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From the Editor...

This year has been full of celebrations, both nationally and locally, with the Queen's 90th birthday, which we combined with St James's Day, and Jacky Cammidge's ordination to the priesthood. All the occasions were well supported and momentous, moving occasions.

We have also had individual church members' special occasions: a 100th birthday as well as weddings and a 25th wedding anniversary. Many of these events had a special cake. The one for the reception after Jacky presided at the Eucharist for the first time was a page from the bible with a verse written in the icing, beautifully made by Kirstie Craig.

In a year of celebrations, the 'icing on the cake' for us is to be able to announce that we have a new vicar (see page 4).

This is a time for holidays and relaxation, hopefully with some lovely summer weather and we wish you well wherever you are going. We also think of all those waiting for exam results before heading to university or going to new schools in September. Enjoy some rest while you can.

Best wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn

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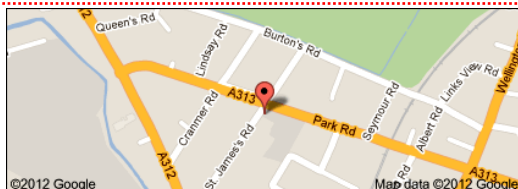
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Sundays

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 7 August Trinity 11

Isaiah 1: 1, 10-20; Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16; Luke 12: 32-40.

Sunday 14 August Trinity 12

Isaiah 5: 1-7; Hebrews 11:29-12: 2; Luke 12: 49-56.

Sunday 21 August Trinity 13

Jeremiah 1: 4-10; Hebrews 12: 18-29; Luke 13:10-17.

11.15am Time for Prayer, Upper Room

Sunday 28 August Trinity 14

Jeremiah 2: 4-13; Hebrews 13: 1-8, 15-16; Luke 14: 1, 7-14.

Sunday 4 September Trinity 15

Jeremiah 18: 1-11; Philemon 1-21; Luke 14: 25-33.

Sunday 11 September Trinity 16

Jeremiah 4: 11-12, 22-28; 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Luke 15:1-10

Sunday 18 September Trinity 17

Jeremiah 8: 18-9:1; 1 Timothy 2: 1-7; Luke 16: 1-13.

Sunday 25 September Trinity 18

Jeremiah 32: 1-3a, 6-15; 1 Timothy 6: 6-19; Luke 16: 19-31.

11.15am Time for Prayer, Upper Room

Mondays-Fridays (not Tues)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

COMING UP

11am Sunday 2 October Harvest Festival

Join us for an all-age service, followed by a bring and share lunch in the hall.

FOR DETAILS OF CHURCH AND LOCAL EVENTS GO TO PAGE SEVEN

One mountain to climb



Where is Christianity in our world of many faiths? Is it the only route to salvation, to God? Is it the most profound route to God? Are we Christians simply by an accident of our birth? Are all religions equal but different paths to God?

I like the image that we are all with our different faiths being drawn up a mountain by different paths, always conscious of the words of Nelson Mandela in his book *Long Walk to Freedom*. 'I have discovered the secret that after climbing a great hill, one only finds there are many more hills to climb', and the further up the path we are drawn, the closer we come to people of other faiths, and the mystics of the different faiths very much express a similar experience.

I have moved from seeing all other faiths as like constellations round Christianity, to placing God at the centre, with our different faiths clues, glimpses, experiences of the divine, a kind of Copernican revolution, so well charted by my Cambridge teacher John Hick.

Islam today

I focus on Islam because this is the world faith that raises most questions for us today. I had lunch recently in the home of Rashid Laher, a former president of the Mosque in Kingston (he spoke at our recent Lent Series *Faith for Today*). It became clear that running a mosque is more challenging than running even a large team parish, not least because of the spread of languages among the mosque's worshippers.

Rashid said that one of the many things he had learnt from Christianity, above all from Jesus, was servant leadership, which he clearly exercises in his mosque and further afield. He has helped so many of us to have an understanding of *lived* Islam, which is the polar opposite of what we can see so often in our media and in our world.

Professor Ahmad al-Tayeb a world Islamic leader, said recently, 'The ideology of the extremists is a perversion of the Islamic religion. Jihadist factions commit barbaric crimes with the clothing of this sacred religion.'

Charity Box USPGE

In April we welcomed Rachel Parry to speak about the work of USPGE (United Society Partners in the Gospel) throughout the Anglican Communion. The parish has since made a donation of £825 to help their support of two Palestinian hospitals, one in Nablus and one in Gaza.

USPGE goes back to 1701, with some name changes along the way. It works with church partners around the world who are mostly Anglican, but it also works ecumenically and with other faiths. Its programmes have a deep impact because they are run by churches embedded in the communities they serve.



Islam in essence is a religion of peace. The word *Islam* comes from the Arabic word meaning peace, purity, submission and obedience.

As the Koran says, 'Whoever slays a person, it is as if he had slain mankind entirely... whosoever gives life to a soul, it shall be as if he had given life to mankind altogether.'

What kind of extremists?

Dr Martin Luther King used to say: 'The question is not whether we will be extremists, but what kind of extremists will we be? Will we be extremists for hate or for love?'

I always want to affirm that some of the great themes and experiences in Christ's life are as relevant and profound today as they have ever been. Themes and experiences that I long to share with people of other faiths, and name the name of Christ and of course listen acutely to their sharing.

These are just two examples: the role of women in Jesus' life and his treatment of them are a model for the 21st century as well as the first century; Jesus teaching about loving our enemies, doing good to those who hate us, forgiving our enemies, as we pray they will forgive us.

I am reminded of the words of Archbishop Desmond Tutu in his book about The Truth and Reconciliation Commission in South Africa, *No Future Without Forgiveness*.

And the pacifist strain in Jesus' teaching is so crucial in a world where violence can seem endemic amongst the extremists of any world faith.

Caring for the whole world

I often come back to the words of our Rabbi preacher in Richmond. 'Do remember,' he said, 'the heart of my religion is duty, the heart of Islam is submission, the heart of your religion is love. We Jews have been rather good at looking after ourselves, after all historically we have had to be. It is you Christians who feel called to care for the whole world.'

'That is because of Jesus of Nazareth. Never forget your calling or your Lord.'

By supporting the development of local skills, USPGE seeks to effect change from within and thereby avoid dependency. Rachel Parry spoke about tea plantation workers in Sri Lanka, where for generations people have seen this arduous work as

their only option. One young man, who is not a Christian, has been helped to train as a doctor and many more lives are being transformed through education.

If you would like to experience the life of the church in another culture, see *Journey with Us* on the website. Short term placements of up to 12 months can be arranged.

■ For more info go to: uspge.org.uk



Thought & Prayer

Taking time to talk to God

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Thanks for Friends

You have blessed us, O God, with the gift of friendship, the bonding of persons in a circle of love.

We thank you for such a blessing:
for friends who love us, who share our sorrows,
who laugh with us in celebration,
who bear our pain, who need us as we need them,
who weep as we weep,
who hold us when words fail,
and who give us the freedom to be ourselves.
Bless our friends with health,
wholeness, life, and love. Amen



Friendship

O Lord, Please bless our friendship.
Our friendship is like a long steady soft rain.

It's not so harsh that it will destroy.
Yet it is not so soft that it goes unnoticed.
Our friendship is growing in your grace.

Please bless our friendship,
and keep it holy at all times.

Friendship is a gift from you, O Lord,
and we thank you.

May our friendship always produce
the fruits of the spirit.

And may the soft rain of our friendship
nourish the heart forever. Amen

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Local and National stories

A new vicar for St James's Church

THE REV. DEREK WINTERBURN is to be the 10th vicar of St James's Church.

Derek, who has been the vicar of St Mary's, Hampton, for the past 20 years, said: 'I have known St James's as a next-door-neighbour for a long time, and been more involved than ever before in this vacancy. I have observed in the PCC a desire to develop and grow as a church. I know Betty Stewart's legacy opens up so many possibilities. With a willingness to face the challenges, and resources to tackle them, I am confident that God will do great things at St James's. I am delighted to have been chosen as your new vicar and look forward to working with you all.'

Derek has seen the congregation grow at St Mary's through a number of means, including introducing a more informal service, focusing on children and young families, fostering lay leadership, and developing home groups. In his incumbency, St Mary's has been more involved in the local community — starting a youth club, and opening a church school.

Derek is married to Sandra, a maths teacher; they have two sons and one granddaughter. He will be installed by the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, at St James's on **Tuesday 8 November**.



Bishop of London to retire

THE BISHOP OF LONDON is to retire in February next year. The Rt Revd Richard Chartres, 69, has been in the role for 20 years. His last public engagement will be Candlemas at St Paul's on 2 February.

Tree blown down

THIS WALNUT tree blew down in the recent bad weather, but the churchyard fortunately escaped any damage. The tree was sawn up and taken away by the local council, who are responsible for churchyard maintenance.



Her first Eucharist

FOLLOWING HER ORDINATION to the priesthood in Kensington on 26 June, attended by over 40 from our congregation, our curate, the Revd Jackie Cammidge, presided at her first Eucharist the following Wednesday evening. Two of our former clergy returned for the occasion: the Revd

Peter Vannozzi, who preached, and the Revd Debbie Oades, who acted as deacon. Everyone gathered in the hall afterwards for refreshments.

Time for Prayer: new dates

NEW DATES are: Tuesday 2 August, 7pm in church; Sunday 21 August, 11.15am in Upper Room; Tuesday 6 September, 7pm in church; Sunday 25 September, 11.15am in Upper Room; Tuesday 11 October, 7pm in church; and Sunday 30 October, 11.15am in Upper Room.

Exploring Christianity course back

THE EXPLORING CHRISTIANITY course is back this autumn. The course is an opportunity to explore, reflect and talk about our faith over five weeks. The discussions are for anyone who is seeking God and feels drawn to Christianity. You may be a newcomer to church, or someone who has been worshipping for years. The evening begins with supper, followed by a talk, coffee and discussion.

The course runs on Thursdays from 6 October to 3 November at 7.15pm in the Fitz Wygram Church Hall. The themes include: Why Believe in God? What's so special about Jesus Christ? The Spirit — the communicator: what difference does it make? Food for the journey — what's the point of prayer and worship? And Christianity — changing the world? Pick up a leaflet in church.



Born to be wild...

Mud runs have exploded in popularity — their insane terrain draws people who are tired of boring treadmill slogs and fitness classes. Essentially fun runs that include mud, water and some big obstacles, they challenge the body and test mental limits. Their latest addict is **Jon Holloway**. Here, he reveals what you need to know before playing dirty at the weekend.



To answer the question I usually get asked first, there's something I need to get clear: I've never done a 'Tough Mudder'. It's notoriously expensive and I'm still not convinced about the ice bath followed by the electric shocks. That all seems a bit extreme, even for me.

However, I digress. We should take many thousands of steps back to the end of 2013 when my attention was drawn to an event called *The Wolf Run*. A good friend of mine had done a couple and convinced me to sign up for the next.

Fast forward to April 2014 and I found myself in a field in Warwickshire with several hundred other runners and a mild degree of anticipation. The first one was tough, 10km (6.2 miles) of cross-country running with 20 obstacles and a 100m icy cold lake swim in just under two-and-a-half hours — but from that day on I was hooked!

Jon Boy, Big Craig and Tigger

To start with there would be a large and varied group of us taking part and we did a couple of other Wolf Runs, but now there's usually a core team of three; myself aka 'Jon Boy', Craig aka 'Big Craig' and Lenore aka 'Tigger', with others joining us occasionally.

Somehow we've all been bitten by the increasingly popular Obstacle Course Race (OCR) bug and we support each other through all our training and events.

For me, not a natural runner, it gets me active and provides some significant challenge compared to the mundane plodding round Bushy Park or along the river. It's also totally non-competitive.

Sure, we keep tabs on our time and general performance, and it's always a good feeling to overtake some of the slower folk, but more important is the element of teamwork required; many of the obstacles are tough, for example, pulling yourself out of a six-foot-deep ditch, half-full of cold water, usually requires a leg up.

The Rat Race

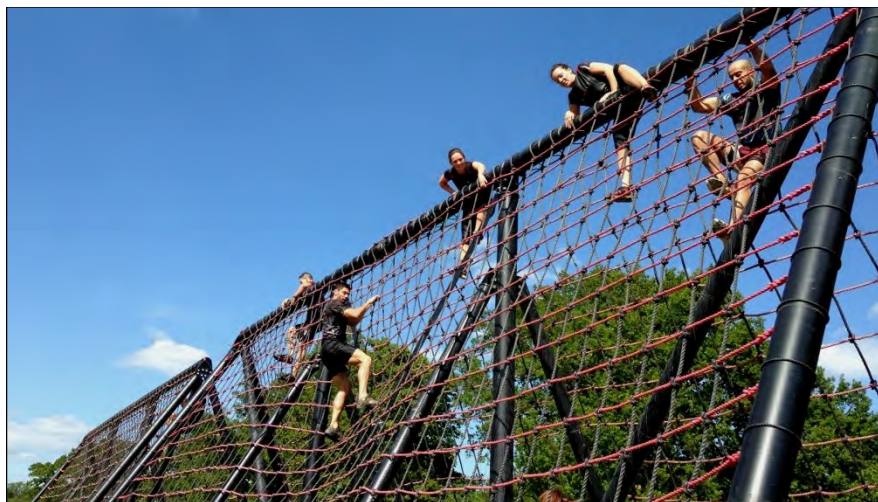
Then in November 2014 Big Craig spotted an OCR called *The Rat Race* — a gruelling challenge featuring 200 obstacles round a 20-mile course in Peterborough. Often considered to be the ultimate challenge it was one that the three of us couldn't turn down, even though we'd never completed half that distance.

The race was in 2015 and the preceding winter and spring involved some rigorous training and conditioning to prepare, come rain or shine.



Big Craig, Tigger and Jon Boy

and very muddy



The final obstacle that year was a set of four steps, each one eight-foot-high and the feeling of elation on reaching the top after 20 miles of running, swimming and 199 other obstacles is hard to describe. Maybe the fact that we signed up again for 2017 tells a good story?

It's hard to find any downsides



I also get asked about the downsides and to be very honest there really aren't any. The kit required is nothing fancy, although I did invest in some OCR trainers for much-needed traction in the mud and some compression socks that help keep cramps in check.

The events do all have entry fees and then some travel to get there, but there's usually a goody bag and a technical top for competitors included, which helps even it out.

Then there are the bashes and bruises, known in the trade as 'OCR kisses', typically on the knees and legs, but it's not uncommon to come back with someone's footprint on your face!

My closest shave was slipping on the dismount of another eight-foot wall, somewhat ironically sponsored by *Men's Health* magazine.

This was half way round the Rat Race, fortunately I survived with just some badly bruised ribs and minor ego-damage.

And this year's challenge is...

The challenge for 2016 was to enter and complete at least one 10k event per month. So far it's going to plan with *Back to the Trenches* and *Dash to the Splash* completed, some standard 10k runs thrown in for good measure, including one that finishes in the Olympic Stadium in July, and *One True Grit*, booked for October.

We've also lined up all four Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter *Wolf Runs* as the completion of all of these earns a limited edition medal – I'll admit, the bling is a bonus!

WOLF
RUN



It's all good clean fun

In summary, I think it remains that the simple good clean fun, the sense of personal achievement and being part of a team are a major attraction to OCRs.

Significant improvements to both physical and mental health and fitness, not to mention my waistline, are also big motivators to taking part.



My personal best

My best time for a Wolf Run now stands at 1 hour and 32 minutes, a massive improvement from a couple of years ago as the confidence and belief in our ability has increased and we push ourselves to up the challenge. Who knows, we may have a go at the Tough Mudder one day, just to be able to say we've done it.

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Around the SPIRE with Susan Homer

Chocks away for centenarian

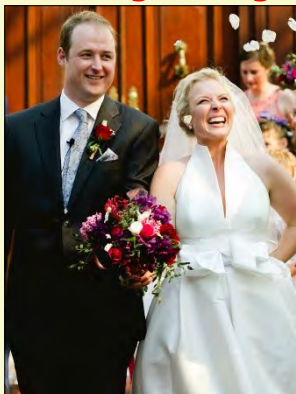
JENNY WRIGHT'S mother, Cynthia, recently celebrated her 100th birthday with family and friends.

She was born in Southsea on 5 July 1916, when her father was serving in the Royal Navy.

She will continue the celebrations in August with a flight in a glider, something she has always wanted to do. (Jenny said no to a trip in a hot-air balloon!)



A South African wedding setting



TWO MEMBERS OF OUR congregation, Simon and Michelle Linsley, were married on 20 January in Franschhoek, in Michelle's native South Africa. The ceremony, on a beautiful hot day, was attended by about 50 family and friends from around the world. A service of blessing was held on 20 February at St. Andrew's Church, Oxshott, where Simon's parents worship.

Prill and Martin's 25th wedding celebration

CONGRATULATIONS TO Martin and Prill Hinckley, who celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary by renewing their vows during parish communion on 10 July.

Afterwards, the congregation joined them for a celebratory drink and a piece of cake. Martin and Prill were married at St James's on 13 July 1991 and are very involved with church life, particularly the music and the website.

Bishop's award for St Melitus



THE BISHOP OF KENSINGTON has been given a prestigious award by two Swiss ecumenical institutes for his work as founding Dean of St Mellitus Theological College. The Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin received the award from Professor Barbara Hallensleben, of the University of Fribourg. It marks the growing friendship between the diocese and the churches of Switzerland.



The sun shines on St James's Day

A LARGE CONGREGATION celebrated St James's Day on 3 July when we were joined by the Rt Revd Martin Wharton, a former Bishop of Kingston, and his wife Marlene. A splendid lunch was enjoyed in the sunshine in the vicarage garden. Many of the children made good use of a giant inflatable slide and paddling pools, whilst others worked off their lunch by climbing the spire, ringing the bells or completing a churchyard nature trail.



Young Spire with Prill Hinckley



Inspiring sight for all to see

Our church can be seen for miles because of its tower and spire.

The tower is made of stock bricks with stone dressings and carries the four clock faces.

The clock and bells are housed in the bell tower. The actual place where the bells are hung is called the belfry. The windows in the tower do not have glass, but openings or louvres in the stonework so that the sound of the bells can travel. Stone spiral steps lead from the baptistry up to the ringing chamber, then a wooden staircase leads up to a viewing platform in the spire and finally, a ladder leads up to a landing further up in the spire.

They are chimed manually, by hand, pictured right, by one ringer pulling on ropes which hang vertically side by side. The ropes operate clappers which strike the bells. Four of the bells are also connected electrically to the clock, and automatically chime the hours and the quarters.

The bells are rung from 9.15 to 9.30 every Sunday before Parish Communion. There is a pattern to this which has been followed at St. James's for at least 20 years: tunes for the first 10 minutes, then a single bell for three minutes to call the congregation to church, and finally rapid ringing for the last two minutes.

The practice and hobby of bell-ringing is known as campanology. The origin of the word campanology is from the Latin word *campana*, meaning bell.

Two more bells were added in 1902 at a cost of £100, completing a peal of six. It was planned that they were not to be heard until the eve of the Coronation of King Edward VII 'unless the South African War should end before that date'.



Things turn ugly



The spire, with a cross at the top, rises above the tower in the form of a tall pyramid. It is a familiar and prominent local landmark made entirely of Portland stone and is 48m tall.

If you look very carefully you will spot that on the corners above the clock faces are some stone carvings. These are called gargoyles, pictured above, ugly-looking heads with a spout, designed to make the rain water shoot away from the roof and the sides of the church.

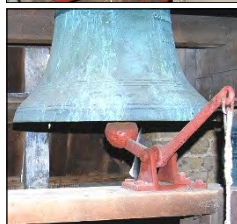
Time on our sides

The clock, with four dials, is a simple pendulum wall clock and was made in 1893 by J. Smith & Sons of Derby, the builders of the great clock of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.



The bells are inscribed as follows:

1. Coronation of King Edward VII June 26, 1902, *Fear God, Honour the King.*
2. June 26, 1902, *Honour all Men, Love the Brotherhood.*
3. *Glory to God in the Highest.*
4. *On Earth Peace.*
5. *Goodwill to all Men.*
6. *Enter into his Gates with Thanksgiving and into his Courts with Praise.*



For whom the bells toll

The bells, also made in 1893, are fixed and so are not rung by swinging them on their axles.

Our Sunday School, The Shell Seekers, meets in the hall from 9.25am during school terms, except for one Sunday in most months when there is an all-age service in church. We welcome new members. Come along for a trial visit and see just how much fun it can be.

A-Z OF Sacred Places

with Laurence Sewell



Fountains Abbey

This month we are much closer to home and somewhere many of you will have visited – Fountains Abbey in Yorkshire.

At the time of the Dissolution of the Monasteries in 1539 it was the wealthiest Cistercian monastery in the country and controlled lands stretching to the Lake District.

Along with Rievaulx Abbey, also in north Yorkshire, it possessed some of the finest monastic buildings of the Middle Ages. A visitor today cannot but be impressed by the extensive ruins and imagine the magnificence of the abbey church in its heyday.

How it all began

In 1132 a group of 13 devout monks complaining of the extravagant excesses being practiced at St Mary's Benedictine Abbey in York, were expelled after unsuccessful attempts to return to the early teaching of the Rule of St Benedict.

They were taken into the protection of the Archbishop of York at his palace in Ripon and provided with land in the nearby valley of the River Skell.

Here, they built a rudimentary shelter but surviving the harsh winters was difficult and they appealed to, and obtained the patronage of St Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux in Burgundy (France) and joined the Cistercian order in 1135, becoming the second house of that order in northern England, after Rievaulx.

With guidance from their French brethren they followed the strict Cistercian behaviour, including the layout of the abbey and buildings.

Rise and fall

The original wooden church was enlarged and rebuilt in stone from the local quarry around 1160 with the

magnificent nave and cloisters completed around 1170. With endowments and gifts, and the work of both monks and lay-brothers, Fountains Abbey grew to be the largest, richest and most powerful in northern England during the 13th century.

The succeeding century saw declining fortunes, with Scottish raids and then the Black Death in the first half of the 14th century, before a number of powerful abbots revived the order from the later 1400s onward; becoming once again the richest Cistercian monastery in England by the time of Henry VIII.

In common with other religious houses, its prestige and wealth and adherence to the authority of Rome after the Reformation led to its dissolution. The Deed of Surrender was signed in the Chapter House in November 1539 marking the end of over 400 years of worship at Fountains Abbey.

What happened post-Reformation?

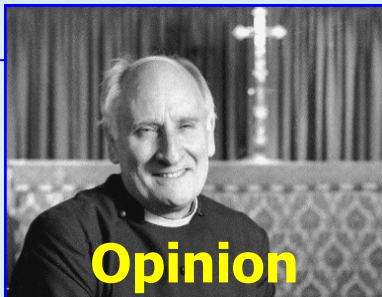
The abbey buildings and some 500 acres were sold by the Crown in October 1540 to Sir Richard Gresham, a wealthy London merchant, for £11,000. He was obliged to make the abbey unfit for religious use and so much of the fabric was torn down. Gresham's grandson sold the estate to Sir Stephen Proctor in 1597. He used stone from the complex to build Fountains Hall.

Between 1627 and 1767 the estate was owned by the Messenger family who sold it to William Aislabie for £18,000. The family combined it with the neighbouring Studley Royal Estate which they owned.

In 1966 the Abbey and Studley estate was bought by West Riding County Council, and in 1983 by the National Trust. It is one of their most visited properties and is now a UNESCO world heritage site.



The view from Anne Boleyn's Seat



Opinion

with Canon Julian Reindorp

TWO NATIONS?

In 1845, Benjamin Disraeli, later Conservative Prime Minister, wrote a novel entitled *Sybil or the Two Nations*. He described a bitterly divided nation. He contrasted the luxurious life of the aristocracy with the poverty of working people. The result of the Referendum suggests that we are clearly two nations.

Today we might describe the differences in our country in a variety of ways, but the North, the East side of our country and many country areas clearly voted Leave. But it was not simply the rich and poor voting differently. Boston in Lincolnshire voted 80/20 in favour of Leave and Lambeth, in many ways an even poorer area, voted 80/20 to remain.

Issues around immigration clearly trumped economic concerns. The comment I heard most often from Leave supporters was: 'We already have too many people in our island.' There is a deep concern about the level of immigration and our control of our borders.

I suspect living in London with over 300 languages being spoken, many faiths represented, our positive experience of immigrants, we do not realize how half our country feels left out in a whole variety of ways.

POST BREXIT

I was saddened but not surprised when UKIP leader Nigel Farage said on the day the result was announced that he could not promise that money spent on the EU would go instead to the NHS. The Leave battle bus claimed that £350 million paid to the EU would in future go to the NHS. 'I would never have made that claim, and it was one of the mistakes that the leave campaign made,' he said.

Daniel Hannan MEP, a key Leave campaigner, said that they had never claimed immigration should be significantly reduced, and the Northern Irish were assured there would be no checks at the new land border with the EU.

So it looks as if no money will be saved, there will be no major cuts in immigration and little control over our borders.

EU'S FAULT?

We have allowed the EU to be blamed for the shortage of GPs, school places, and homes, when all these decisions rest with our Westminster Government. My recent treatment over some months in our NHS could not have been better. But the vote shows how deeply half the country feels left out and unrepresented in some way. Real wages have stagnated for the bottom half and declined for the bottom third from 2004, well before the economic collapse began. Meanwhile the rich have got rapidly richer. Warren Buffett, the second richest American, said: 'There's been class warfare for the last 20 years, and my class has won. We're the ones that have gotten our taxes reduced.' Or as one commentator put it, 'The elite have ignored the estates. Now the estates have turned on the elite.' Can we ever be One Nation again?

GIRLS' POCKET MONEY

According to the Halifax Bank's annual pocket money survey, girls between the ages of eight and 15 get more than 12% less pocket money than boys! Are parents preparing their daughters for the realities of the adult world?

JACKY'S ORDINATION

Jacky, along with 11 others, was ordained priest at a moving and personal service at St Mary Abbots in Kensington. On our return home about 30 of us celebrated with a fish and chip supper in our hall, all down to the generosity of Alan and Jacky: a great end to a great day. In the same week I noticed that about 12 priests a year are being ordained for the whole of Ireland. In 1965 there were about 450 each year.

What's On

with Nick Bagge



NEW

Lambeth Palace Gardens Open Day

Friday 5 August, 12-3pm, Lambeth Palace, London SE1 7JU

Christian Aid host this event in the Archbishop of Canterbury's 800-year-old garden, the oldest



continuously cultivated garden in London. Amidst the 10 acres of beautiful flowers and trees, visitors can see Cardinal Pole's historic white-fleshed fig tree, first planted on the site in 1556.

Tea, coffee and cakes will be available to purchase, the proceeds of which – along with a £5 admission – will go to Christian Aid. There will also be an opportunity to purchase plants and Lambeth Palace souvenirs.

The garden forms part of the Archbishop's ministry, and is used by his family, staff and visitors – as well as many different organisations and charities. The palace and garden are maintained and owned by the Church Commissioners for England. There are three gardeners, helped by volunteers, who maintain it using organic principles wherever possible.

NEW

Beer, Pimm's and Hymns

Saturday 6 August, 6.30pm, Southwark Cathedral Churchyard, London Bridge, London SE1 9DA

If you like your Ale Mary's or a good pint of Bishop's Finger, and enjoy belting out a tune from the New English Hymnal this is the perfect event for you! Tickets £5 each, and you must be over 18. There will also be a barbecue. To book tickets go to:

<http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/beer-pimms-and-hymns-at-southwark-cathedral-tickets-24644837372> or email Matthew Hall at: matthew.hall@southwark.anglican.org.

NEW

On the Edge Music Festival

Saturday 20-Sunday 21 August, Richmond Riverside

On the Edge is a free, two-day festival of live performances



that will transport you to the far flung regions of the globe, bringing you traditional beats and exotic summer sounds. It is a great weekend of entertainment for the whole family, featuring music from around the world, including Son Yambu the UK's own Buena Vista band.

Registers for June



BAPTISMS

12 Audrey Kanter, Whitton

12 Arthur Jack Kingsnorth, Hampton Hill



WEDDING

25 Ben Latty and Sarah Marlow, Hampton Hill



FUNERAL

22 Patricia Dora Young, 91, Hampton Hill

NEW

The Great Fire: 350 years on

Friday 2 September, 1pm, St Mary-at-Hill, London EC3R 8EE

The City Churches, so severely damaged by the



Great Fire, and so triumphantly rebuilt by Wren and others, mark the anniversary of the start of the fire with a service of commemoration, to which all are welcome. Beginning at the Wren church of St Mary-at-Hill with a short commemoration service, the clergy, guests and congregation will process up Lovat Lane, along Eastcheap, and down Pudding Lane, where the procession will pause at the site of Farriner's Bakery where the fire started. The procession will continue to the Monument itself, and then onto the church of St Magnus the Martyr, one of the first to be destroyed in the Great Fire. There, a short service of thanksgiving for the rebuilding of the City and its churches will conclude the event.

NEW

Traidcraft Roadshow

Saturday 3 September, 10am-3.30pm, Amnesty International, Human Rights Action Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA



All craft products in the new catalogue are on display with a 20% discount for orders on the day. For more information telephone Ann Peterken on 020 8891 5862.

NEW

Open House London

Saturday 17-Sunday 18 September, 750 locations across London



Open House London is the capital's largest annual festival of architecture and design. It is a unique opportunity to get under the skin of London's amazing architecture, with over 750 buildings of all kinds opening their doors, plus neighbourhood walks, cycle tours, architects' talks and debates taking place – all for free. The 48-hour event will bring unrivalled opportunities to see architecture by night.

Highlights include boat tours to the Thames Barrier, engineering walks and site visits to major construction sites, a number of embassies, architects' homes and groundbreaking housing developments, eco, zero carbon and retrofit buildings, Government buildings and landmarks and towers.

For full details go to: openhouselondon.org.uk.

NEW

Cantanti Camerati

Saturday 15 October, 7.30pm, All Hallows Church, Chertsey Road, Twickenham TW1 1EW

The autumn concert promises some heart-warming music to tantalise and entrance you. Tickets £15 (under 16s free) from Hillsound Musical Instruments, 24-26 High Street, Hampton Hill, by telephoning 020 8898 8020, or on the door.

Vicar's View



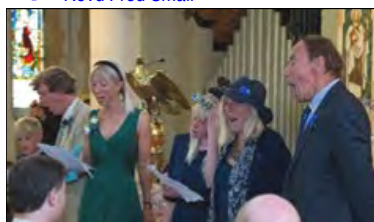
'Standing up for the National Anthem in the middle of the sermon, dear, was a bit of a giveaway that you were watching the Olympics on your iPhone!'



Live life to the full with the good folk

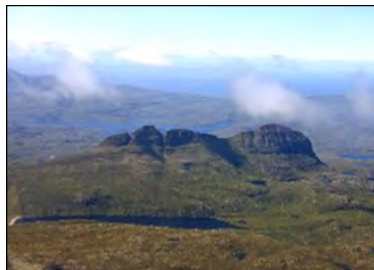
Without a love of humour, enjoyment of music and common sense, life would be the poorer. Since the age of seven I (Mike) have been listening to and singing folk music, and visiting folk clubs and festivals. Singing with my peers and meeting (and drinking) with other 'folkies' and folk artists have been amongst my happiest times. Don't ask me for a definition of what constitutes a folk song. I'd be happy to join you over a pint to discuss the matter — it's a large umbrella. We would have loved to have included many more songs and talked about the wonderful range of singer-songwriters. For this article, we each wrote down some of our favourite folk songs, then compared notes. The first four were on both our lists. The next three were chosen by Val and the final three by me.

1 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE Revd Fred Small



This moving song was written by the Revd Fred Small. It's about growing up to be yourself, whatever your gender, looks and skin colour. The final line of the chorus is, *'The only measure of your words and your deeds will be the love you leave behind when you're gone.'* It has become a Butterfield family anthem: Beth, Laurie, Sara, Chris, Ambrose and the two of us sang it whilst our daughter Pippa and her husband David signed the registers at their wedding at St James's Church in August 2013.

2 JOY OF LIVING Ewan MacColl



The great songwriter Ewan MacColl was out in the craggy Scottish mountains with his wife Peggy Seeger and their daughter Kitty MacColl. Peggy and Kitty raced on ahead. Ewan, pictured, who had been a great mountain climber and walker, sat down on a rock, realising he couldn't keep up with them any more and felt very sorry for himself. Yet, following this experience, he wrote a beautiful song about the joy of living.



3 BEESWING Richard Thompson



The best folk songs tell a story, whether the story takes the form of an old ballad or whether it is like this composition by Richard Thompson. We particularly like the version recorded by Roy Bailey. *'She was a rare thing, fine as a bee's wing. So fine a breath of wind might blow her away.'* Anyone who finds it hard to settle down and be in one place all the time will identify with this song. Bailey has a big heart as well as a good voice and guitar. The song tent is packed with old and young alike when he is singing at Towersey Folk Festival, Oxfordshire — a Butterfield family love for many years.

4 WHAT'S THE USE OF WINGS? Brian Bedford



If you try to hold on to a loved-one too tightly you might just lose him or her. Give each other space! 'What's the use of wings, if you can't fly?' Bedford was part of a vocal harmony trio called Artisan, which also included his wife Jacey and Hilary Spencer, who sang a cappella.



5 CATS IN THE CRADLE Harry Chapin

When our daughters Sara and Pippa were children they came back from a summer adventure camp and sang us this song. They sang it beautifully together. The song tells the story of a Dad who is always going to have time for his son at some later time, but never now. *'We'll have a good time then, Son.'* Giving time to your children is one of the most precious things you can give them.



6 APRIL MORNING Karin Amd

We met Karin Amd at Falmouth Folk Festival in 1974. She had come from near Stuttgart and had broken up with her boyfriend at the festival. We invited her back to our home in Hampton Hill and we've been firm friends ever since. A few years after this first meeting, she asked us to sing *April Morning* at her wedding. I love to hear Mike and our daughters singing this enchanting love song.



7 LASS LIEBE AUF UNS REGNEN Hannes Wader

The German language has played a huge part in my private and professional life. We first heard of Hannes Wader through our German friends Karin & Manfred.

I love this song. Listen to the wonderful piano backing.

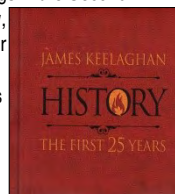
It's about a long-lasting love and as life moves on, not allowing your love to become stale. *Lass uns immer neu begegnen* (Let us always meet each other afresh) in the song, even after 25 years of marriage — or in our case even after 51 years!



8 KIRI'S PIANO James Keelaghan



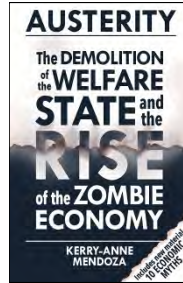
Keelaghan, a Canadian singer-songwriter, wrote this song about the internment of long-term Japanese Canadian residents after the Pearl Harbour bombings in the Second World War. It tells how, in order to maintain our self-respect and dignity, it is sometimes necessary to make painful sacrifices.



9 IDLERS AND SKIVERS Keith Marsden



Written in the 1970s by Keith Marsden (from the group *Cockersdale*), who was a bank manager. A prescient song, as powerful today, as when it was written, it was about the demolition of the Welfare State.



10 THE GOOD OLD WAY The Watsons



The Watsons, pictured, were a folk group from Hull. I first heard this on their vinyl record, now CD, *For Pence and Spicy Ale*. We finish the 'Barn' Sunday Session at Towersey Folk Festival every year with this song and believe me, the roof nearly comes off! One of my greatest wishes is to hear it sung by a full-blooded gospel choir.



You've read about the songs, now hear them for yourself! You don't have to buy them, simply search on *You Tube* using the titles. A good website for information is mudcat.org.

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