multitudes gathered in churches around the world, it feels incredibly humbling'. Messy Church is a core ministry of Bible Reading Fellowship.

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## **Usual Sunday Services**

8am: Holy Communion

10am: Parish Communion

6.30pm: Evensong

Our Junior Church meets in the Church Hall at  
10am except when there is a Family Service.

The next All Age Service will be held on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup>  
July in the context of a Family Eucharist.

## **Japanese Anglican Church UK**

meets every third Sunday of the month:  
(except July, August and December)

3pm Bible Study and Evening Worship in Japanese

Every **Wednesday** at 25 Birch Grove, W3

11am: Informal Eucharist

Followed at 11.30am by the Coffee Club