

ST. MARTIN'S MONTHLY

July 2015

50p



You are invited to our

SUMMER FAIR

Sunday 12th July

12 noon until 3pm

Admission: £1 (concessions: 50p)

St Martin's Church, Hale Gardens, Acton W3 9SQ

(Registered charity no. 1132976)

www.stmartinswestacton.co.uk

Email: stmartins@stmartinswestacton.com

Vicar

The Revd Dr Nicholas Henderson
(also Chaplain to Acton Care Centre)
020 8992 2333

Commissioned Lay Minister to Japanese Anglican Church UK

Mrs Yuki Johnson (07572 324107)
yukifunakawa@btinternet.com

Parish Administrator (9.30am – 1.30pm weekdays)

Parish Office, rear of Church Hall,
Hale Gardens, W3 9SQ
020 8992 2333

Reader

Dr Margaret Jones (020 8997 1418)

Reader Emeritus

Mrs Lynne Armstrong (020 8992 8341)

Licensed Lay Minister Mrs Jacqueline Nicholls (c/o Parish Office)

Churchwardens

Mrs Liza Ambridge (020 8992 3029)
Mr Jeremy Thorpe-Woods

Deputy Churchwarden

Mr John Wilson (c/o Parish Office)

Director of Music

Mr Kenneth Bartram (c/o Parish Office)

Magazine Editor

Mr Clive Davis (clive.a.g.davis@btinternet.com)

The Vicar is available for consultation and enquiries by appointment.
Please ring the Parish Office.

Articles for the next month's magazine should be sent to
Clive Davis (email: clive.a.g.davis@btinternet.com)

They should reach the Editor by 14th July.

The August magazine will be on sale by 26th July.

July

Did you know that July was named by the Roman Senate in honour of the Roman general, Julius Caesar it being the month of his birth? Prior to that, it was called *Quintilis* which surprisingly means fifth month. July starts on the same day of the week as April in every year, and January in leap years. In a common year no other month ends on the same day as July, while in a leap year July ends on the same day of the week as January.

Actually most of us would have scarcely given the matter of July a thought although it's always interesting to learn of the provenance of everyday things. I suppose however that for many of us what is to the fore in our minds is the holiday season.

The Church calendar recognizes this in as much as there is a lessening of the number of important festivals as so many of our events are geared to the seasons in the Northern Hemisphere. Of course the downside is that the seasons are cyclical and if I might misquote Shelley's poem 'Ode to the West Wind' 'If summer comes, can winter be far behind?'

Whatever the case rest and refreshment does no-one any harm. This applies to our spiritual lives as well, not in taking time off from church or forgetting God for a while but on the contrary pausing in the middle of busy lives to reflect and pray. Both of these personal disciplines are often squeezed out by day-to-day existence.

These are troubled times and there does seem to be as much if not more unrest in the wider world, perhaps even more than usual. It's easy to be overwhelmed so perhaps July does or at least could get us through.

After all the famous 'Dog Days' begin in early July, when the hot sultry weather of summer is supposed to start. The Romans referred to the dog days as *dies caniculares* and associated the hot weather

with the star Sirius (the dog star) that is prominent in the sky at this time of year.

Hot or cold I do wish you all a very happy and restful holiday season – in the meantime don't forget that St Martin's remains open for business!

Nicholas

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

Moving with the times

As the world changes, so must the church. Therefore in keeping with new ways of giving, we have now set up a new way to donate to St Martin's - by text. This will be a huge help for us; not only giving people who are browsing our website a way to donate, but it can be used for specific fund raising campaigns, as well as for regular giving in church, meaning people are not limited to the change they have in their pockets. It's quick and easy, and if you have any great ideas on new ways to advertise this please get in touch.

Shelley Merrick



The example shows £5, but you can donate any amount you wish.

Coming soon!

Ken Bartram invites you to

The Organist's Lunch

Sunday 23rd August at 1pm

(nearest Underground: Elephant and Castle)

£15.00 (and bring a bottle)

You will be able to sign up soon



Last Night of the Proms

with supper

in St Martin's

Saturday 12th September

Come, wave the Union Flag and sing along

www.goviewlondon.co.uk



Donald Collins (Sales Director)

Direct Dial: 020 8752 3163

dcollins@goviewlondon.co.uk

Bryan Light (Lettings Director)

Direct Dial: 020 8752 3170

blight@goviewlondon.co.uk

Go View London are a local, independent Estate Agent providing services to clients in Ealing and Acton.

Located at 24 Station Parade, Ealing Common (opposite the Post Office) our team of dedicated property professionals provide market leading service for sales and lettings. If you would like any property advice please do let us know, we would be delighted to hear from you.

goview
LONDON

Go View London,
24 Station Parade,
Ealing Common, W5 3LD

St Martin's Foundation

An educational programme for contemporary Christians

All lectures take place at 8pm in the Parish Room
(entrance via Parish Office, to rear of Church Hall)



Anglicans and Assisted Dying **Thursday 23rd July**

The Rev Dr Paul Badham is Emeritus Professor of Theology at Trinity Saint David University (Lampeter Campus). He is author of *Is there a Christian Case for Assisted Dying?* and *Making Sense of Death and Immortality*



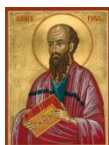
George Herbert: ***The relevance of his spirituality today*** **Thursday 24th September**

The Rev'd Christopher Ramsay

Christopher Ramsay is Area Dean of Ealing and Vicar of St George's, Southall.

He has an M.A. in Spirituality from Heythrop College.

George Herbert was a Welsh-born English poet, orator and Anglican priest. Herbert's poetry is associated with the writings of the metaphysical poets, and he is recognized as a pivotal figure in Anglican spirituality.



Paul of Tarsus: a First Century Radical? **Thursday 22nd October**

A fresh look at Christianity's most important theological influence

Canon Dr. Anne Davison

Former Vice-Moderator, World Council of Churches

Please visit our website for further details:
www.stmartinswestacton.co.uk



Christian Aid Week 2015

This year, the sum of £894.20 was collected from our congregation and sent to Christian Aid.

St Martin's is one amongst the 20,000 churches across Britain and Ireland who actively support the work of Christian Aid and we can be sure that the organisation is most grateful for all our help and has sent a big "Thank You" to everyone.

Christian Aid has been working for 70 years to alleviate poverty and suffering in the poorer parts of the world. You can read details of their work on their website at www.christianaid.org.uk.

Christian Aid works for a world where everyone can live a full life, free from poverty. They work in partnership with other major relief organisations and with local partners, both to give emergency aid and also to help with healthcare and education and agriculture in poor communities.

We hope to have a guest speaker from Christian Aid who will tell us more about their work when we celebrate our Harvest Festival on Sunday 4th October.

Margaret Jones



Junior Church Rota and Services - July 2015

<u>Date</u>	<u>Pre-service</u>	<u>Candles</u>	<u>Torches</u>
July 5 th	<i>End of Term Family Eucharist</i>		
July 12 th	Nadine	Emma S	Nadine
July 19 th	Jackie	James	Jackie
July 26 th	Sonia	Ben	Sonia

The 10 am "Family Service" on July 5th will be a Family Eucharist

Thank you from Us (previously known as USPG)



www.weareUs.org.uk

Thank you for your generous gift of £400 to help the global church put the gospel into action. An example of the work we support is 'Agape' in Zambia which provides counselling and skills training to help women and men in becoming financially independent from violent partners.



The vicar as sketched by Yun Lee of St Martin's congregation.



13 The Broadway
Gunnersbury Lane
London W3 8HR



Near Acton Town Tube Stn



Tradycyjne Polskie Pogrzeby



- Funerals arranged with sympathy and dignity at reasonable prices
- Repatriation service to all overseas countries
 - Monumental masonry
 - Prepaid funeral plans

Available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

Please call Christopher Wickenden on

020 8993 8040

H A V E N
Funeral Services

Support and dignity

Recent Baptisms . . .



Elliotte and Sebastian Page christened on Trinity Sunday 31st May. They are pictured here with their parents Amy and Mark and their godparents.



Anthony Jacob Leonard Wilson was christened in St Martin's on Sunday 14th June. He is pictured here with his parents Simon and Gemma and his godparents Davinia, Taijaan and Claudia.

Other news

We have a lovely new set of lectern steps to replace the rather shaky old ones. The steps were made by Phil Barnes and, in the picture, are being tried out by Angela Doe. Our new Lectern steps were given very generously by an anonymous donor.



Shelley Merrick, Lay Vice Chair of the Parochial Church Council, tries on her daughter Annabel's hat at the Costa Coffee shop in Ealing Common.

Nicholas.

The New Parish Office entrance



This photograph shows the entrance to the Parish Office which is accessed from behind the Church Hall.



PRINT PLUS

+ Design + Digital Printing + Stationery

2 Grosvenor Parade • Uxbridge Road
Ealing Common • W5 3NN



PRINTING SERVICES

- Artwork Design
- Business Cards
- MoneyGram MoneyGram
- Mobile Phone top-up services
- B/W & Colour Photocopies
- Banners – Indoor & Outdoor
- Invitation Cards
- Greeting Cards
- Leaflets
- 135mm/APS Processing
- CD/DVD Duplication
- Wide Format Posters
- Men & Women Fragrances



Tel: 020 8992 0208

Fax: 020 8992 0208

Email: print.plus@hotmail.co.uk

ngs gardens open
for charity

Garden Open All Seasons

97 Grange Road, Ealing W5 3PH

Sat 4 July

1 - 6pm

Sun 5 July

12.30 - 6pm

Adm: £3

Children: free

Plants for Sale



The National Gardens Scheme: Registered Charity No. 1112664

www.ngs.org.uk



Independent Estate Agents with local expertise,
successfully selling for over 45 years in
Ealing, Acton and the surrounding areas.

DEREK FJ GRIMSHAW FRICS

5 STATION PARADE, UXBRIDGE ROAD, EALING COMMON, LONDON W5 3LD
TEL: 020 8992 5661 EMAIL: sales@grimshawhomes.co.uk
www.grimshawhomes.co.uk

The Great War – 100 years on

Continuing to tell the story behind the 36 names on our War Memorial. The research behind this story of John Birch presented a few challenges. I had to first trace where he was buried through the Commonwealth War Graves Commission. Please accept my apologies for any inaccuracies in the battle's detail. Editor.

Turkey 1915: The War was not going so well and by late June Lord Kitchener decided to send reinforcements to the Gallipoli peninsular. However, these would not arrive until late summer. In the interim Lord Kitchener instructed Sir Ian Hamilton, The Mediterranean Expeditionary Force Commander-in-Chief, to mount a series of attacks against the Turks. Among these is what has come to be called the Battle of Gully Ravine.

This battle started on 28 June 1915 along the Aegean spine of the peninsula following a moderate French success a week earlier. The newly appointed commander, Major-General, Henry de Beauvoir de Lisle, proposed a limited-objective attack along the Gully Ravine Spur - in accordance with Hamilton's wish that no sweeping breakthrough be attempted. The British Forces would have support from two Indian Brigades and the Artillery. However, due to a shortage of ammunition only 12,000 rounds were allocated for the attack.

The attack went well at first and two lines of Turkish trenches were seized by the British with light losses. Another Brigade, newly-arrived, also reached the Turkish trenches. However, these Forces had no effective artillery support and were thrown back with heavy losses. Determined Turkish counter-strikes progressively restored Turkish control to the trenches seized by the Allies on the Gully Ravine Spur. The Battle of Gully Ravine lasted a week.

Today, nearby, you will find 'The Twelve Tree Copse' Commonwealth War Cemetery. It contains the graves of 1,407 men. One of those who lay buried there was a parishioner of St Martin. Second Lieutenant **John Birch** was 22 when he lost his life on 5th July 1915. He was the son of Walter and Emily Birch, of 19 Twyford Avenue.

100 years after his sacrifice:
We remember him.

Questors Choir

at St Martin's Church, Hale Gardens, W3 9SQ

The Summer Concert
features spirituals,
an American mass,
Kentucky harmony,
jazz, country and
popular song,
all from...

A photograph of the Statue of Liberty against a blue sky with white clouds. The statue is shown from the waist up, holding the torch in her right hand and the tablet in her left.

Across the pond

Saturday 11th July 2015 at 7.30pm

Tickets: £12 (door), Under 12s free. £10 concessions and advance booking if booked before 7th July. Free glass of wine or soft drink.

Book online: www.questorschoir.org.uk

Email info@questorschoir.org.uk

Phone 020 8816 7734 or 07802 720 333

BICENTENARY

<http://littleealinghistory.org.uk/adams>

AMERICAN PRESIDENT
LIVING IN EALING
1815/17

Questors Choir,  Registered Charity 1131371 www.facebook.com/QuestorsChoir

Conservation Foundation launches a new yew campaign



A new campaign to celebrate the heritage of the nation's ancient yew trees has been launched to mark the 800th anniversary year of Magna Carta. 'We Love Yew' is being run by The Conservation Foundation, with support from the Heritage Lottery Fund, and in association with the Church of England and the UK's Magna Carta 800th Anniversary Committee.

The UK has one of the world's greatest collections of ancient and veteran yews, with many older than the Magna Carta, for which the Ankerwycke yew is thought to have provided shelter for the Barons, Bishops and King John. The Conservation Foundation's *We Love Yew* project encourages communities to appreciate these special trees, and to apply for a free sapling, propagated by The Conservation Foundation from yews estimated to have been alive at the time of the Magna Carta. A limited number is also available for sale to individuals and organisations. Small grants toward maintenance and signage are available to custodians of ancient and veteran yews and for community events to celebrate their yew's history.

David Shreeve, director of The Conservation Foundation says, "Our ancient yews are a very special part of our cultural heritage. Over the centuries many events, including the sealing of Magna Carta took place under a yew tree. Yews can be older than the church where they are near, but often have very little official protection. We hope this new project will encourage people to learn about their local yew and its place in the history of where they live."

Further details: www.weloveyew.org

⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘ ⌘

English in Australia

Australian entering hospital: "Ullow, Steve."

"Ullow, Jim."

"Come in to die?"

"No, yesterday."

The story behind 'Just as I am'

The hymn 'Just As I Am' must be one of the most famous in the world. Yet it was not written by a professional who was 'aiming' at a specific market, as many songs seem to be written today. Instead, it was written by an artist in Victorian times. Her name was Charlotte Elliott, and she was born in Clapham in 1789. She grew up in a well to do home, and became a portrait artist and also a writer of humorous verse. All was well until Charlotte fell ill in her early 30s, and slid into a black depression. A minister, Dr Caesar Malan of Switzerland, came to visit her. Instead of sympathising, he asked her an unexpected question: did she have peace with God? Charlotte deeply resented the question and told him to mind his own business.

But after he left, his question haunted her. Did she have peace with God? She invited Dr Malan to return. She told him that she would like to become a Christian, but would have to sort out her life first. Dr Malan again said the unexpected: "Come just as you are." The words were a revelation to Charlotte. She had assumed that she would have to put her life in order before she could hope to be accepted by God. Instead, she realised that Jesus wanted her just as she was.

Charlotte became a Christian that day. 14 years later, in 1836, Charlotte wrote some verses that summed up how it had been between her and Jesus that day. They ran:

*Just as I am, without one plea,
But that thy blood was shed for me,
And that thou bids't me come to Thee
O lamb of God, I come! I come!*

*Just as I am, tho tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt
Fightings within, and fears without,
O Lamb of God, I come! I come!*

Charlotte could not have dreamed that 150 years into the future, her verses would be sung by millions of people all over the world as they responded to the Gospel presented at many great Billy Graham crusades, and made their way forward to do just as the hymn describes - to come to Jesus Christ, despite sin and fear and doubts, to come 'just as I am.'

Why women bishops have clergy husbands

The first three women bishops to be appointed (Libby Lane to Stockport, Alison White to Hull and Rachel Treweek to Gloucester) all have clergy husbands. Why? Prof Linda Woodhead has speculated: "The most amusing suggestion I've heard is that the Church is looking for women bishops with experience of managing male clergy."

Source: The Tablet, 4th April 2015, Page 11.



Heavenly scents...

There is nothing quite like the smell of freshly baked bread, it seems. That came top in a recent poll to find Britain's favourite smells. Other scents in the Top Ten were: bacon frying, newly mown grass, freshly ground coffee, cakes baking in the oven, the seaside, just laundered clothes, a Sunday roast, fish and chips – and fresh flowers.

The Top 50 favourites also included some unusual scents, such as paint, rain, new books, and petrol. The top worst scents were bins, drains, body odour, garlic breath, sports changing rooms and fish. The research by Harris, the decorating brand, also found that six in ten of us believe that certain scents remind us of particular people or places.



Posters seen outside churches

This is a C H _ _ C H

What is missing?



In the dark?

Follow the Son

The Parish of St Martin Hale Gardens, Acton W3 9SQ

(Registered charity no. 1132976)



www.stmartinswestacton.co.uk
email: stmartins@stmartinswestacton.com

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 non-Eucharistic Family Service
will be in October.

Our Youth Group meets every Tuesday at 7pm
in the Parish Room (rear of Church Hall)

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 by the Coffee Club

You can now make a donation from your mobile phone.
It is quick and easy.

For example: text **STMA34 £5** to **70070**

You can donate any amount you wish.