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From the Editor...

I am sure most people will know that our vicar will be leaving us soon to take up a post at Saint Augustine's Church, Highgate. Peter's last Sunday at St James's will be 1 November and we hope there will be a large congregation to wish him well after his eight years here.

Peter has written the centrespread this month featuring the Queen's remarkable achievement, being our longest-ever reigning monarch. In her 90th year and still working incredibly hard, it is certainly worthy of celebration. Her Christian faith has always played a big part in her life. We also have a recipe for jubilee chicken for the occasion.

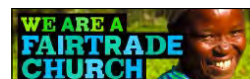
We are also pleased to feature our Scouts in the Young Spire section. Two of them recently returned from the World Jamboree in Tokyo - a great experience for them.

I have written about My Favourite Churches which I have visited on my travels and the one on the cover will always be an inspiration - a small country church just outside Dorchester with such wonderful work in the windows by Laurence Whistler. Do visit if ever you are in the area.

Best wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn



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Come and worship with us!

Sundays

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 4 October

18th Sunday after Trinity

Genesis 2.18-24;

Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12;

Mark 10.2-16.

Sunday 11 October

19th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15;

Hebrews 4.12-end;

Mark 10.17-31.

Sunday 18 October

St Luke the Evangelist

Isaiah 35.3-6;

2 Timothy 4.5-17;

Luke 10.1-9.

Sunday 25 October

Last Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 31.7-9;

Hebrews 7.23-end;

Mark 10.46-end.

Mondays-Fridays (not Tues)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

COMING SOON

Sunday 1 November All Saints Day

9.30am Peter's final service at St James's.

Help us to give Peter a warm send-off.

Sunday 8 November

9.45am Remembrance Sunday

With two minutes' silence at the war memorial

3.30pm All Souls' Service (please note date)

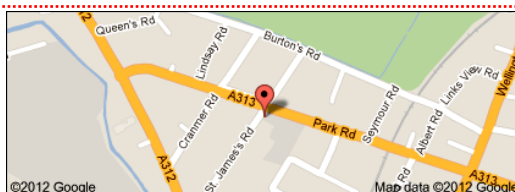


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- The more **volunteers**, the more we can do
- Support us by **regular giving**, it's easy to do
- Leave a **gift in your will**, a lasting legacy

Finding us

St James's Church is on the corner of St James's Road and Park Road. There is ample parking in the road.



Time on your hands



Three years ago I took the plunge and exchanged my Filofax for Google Calendar. I had used a Filofax for around 25 years – it was cutting edge back then! Google Calendar, I discovered, would talk to my different bits of electrical equipment regardless of operating system.

Liking this sort of thing I was, of course, terribly excited by it. That soon wore off when I realised that, as with a pen and ink diary, an appointment put down on the wrong day or at the wrong time was just as wrong electronically!

Human beings are concerned so often with time. From very early on in human history ways of measuring time emerged alongside the natural cycle of sunrise and sunset, and the seasons.

One view of time is that it is something that exists independently of us, but the opposite view is that it is purely an intellectual construct. Yet whatever is the case, human beings use time to order our existence, from looking at a watch to train timetables to seeing an order in past events.

The days of October

I was struck by the matter of time when I looked at how October is ordered by people. So this month is international *Breast Cancer Awareness Month*, and what a good use of time this is. Valuable, also, is the observance of October as *Black History Month* in the UK.

There are days, also, particular to certain countries – 3 October celebrating the reunification of Germany; 21 October is Trafalgar Day; and 27 October is Independence Day for St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The Church, likewise, orders the month of October. So on 4 October the great Francis of Assisi is remembered; on 13 October, Edward the Confessor; on 18 October, Luke the Gospel writer; and on the 29 October, James Hannington, the

19th century Bishop of East Equatorial Africa, and a martyr in Uganda.

Time is used by the Church to recall individuals (and events) who point us to aspects of the Christian faith or to practical applications of it in real, human lives.

For me, time is rather a preoccupation at the moment as I prepare to leave Hampton Hill in November. I am looking back, organising my more than eight years in my mind, no doubt reinterpreting events in different ways, recalling dates, and placing people in the sequence that I am formulating.

This is natural, but is also dangerous, in that it is possible to recreate the past in a way that flatters me, but not others; or vice versa. For all my attempts to organise time, and those of humanity in general, it is all, ultimately, futile as we are mortal.

The Bible puts it graphically and unreservedly:

A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble, comes up like a flower and withers, flees like a shadow and does not last. Job 14.1-2

Yet this is not the final word of the Bible. The Gospel of John repeatedly uses the word *eternal* and links it with *life*. This puts our mortality, and our attempts to order our days, into a wider context, that of a hope and a love that does not know the restrictions we know.

Our existence insignificant and precious

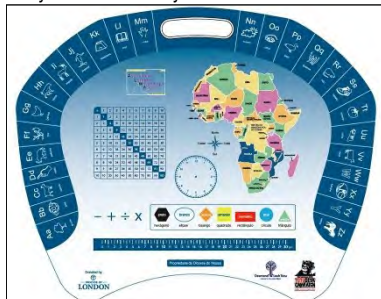
By all means let us have our special months, weeks and days. They are of great value, but God's eternity puts our striving totally, and happily, in its place. It also puts you and me in our place – insignificant by one measure, but in God's sight immensely precious.

So let us use our time well, but not be controlled by our own artificial construct even if the technology is rather good!

We have also supported many ALMA Lent Appeals, most recently in 2013 when we helped raise money for the purchase and renovation of two clergy houses near Nampula.

ALMA has so much exciting news, from the ordination of Mozambique's first two female priests to the provision of durable plastic lap desks, known as Tutu desks (see picture), which provide a stable work surface for children.

■ On **18 October** Sheenagh Burrell, ALMA's co-ordinator, will be at St. James's Church to tell us more. See also www.almalink.org



Charity Box ALMA

The Diocese of London's partnership link with the Anglican Church in Angola and Mozambique is now 17 years old and very well established. Throughout these years, in good and sad times, knowledge and love of each other has grown in so many ways.

Some London churches and schools have built close bonds of friendship by linking with a particular church or school, while other churches support projects and appeals. At St James's we often include ALMA in our annual giving.



Thought & Prayer

Taking time to talk to God

A time and place



Here are two verses from a hymn by the prolific hymn writer Timothy Dudley-Smith recognising the importance of time, but putting it in its place.

*Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord for the years, we bring our thanks today.
Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us-
self on the cross, and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.*



The orders for different times of the day, found in the Christian Churches, give spiritual value to each day. Here is an evening prayer from the Book of Common Order of the Church of Scotland.

*God our Creator,
by your mercy and might
the world turns safely into darkness
and returns again to light.
We give into your hands
our unfinished tasks,
our unresolved problems,
and our unfulfilled hopes,
knowing that only those things
which you bless will prosper.
To your love and protection
we commit one another
and all for whom we have prayer;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.*



Local and National stories



New challenges for Peter in north London parish

AFTER EIGHT YEARS at St James's, Peter, our vicar, is leaving for a new parish, St Augustine of Canterbury, Highgate.

His last service at St James's will be at 9.30am on **Sunday 1 November**.

Peter will be installed at St Augustine's on **Monday 16 November** at 7.30pm.

There is a list on the church notice board to sign if you plan to attend. We hope to hire a coach if there is enough demand.

Peter's striking new church, situated close to the Archway Road, was built in 1888 to serve the expanding population of Highgate.

Following Peter's departure the churchwardens and members of the Parochial Church Council will begin the process to appoint a new vicar.

We hope to retain all our regular services during this period of vacancy, known as an interregnum. We will, however, not be without clergy, unlike the previous interregnum after Brian Leathard left in October 2006. Jacky Cammidge will continue as our curate, receiving the necessary supervision as she works towards being made a priest next year. Julian Reindorp has offered her his full support. The PCC will keep everyone informed when we enter this period of transition.

Christmas cards and goodies

CHRISTMAS CARDS and calendars in aid of various charities and Traidcraft gifts will once again be on sale at St James's.

Peter's final service means that we have changed the dates this year. The first sale will be in church immediately after the 9.30am service on **Sunday 25 October**. The second sale will be in the Fitzwygram Hall at 10.30am on **Sunday 15 November**.

Order or reserve a Real Advent Calendar, priced at £3.99, the only one to include the story of Christmas. The price also includes a donation to Traidcraft Exchange and The Funzi & Bodo Trust.

Borrow a Traidcraft catalogue from the back of church for present ideas. There are discounts of 15% on most non-food items. See or contact Ann Peterken, telephone 020 8891 5862, for more information.



Nick steps in as churchwarden



NICK HARRIS HAS been sworn in as second churchwarden, replacing Penny Sewell, who sadly had to retire due to ill-health. Nick is an Executive Director of the Swiss bank UBS, based in London. He is married to Minnie and they have one son, William. Also, Kirstie Craig has taken over from Clare Ryan as PCC Secretary.

Jacky moves into church hall

LIFE COULD NOT be busier for our curate, Jacky Cammidge. She has recently added the nursery school that operates from our church hall to one her family have run at The Greenwood Centre for the past 15 years.

The Greenwood Centre's Chief Executive, Fiona Brennan, is pictured, left, with nursery manager Jacky at a celebration picnic to mark Hampton Hill Nursery School's 15th anniversary.



Jacky is undaunted by the impending interregnum at St James's coming at the same time as the second nursery school. Fortunately she has plenty of family support. Daughter Angharad is running The Greenwood Centre nursery, having completed her Early Years degree, while husband Alan does all the administration at both sites.

Record-breaking



In September the Queen became the longest-reigning monarch in British history, breaking the record held by her great-great-grandmother Queen Victoria. Peter Vannozzi looks at her record

How many octogenarians, less than a year before their 90th birthday, walk up steep steps to a church entrance with the eyes of the world upon them? How many do that with no physical assistance – no stick, no arm to support them, and

apparently little concern about doing so?

One elderly lady did just that on 15 August. It is, of course, Her Majesty The Queen arriving at St. Martin-in-the-fields for a service of commemoration for VJ Day, marking the 70th anniversary of the end of the Second World War. Alongside her was her even older husband of almost 68 years, Prince Philip, who served in that tumultuous conflict.

For more than 63 years, the Queen has reigned (not ruled, please note), and on 9 September became the longest ever reigning monarch of this country, beating the records of Victoria (1837-1901) and George III (1760-1820.) This is an astonishing achievement, and one worth reflecting upon.

A divided world, a damaged country

When the Queen was born, it was the year of the General Strike. A country whose young men had been killed in the First World War in vast numbers was now trying to recover. The world economy was unstable. Europe was still riven by division with new nation states

having emerged from out of the wreckage of collapsed empires. A new order was emerging though that would be short lived, and another World War would come in 1939.

The Queen has lived through tumultuous times, and seen the country she reigns over have to reassess its place in the world with the ending of empire. Now onto her 12th Prime Minister, she has witnessed her country change in a way unimaginable in 1926. Keep in mind that as a child she would have known surviving children of Queen Victoria, such as the Duke of Connaught.

Constants during her reign

In the midst of a state of flux, what are the constants during the Queen's reign?

The first theme that emerges for me is *service*. One criticism made of the institution of the monarchy is that members of the Royal Family receive the best of everything, are pampered, indulged, and so on.

Yet I think of the Queen as being in a gilded cage. Unlike an elected head of state or government she did not choose her role. (Indeed, she did not expect to be sovereign at all until her uncle's abdication in 1936.)

It is true that a monarch can abdicate, but this is a choice after succession and not before. Some past



Coronation Day
The new Queen processes in Westminster Abbey in June 1953. Television came of age with the ceremony, watched by eight million people at home, more than those who listened to the radio.

63 years' service



War and peace Elizabeth was a driver and mechanic in the war. In 1947 she married and had a family



monarchs have behaved with immense self-indulgence (such as George IV), yet this is clearly not so with Elizabeth II.

If one observation is made of her, by monarchists and republicans alike, it is that her life has been one of service. When other women of her age might be into almost the fourth decade of their retirement, not so the Queen.

The second theme for me is that of *faith*. Regular attendance at worship is part of the Queen's life, and each Christmas she bears gentle but clear witness to her faith in her Christmas Day broadcast.

The Queen's role model

Formally, she is Supreme Governor of the Church of England, and also has a relationship with the Church of Scotland.

In 2014 the Queen said this on Christmas Day:

For me, the life of Jesus Christ, the prince of peace, whose birth we celebrate today, is an inspiration and an anchor in my life.

A role model of reconciliation and forgiveness, he stretched out his hands in love, acceptance and healing.

Christ's example has taught me to seek to respect and value all people, of whatever faith or none.



Darkest of days The Queen returns home following the death of Diana, Princess of Wales in 1997

The Queen uses two words of interest to anyone who seeks to follow Jesus Christ – 'inspiration' and 'anchor'. Jesus is a motivating, energising force in a person's life, and also a constant, offering security and stability.

Perhaps we might also dare to use these two words of the Queen herself, her life bearing witness to what she values in her Lord, whose servant she is.

The longest-ever reign is a remarkable achievement. It is of historical interest, but more than that, it points to certain enduring values. These are picked up in this prayer, one of two specially written to mark this anniversary, and found on the Church of England website:

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ exchanged the glory of a heavenly throne for the form of a servant, we thank you that you have given Elizabeth our Queen a heart to serve her people, and have kept her devoted in this service beyond all who were before her: encourage us by her example to serve one another, and to seek the common good, until you call us all to reign with Christ in your eternal kingdom. Amen.



Record The official image to mark the day

Jubilee celebrations Below left, the Queen celebrates her 25th year as monarch in 1977; and, right, she still draws the crowds in her 60th year at an enormous party in The Mall in 2012



Jean Western, 98, remembered

JEAN WESTERN, a church member for more than six decades, died on 19 July, aged 98.

Jean was born in Stockton Heath, Cheshire, but spent most of her childhood in St Albans. After leaving school, she worked for the Post Office Savings Bank for two years and then spent the rest of her working life at the Bank of England. In due course she was promoted to a position of authority, where some men disliked working under the direction of a woman.



Despite her diminutive size, Jean was more than a match for them.

Jean moved to St. James's Avenue with her family in 1951, where she cared for her parents until they died and began her long association with our church. She was a Sunday School teacher for very many years and took a great interest in the lives of all around her. She was known for being a gentle character, but with firm views and a wicked sense of humour.

In retirement, Jean spent much time researching her family history and was also an indefatigable traveller. In later years, she moved to Broad Lane, Hampton, and finally to Sunbury Nursing Home.

At her funeral service on 4 August, the story of the road to Emmaus was read, a passage which Jean had found a great prop and stay throughout her life. Family and friends gathered to share memories of her long life of service to others. It was recalled that she was a source of such calm and serenity that one could not help feeling refreshed and renewed in her presence.

■ Jean's ashes will be buried in St James's garden of remembrance immediately after the 9.30am service on **Sunday 11 October**.

Record support for children

THE TOTAL collected this year by those with Children's Society boxes was over **£450**, almost double last year's amount! Thank you to both new and existing box holders for their generosity and to Nicky and David Helling for counting the money and looking after this part of our giving. If anyone else would like a box to support the valuable work of the Children's Society, please speak to David and Nicky.

Jack and Ruth's 70th anniversary

MANY CONGRATULATIONS to Jack and Ruth Gostling who celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary on 15 September with a small family party.

Jack and Ruth were married at All Hallows Church, Twickenham, in 1945 and have three children, Heather, Gill and John, four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.



There was also a celebration at church on the nearest Sunday when the choir sang *Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring* and Stanford's setting of *Psalm 150*. After the service the bells were rung as the congregation moved into the hall, where the vicar and Dick Wilde paid tribute to Jack and Ruth's long service to St. James's and the wider community. A toast was drunk to the platinum wedding couple, a cake was cut, and we sang the first verse of *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*, at Jack's request.

Service for our new bishop

AN EVENSONG SERVICE to welcome the new Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Dr Graham Tomlin, is being held at St Paul's Cathedral at 5pm on **Tuesday 6 October**. He was consecrated as bishop on 23 September.

Support climate change walk

CHURCHES are being encouraged to show their support for a 250-mile pilgrimage from London to Paris. The aim is to encourage world leaders to agree a fair deal at the United Nations Climate Change Conference. The Church of England is asking for people to walk some of the route, cheer on the pilgrims en-route, or hold prayer vigils for the success of the talks. The walk starts at St Martin-in-the-Fields on 13 November, finishing in Paris two weeks later. For more info go to pilgrimage2paris.org.uk



Young Spire with Prill Hinckley

Well-behaved Scouts!

Unity and good manners at World Scout Jamboree in Japan



Miles Powell
from the 3rd
Hampton Hill
Scout Group
reports on the
trip of a lifetime



When James Riggs and I were lucky enough to be selected from the 3rd Hampton Hill Scouts to be part of the 23rd World Scout Jamboree in Japan, I never imagined that I would have such an amazing experience and a sense of unity with Scouts from so many different nationalities.

I felt honoured, especially as I was born in Japan and also feel a connection with the origin of Scouting. (Well, my surname is Powell and my grandmother lives opposite Brownsea Island and near Lord Baden-Powell's old house!)

The theme for the jamboree was 'WA' - the spirit of Unity - which embraces many meanings such as harmony, cooperation, friendship and peace.

Following selection two years ago we were formed into the Greater London South West 'Ace' Unit, which consisted of 36 Explorer Scouts aged from 14-18. We were brought together for eight weekends and other events, during which four leaders organised activities to promote bonding. We also fundraised to help pay for the trip.

Then in July we had a farewell barbecue and slept the night in the 1st Whitton Scout Hut before heading off to Heathrow to catch our flight to Japan. We arrived in the city of Osaka, where we were met by our host Japanese families. We spent the next two days as guests in their homes, during which time we joined in activities with local Scouts, including eating from a noodle slide made of bamboo and learning to fold Japanese cloth. We also visited temples and Osaka Castle.

In Japan, they have a very different culture to here in England. They are generally quite shy and politeness is very important to them. Their pupils are very studious and enjoy going to school.

It is often very simple things that they would find rude and offensive, such as not taking off your shoes in their home. We had to be careful not to accidentally do something which would be rude in Japanese culture.

Two days later we headed to the jamboree, which was held over 10 days in Kirara-hama, Yamaguchi. The site is a large area of reclaimed land, an ideal location by the sea, although in summer the temperature reaches 36°C!

While there, we had the incredible experience of being two of 35,000 Scouts from 150 different countries. We took part in many activities, including the Global Development Village (raising awareness of global issues such as peace, the

environment, and disaster prevention); Culture Day (promoting cultural exchanges); Science Day (promoting the importance of science and technology); Community Day (interacting with the schools and people of the area); and Water Day, where we went to the beach and enjoyed sports.

I made friends with Scouts from lots of countries through activities and swapping badges. We had dinner with Italians, Finns, Swedes, Japanese, Brazilians and Danes. I also visited the Canadian, Trinidad & Tobago, Finnish and Japanese camps. I even managed to practice my Spanish talking with Spanish, Colombian and Mexican Scouts.

The opening and closing ceremonies deepened our understanding of world peace and we heard from the UN Youth Representative about our role as ambassadors for the next generation.

We also visited the Hiroshima Peace Memorial Museum during the 70th year remembrance of the dropping of the atomic bomb. Although sad, it was also moving to see that the Japanese had turned this horror into a memorial to promote peace. Finally we travelled by Bullet Train to Tokyo where we went sightseeing.

Looking back, it has been an amazing journey, from being selected two years ago to sitting here now, aged 14, having returned from Japan with so many new experiences and Scouting friends. I cannot thank enough all those who contributed to making this experience possible and for giving me the trip of a lifetime.

■ Another group from 3HH spent ten days in Kandersteg, Switzerland, hiking, rafting, mountain climbing and abseiling. For these younger children the trip was also about conquering fears and meeting challenges — which they all did!



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.

RECIPE for LIFE
with Griselda Barrett

Jubilee Chicken



Constance Spry and Rosemary Hume, who were both principals of the Cordon Bleu Cookery School in London, are credited with the invention of the recipe for coronation chicken.

Preparing the food for the banquet of the coronation of The Queen in 1953, Spry proposed the recipe of cold chicken, curry cream sauce and dressing that would later become known as coronation chicken.

Coronation chicken is normally bright yellow and is usually flavoured with curry powder or paste, although more sophisticated versions of the recipe are made using fresh herbs and spices and additional ingredients such as flaked almonds, raisins, and crème fraîche.

The original dish used curry powder, as fresh curry spices were almost unobtainable in post-war Britain.

Coronation chicken may have been inspired by jubilee chicken, a dish prepared for the silver jubilee of George V in 1935, which mixed chicken with mayonnaise and curry.

For the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002, this updated, lighter dish was devised, using ginger, crème fraîche and no curry powder.



Ingredients

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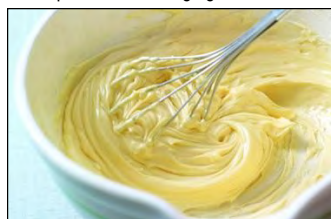
4 chicken breast fillets (about 500 g)
Salt and pepper
Grated nutmeg
2 tbsp olive oil
1 bunch of flat leaf parsley
1 lime, quartered

Marinade

½ lime, juiced and zest grated
3 cm fresh root ginger, peeled and grated
1 clove garlic, crushed
1 shallot, finely chopped
2 tbsp olive oil

Dressing

100 ml crème fraîche
6 tbsp mayonnaise
½ lime, juiced and zest grated
5 cm piece fresh root ginger



Method

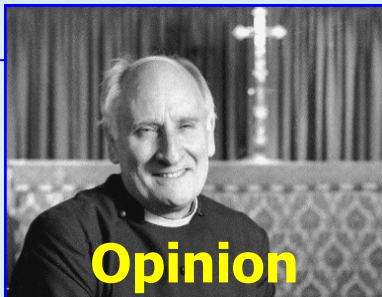
- 1) Mix all the marinade ingredients together in a shallow dish. Add the chicken and coat with the marinade. Cover and refrigerate for 2-3 hours.
- 2) Preheat the oven to 190°C (375°F) or gas 5. To make the dressing, place the crème fraîche, mayonnaise, lime juice and zest in a bowl. Peel and grate the ginger, then twist in a piece of muslin or press through a sieve, to extract the juice. Add 2 tps of the juice to the dressing. Stir, cover and chill to allow the flavours to develop.
- 3) Scrape the marinade from the chicken and pat dry with a kitchen towel. Season the chicken with salt, pepper and nutmeg and place in a roasting tin. Drizzle the olive oil over the chicken. Roast in the oven, basting occasionally for 25 minutes until the chicken is cooked through.
- 4) Leave the chicken to cool completely and then cut it into bite-sized pieces. Combine the chicken and dressing, adjust the seasoning and refrigerate until needed.

Serve with salad, lime quarters and some chopped flat leaf parsley.



Next Issue:

Christmas Pudding



Opinion

with Canon Julian Reindorp

POLLS APART

Why didn't the opinion polls before the General Election in May predict the actual election result? The British Election Study tested five possible explanations: 1) 'don't knows' shifting, 2) a late swing among voters, 3) shy Tories, 4) problems achieving a representative sample, and 5) differential turnout. Differential turnout seems the most likely explanation. Respondents to surveys overstate their actual voting turnout.

The Labour lead among unlikely voters grew hugely between 2010 and 2015. Considerably fewer of those saying they were going to vote Labour are likely to have actually turned out to vote. The result of the polls being so wrong was that there was almost an auction of promises by the leading parties in the weeks leading up to the election.

CALAIS

It is clear there is a huge migration challenge across the world of which the situation around Calais, with refugees trying nightly to get into the Channel Tunnel, is a very small illustration. Lebanon, a country with a population of under five million, now has one-and-a-half million refugees from Syria. Germany expects more than 800,000 asylum applications this year. Greece, with its desperate economic situation, will have hundreds of thousands of migrants pouring through the country this year.

The UK expects about 30,000 asylum applications this year. Of these, about half will be rejected and then two-thirds accepted on appeal. The huge challenge is not just what we do with all these refugees, but can we do anything to change the economic and political situation of their countries from which people are coming?

SONGS OF PRAISE

BBC One's *Songs of Praise* programme filmed an edition from the makeshift church in the refugee camp known as 'the jungle' outside Calais. Critics felt this was far too political, but the Archbishop of Canterbury praised the programme makers.

The Moslem head of religion and ethics at the BBC said the programme went to the heart of the Christian tradition, likening the migrants' escape from their own countries to the Biblical story of Joseph and Mary and the baby Jesus fleeing to Egypt to avoid King Herod's persecution.

WHY FOOD BANKS?

The cross-party parliamentary enquiry into hunger in the world's fifth largest economy, *Feeding Britain*, found that up to four million people may be only one crisis away from being unable to feed themselves. They found that the million people using food banks could be almost halved overnight if the authorities were able to administer the correct payments promptly for new claimants.

One single mother said, 'I couldn't use our food bank because it is run from our church and the indignity of walking through the door would crucify me.'

WEDDING WAIT

I took a wedding recently at which the bride was late — an hour late! After the first half hour of waiting I realized I was the only one fussed, everyone clearly expected this.

I was reminded of a wedding in Richmond. When I went down to the church an hour early I found guests already arriving. I discovered the couple had told everyone to arrive half-an-hour earlier than me, they knew their families!

What's On

with Nick Bagge



Team Spirit: Rugby, Rowing and Beyond

Until 8 November, Orleans House Gallery, Riverside, Twickenham TW1 3DJ

With the 2015 Rugby World Cup at Twickenham, this exhibition brings sports stories to life and includes historic sporting equipment, objects, and photographs that will be displayed alongside their present day counterparts. These include a 2003 Rugby World Cup ball, WG Grace's Jubilee match cricket ball, and even the bow of a boat. Admission free.

Rugby World Cup: A316 closures

From Saturday 3 October-Saturday 31 October

The Rugby World Cup continues at the home of English rugby. During match days at Twickenham Stadium the A316 will be closed to all traffic between Hospital Bridge Roundabout and London Road for **three hours** before the kick-off and for **two hours** after the match ends. Traffic will be diverted via the A305, but all local roads will be very busy so allow more time.

Match day closures are as follows:

- Sat 3 Oct 5pm-11.45pm
- Sat 10 Oct 1.45pm-8.30pm
- Sat 17 Oct 1pm-7.45pm
- Sun 18 Oct 1pm-7.45pm
- Sat 24 Oct 1pm-7.45pm
- Sun 25 Oct 1pm-7.45pm
- Sat 31 Oct 1pm-7.45pm



NEW

Faith at Work

From Saturday 3 October, 9.15-10.15am, St James's Church

Our popular series of talks where people discuss the difference faith has in their everyday lives continues with Peter Vannozzi. A month before he leaves St James's for a new parish, he reflects on *Faith as a Parish Priest*. This will be followed by: Sat 17 Oct, Flora Swartland and *Faith in Charities*; and Sat 31 Oct, Lawrence Sewell and *Faith in Fragile Countries*.

NEW

Concordia Voices

Sunday 4 October, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham TW1 3NJ

To celebrate the Rugby World Cup 2105, Concordia Voices joins forces with Surrey Brass for an evening of rousing music with a strong sporting flavour. Tickets are £12 on the door or from the Surrey Brass shop: surreybrass.co.uk/shop

NEW

Cantanti Camerati

Saturday 17 October, With Heart and Soul and Voice, 7.30pm, St Mary's Church, Thames Street, Hampton TW12 2EB

The first half of the concert will consist of 16th century madrigals and 18th and 19th century sacred music. The second half will have 19th century part-songs, and some pieces new to the choir by Eric Whitacre, John Rutter and John Tavener. Tickets £12 from 020 8898 8020 or on the door.

Registers for July and August

JULY

Baptisms

19 Lillian Laura Elizabeth Weaver, Hampton Hill

19 Gracie Rose Martin, Hampton

Confirmations

12 Emma Bagge, Lucie Glover, Mark Hodgson, Susan Hodgson, Flora Swartland and Julian Temblett

Wedding

25 Stuart Andrew Robertson and Sara Lynn Gunter, New Malden

AUGUST

Baptisms

2 Hugo Leander Whittaker, Hampton Hill

22 Belle Constance Brownson, Hampton Hill

23 Scarlett Eileen Marie Hunter, Hampton

Weddings

1 Christopher Mark Evans and Kelly Violet Snares, Hampton

8 Simon Nicholas Allen and Oluseyi Hannah Martins, Chiswick

29 James Thomas Allen and Amy Louise Thompson, Ashford

Marriage Blessing

15 Damian De Souza and Natasha Edwards, Hanworth

Funerals

4 Helen Jean Western, 98, Sunbury on Thames

20 James Falk Arnold, 94, Hampton Hill

NEW

All Saints' Day

Sunday 1 November, 9.30am, St James's Church

Please join us as Peter conducts his final service as Vicar of St James's Church. There will be drinks and food afterwards in the hall as we wish him well in his new job.

All Saints' Day celebrates those in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in quite ordinary circumstances.

NEW

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 8 November, 9.45am, St James's Church

Our annual service to remember those killed or injured in two world wars and other conflicts. The service starts at the later time to allow for the procession to the war memorial in the churchyard shortly before 11am for the sounding of *The Last Post* and two minutes' silence.

All Souls' Day

Sunday 8 November, 3.30pm, St James's Church

This service allows us to remember with thanksgiving family and friends; those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

NEW

Twickenham Choral Society

Sunday 11 October, Landmark Arts Centre, Ferry Road, Teddington TW11 9NN

Vivaldi's Gloria and Mozart's Requiem with professional soloists and the Brandenburg Sinfonia. Tickets £20. Telephone 020 8977 7558 or go online to: landmarkartscentre.org

NEW

Installation of Peter Vannozzi

Monday 16 November, 7.30pm, St Augustine of Canterbury, Archway Road, London N6 5BH

Peter is installed as Vicar of St Augustine's in Highgate. Please sign the list on the church notice board if you would like to attend. We plan to hire a coach if we get enough names.

NEW

Concordia Voices

Saturday 21 November, Advent Concert, 7.30pm, St Luke's Church, Sydney Street, London SW3 6NH

The concert features work by Byrd, Verne, including Agnus Dei, and a new piece by MacMillan. Tickets £12 (concessions £10) on the door or £10 (£8) in advance from members, or by emailing secretary@concordiavoices.org

NEW

Barnes Choir

Saturday 5 December, Christmas Concert, 7.30pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Church Walk, Richmond TW9 1SN

The traditional festivities include Rutter's *Gloria*, Patterson's *Magnificat*, and carols for choir and audience. Tickets £12 (£10 concessions) and children under 12 are free. Tickets from Pauline Gore on 079 7990 4910 or tickets@barneschoir.org.uk or online at wegottickets.com.

Vicar's View



'Er, Vicar?... You know how you're a man who prays?...'

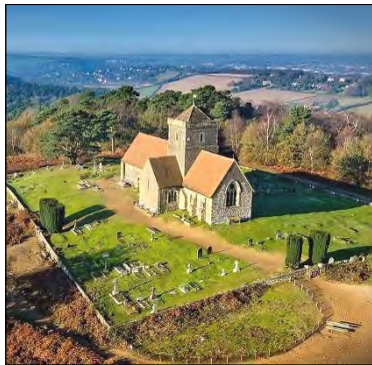


Hidden gems often discovered on foot

In choosing my 10 churches I realised that I was looking back to my childhood holidays and in recent years to my walking holidays. Several of the churches have connections with walking, some have literary associations as well as interesting architectural buildings. Some can only be reached by walking, which makes them even more special for their peace and quiet and the beautiful surrounding countryside. Often we were the only people there and enjoyed quiet contemplation during our walk.

All the churches are in small villages and occasionally we have been lucky enough to visit at Easter or Harvest and seen the churches decorated as we would remember them from our childhood — primroses and daffodils and the Easter garden, stooks of corn, loaves and fruit and vegetables for harvest.

1 ST MARTHA-ON-THE-HILL Near Guildford



St Martha's sits on a prominent hill on the Greensand Ridge, just south of the North Downs. It can only be reached on foot and there are magnificent views all over the Surrey countryside. The church is on the Pilgrims' Way from Guildford to Canterbury and was used in the 1944 film *A Canterbury Tale*. The church was originally 12th century and rebuilt in the mid 19th century. There is a memorial in the churchyard to the actress Yvonne Arnaud whose ashes were scattered there. The theatre in Guildford is named after her.

2 ST ANDREW'S CHURCH Alfriston, near Seaford



Alfriston is a picturesque village on the west bank of the River Cuckmere. The church on the village green (known locally as The Tye) is often called the *Cathedral of the South Downs*. Also on the village green is the

Clergy House, one of the few remaining pre-Reformation priest's houses, dating from the 1350s and the first property purchased by the National Trust. St Andrew's is a fine example of a cruciform church and dates from the second part of the 14th century.

3 ST BEUNO'S CHURCH Culbone, near Minehead



It is said to be the smallest church in England, situated between Porlock and Lynmouth on the SW Coast Path, and is dedicated to the Welsh Saint Beuno. It is a Grade 1 listed building and is recorded in the Domesday Book. The church seats about 30 people and services are still held here despite being 1.5 miles from the road. The church was used in the TV version of *Loma Doone* as the location for the marriage of John Ridd in Oare Church nearby. The church is probably pre-Norman with a 13th century porch and 15th century nave. It still has box pews.

4 ST WINIFRED'S CHURCH Branscombe, near Sidmouth



This church is nestled on the side of the valley leading down very narrow lanes to the village of Branscombe by the sea. It is one of the oldest churches in Devon, starting with the late Norman period and hints of Saxon. They have a fine set of kneelers displayed in the church and a very evocative *Millenium Cross* on the West Wall, designed and sculpted by Stephen Budd using oak grown and seasoned in Branscombe.

5 ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH Stinsford, near Dorchester

This church has very close links with Thomas Hardy, who lived close by at Higher Bockhampton. He was baptised here and regularly attended



services. It was Hardy's wish to be buried at Stinsford, but public pressure led to his ashes being buried in Poet's Corner in Westminster Abbey and his heart in Stinsford in the grave of his first wife. This is a very peaceful place by the river which flows to Bockhampton and along which Hardy walked to and from church.

6 ALL SAINTS CHURCH Minstead, near Lyndhurst

Minstead is a small village to the north of the New Forest. The church is not impressive from the outside, but inside it has a three-decker pulpit, a pew fireplace and a handsome array of kneelers.

Its other claim to fame is the grave of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle and his wife in the churchyard, complete with a real Sherlock Holmes-style pipe lying on the gravestone.



7 ST AGNES CHURCH Freshwater Bay, Isle of Wight

This is a thatched church built in 1908. The stone used to build the church came from a 17th century farmhouse in Freshwater. The land was donated by Alfred Lord Tennyson's son, Hallam, and the church was dedicated to St Agnes after Tennyson's poem *St Agnes Eve*.

The church sits at the bottom of Tennyson Down and you can walk across the fields from the church to Farrindon House, Tennyson's home, or over the downs to The Needles. These were paths often walked by Tennyson seeking inspiration for his poetry.



8 HOLY TRINITY Bosham, near Chichester

This is a very attractive church standing on the edge of the village overlooking Chichester Harbour. It is steeped in history, being the oldest site of Christianity in Sussex. King Canute's daughter is reputedly buried inside the church. There is a splendid Saxon chancel arch.

On the North Wall is a replica panel of the Bayeux Tapestry embroidered by a local lady in memory of her sister, depicting the

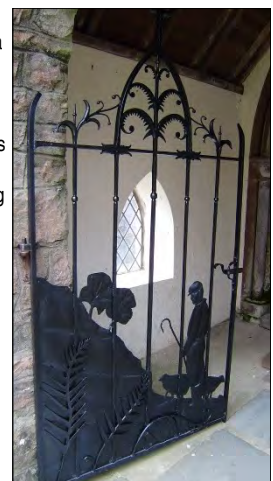


visit of Harold to Bosham Church in 1064 (see the word *Bos ham* on the panel above). The church tower was used during Danish raids by the women and children for safety.

9 ST JAMES'S CHURCH Buttermere, Lake District

The church stands on a hillock just above the lake with lovely views of the surrounding mountains and sheep grazing by the door.

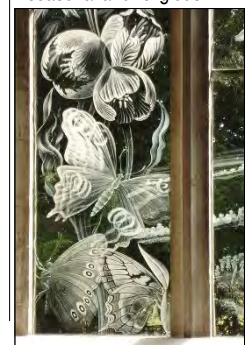
The south window made of clear glass looks out across to Haystacks.



A slate plaque set into the sill reads: *Pause and remember Alfred Wainwright, guide book author and illustrator who loved this valley.* His ashes were scattered on top of Haystacks. This small Victorian church has a charming wrought-iron gate to the porch depicting a shepherd with a crook, a ewe and a lamb. The day we visited the top of Haystacks was in cloud, but to look out of the window and remember the great man was very special.

10 ST NICHOLAS'S CHURCH Moreton, near Dorchester

This is my favourite church which I discovered by chance 40 years ago and always visit when in the area. It also instilled in me a love for the work of Laurence Whistler. The stained glass windows were blown out during the Second World War and it is now the only church in the world where the windows are entirely of engraved glass. They tell all sorts of stories both local, seasonal and religious.



When you walk into the church, full of light from the clear windows, it takes your breath away. The engraving by Laurence Whistler over many years is truly amazing.