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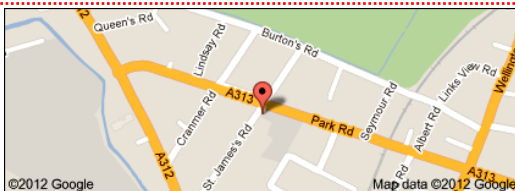
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From the Editor...

This is the month for remembrance and, as you will see in the centrespread, I have shared my experience of visiting the National Memorial Arboretum.

This year we have three very different services of remembrance and thanksgiving. We shall be marking Remembrance Sunday on 8 November. As usual, the service in church begins at 9.45am and then moves to the War Memorial for the two minute silence at 11am and laying of wreaths.

Later that day we have our annual All Souls' Service when we remember not only our own loved ones who have passed away, but welcome the families and friends of people who have died and had their services led by our clergy.

One week earlier, on 1 November at 9.30am, a quite different service, but one that in a way is remembrance, as well as thanksgiving, at which we will be celebrating the eight years Peter, our vicar, has been with us. This will be his final service before he leaves for St Augustine's, Highgate. On behalf of the committee and all our *Spire* readers, we wish Peter well in his new job in north London.

Best wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn



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Come and worship with us!



Sundays

8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 22 November

Christ the King
Daniel 7.9-10, 13-14; Revelation 1.4b-8
John 18.33-37

Sunday 1 November

All Saints' Day Peter's final service
Wisdom 3.1-9;
Revelation 21.1-6a;
Matthew 5.1-12.

Sunday 29 November

Advent Sunday
Jeremiah 33.14-16
1 Thessalonians 3.9-13
Luke 21.25-36

Sunday 8 November

9.45am Remembrance Sunday
Jonah 3.1-5, 10;
Hebrews 9.24-end;
Mark 1.14-20.

Mondays-Fridays (not Tues)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

3.30pm All Souls' Service

Sunday 15 November

2nd Sunday before Advent
Daniel 12.1-3;
Hebrews 10.11-25;
Mark 13.1-8.

COMING SOON

Sunday 6 December Christingle
9.30am Our annual candlelit service for all the family in aid of The Children's Society.

Making the peace



I remember exactly what I was doing on 26 February, 2007. I was driving down from Norfolk on what I recall as a grey winter's morning. Eventually I saw a sign on a roundabout that said 'The Hamptons' and realised that I was home. Perhaps better to say – arrived at my new home. I reached the vicarage before the removal vans, and then began just short of nine years living in Hampton Hill.

As I will be leaving on 1 November to take up a new post as Vicar of St. Augustine of Canterbury, Highgate, I am in the mood to reminisce, but my last piece for this magazine is not the place for that. Rather, in November, it is the place for remembrance, and 26 February is, for me, a stimulus for that. Why that date?

As it happens, it is the date of birth of my maternal grandmother, Rose, in 1899. I know from my boyhood conversations with her (and from much else besides) that she was born into a very different world from that of 2015.

She could not have foreseen that within a few years of her birth a large part of the world would be convulsed by war. Her brother, Ern, lied about his age, and went to fight in France. Like so many others, Ern was injured, and suffered from 'shell shock', what now we would call post traumatic stress disorder.

I never knew him, but I wonder if every night for Ern was one of nightmares, as he smelt again the horrible stench of gas or heard the shell coming that would disfigure him?

Remembrance runs deep

Am I reminiscing? To a point, but I would like to draw a contrast between reminiscence and remembrance. I associate the word 'reminiscence' with a comforting kind of recalling of the past that might have no significance for anyone other than me, and probably no effect beyond itself.

Remembrance is a word that is always deeper, and inevitably associated with November when, on the 11th of the month and on the nearest Sunday to it, people fall silent for two minutes and remember those who have died in war.

For eight Novembers past, I have stood with many of you at the war memorial in the churchyard and remembered.

In 2014 this was especially poignant as we commemorated the centenary of the beginning of World War 1, and welcomed honoured guests from the Canadian High Commission, who paid

Charity Box Feltham Community Chaplaincy

This year St James's has given £500 to the Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust (FCCT), a multi-faith charity in which people of different faiths help young offenders to rebuild their lives.

Its work begins in Feltham Young Offenders' Institution, where volunteer mentors first meet the young men. This gives them the opportunity to access a faith support network in the communities to which they return on leaving Feltham.

Boys in the Young Offenders' Institution can be just 15 years old and an average of 5000 boys 'visit' Feltham each year. The re-offending rate is an alarming 72%.



their respects to the fallen Canadian soldiers in the churchyard. This is more to me than reminiscing – or it should be. Remembrance-tide always has to it another side – or it should do. The looking back must lead on to looking forward. Why?

'Do this in remembrance of me'

In the Christian Church the principal and defining act of worship is an act of remembrance. This act, whether you call it eucharist, Mass, holy communion, Lord's Supper or Divine Liturgy, has as its central words 'Do this in remembrance of me.'

Jesus, at his last supper, commanded his disciples to take bread and wine, to eat and drink, to remember him. In order to reminisce? Not at all! They were to remember so that they could act. The disciples were to remember so that what they had seen and heard in Jesus would make a difference to the world so great that it would be what God has created it to be.

Jesus commanded a remembering that was dynamic and transforming. This is the way I see remembering in November each year. To be truly more than just reminiscence it must lead on to action.

When reminders will no longer be necessary

Very few of us will be able personally to take actions that prevent more lives being lost in conflict, but that does not mean that we are unable to do something. So I ask myself, recalling that conflicts often begin in the most localised of incidents, 'How can I be a better neighbour today? What does Jesus's command to love my neighbour as myself mean right now?'

As I recall lives given and taken in war, what step can I take today that builds peace? If you or I identify even one tiny thing as a result of keeping two minutes' silence, this is effective remembering that reveals something of the love of God seen in Jesus.

Please take such a step this Remembrance-tide. Though I will not be at the war memorial this year, I will think of you all there and pray for you, with thanksgiving for my time in Hampton Hill, but also looking forward to a time when reminders that we all need to change are no longer necessary.

Rather, real remembering will have transformed us.

The charity trains volunteer mentors from different faith communities across the Greater London area. Each mentor can make a huge difference to a young ex-prisoner's life. The website has very good information on what to do if you feel this is something you could offer.

The aim of FCCT to give a sense of community and responsibility to young men whose lives can appear disconnected from society is one that St James's thoroughly endorses.

■ felthamcommunitychaplaincy.org



Feltham Community Chaplaincy Trust
New Beginnings for Young Lives



Thought & Prayer

Taking time to talk to God

At the War Memorial

At the War Memorial, written by the Revd Dr Susan Durber, Theology Adviser for Christian Aid, is published in the website of the United Reformed Church

We stand together in this place at the heart of our community and here on level ground.

We have left our homes, church, chapel and community hall, to stand together, memory undivided.

Mourning and remembering have no class and no denomination, for grief is all our privilege and all our pain.

We stare at names in order, ranks and regiments, fallen and wounded, made one equal family in suffering.

One hundred years have gone, and flowers the colour of blood touch the wounds we all have shared.

We stand together in this place on ground made holy by sorrow and given to us all for all our dead.

We join hands as one, determined to remember what was lost, and to forge a more just and peaceful world.

May the memory of all who died, from every home, every faith and every family, stir us to stand on level ground, in unity for peace.



Lt Col Jean Trudel and his wife Claire, guests of honour at last year's Remembrance Day service.



Local and National stories

Long-serving church member dies



JACK GOSTLING, a long-serving member of our church, died peacefully on 11 October, aged 91. A huge figure in church life for many years, Jack will be much missed by his many friends.

Jack and Ruth recently celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary in church and they also took part in our Harvest Sunday celebrations. There will be a full tribute in next month's issue.

We send our condolences to Ruth and family.

Help needed for annual clean-up



THE ANNUAL leaf sweep and gutter clean undertaken by the Properties Committee needs your help. All gutters of both the church and the hall are cleared of leaves after which the gutters and drain pipes are flushed through. The courtyard and car park are also

swept of leaves. The work will be carried out on **Saturday 5 December**, from 9:30am. If you can help, please contact Bryan Basdell tel 020 8979 2040 or email bryan.basdell@btinternet.com or just turn up on the day.

New church website takes shape

THE CHURCH WEBSITE, first launched in 2000, is undergoing a major upgrade. It will have an exciting new look with different navigation between pages. Prill Hinckley and a small team of helpers are busy creating the pages. The new operating system will enable the website's pages to be viewed on mobile phones as well as computers and tablets and will eventually have extra functionality. As part of the changes, the Shell Seekers, will be able to update their pages during sessions.

Shortage of Christian teachers

CHURCH SCHOOLS are having to recruit staff from other faiths or none at all because practising Christians are in such short supply.

A Church of England report warns of a potential time bomb with an increasingly elderly cohort of school leaders. It says it needs to

recruit significant numbers of strong heads. The report also notes the danger of Church schools being forced to join multi-academy trusts with no church affiliation. 'In these cases the school's vision and religious character may be at serious risk.' Fewer senior leaders are willing to step up into the top jobs, deterred by the extra pressure and accountability.



New London Bishops installed

THE REVD Dr Graham Tomlin has been consecrated as the new Bishop of Kensington by the Most Revd Justin Welby at Canterbury Cathedral. He was among three bishops installed during the ceremony.

Christmas comes to High Street

THE ANNUAL Hampton Hill Christmas Lighting-up Parade will take place on Friday 27 November. Now in its 51st year, this popular event, organised by the Hampton Hill Traders Association, draws large crowds to watch the parade and the Christmas lights being turned on.

As usual the shops will be open late, many with special offers. Meet Father Christmas in his grotto. There will also be live music, a craft market, children's rides and entertainment, and hot food. The High Street will be closed to traffic from 5.30pm. The parade starts at 6.30pm.

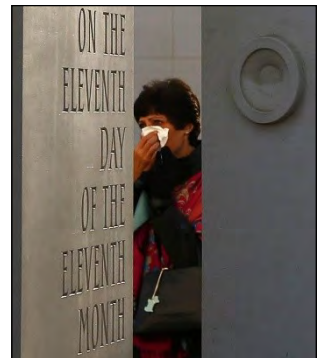


A living memorial



NATIONAL MEMORIAL ARBORETUM

On Remembrance Sunday the nation comes together to pay tribute to the fallen of two world wars and more recent conflicts in the Falkland Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan. Janet Nunn visited the National Memorial Arboretum, a place honouring those who have served, and continue to serve the nation. Not a cemetery, but a place of life.



In October 2007 the National Memorial Arboretum was officially opened near Lichfield in Staffordshire. Set in 150 acres, with more than 40,000 maturing trees, and located within the National Forest, the arboretum contains over 300 separate memorials to every conceivable branch of the Armed Forces, civilian organisations and charities

involved with the aftermath of war.

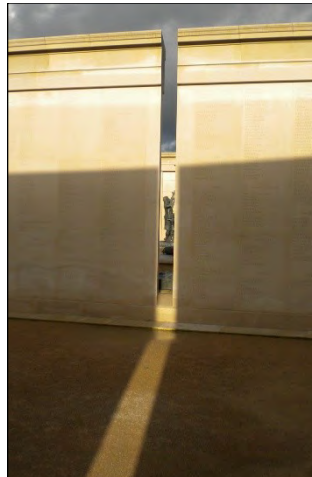
It also has at its core a raised mound with semi-circular walls of Portland Stone bearing the names of more than 16,000 men and women who have died in action since the Second World War. Every spring, any new names are added to the wall.

I had seen the arboretum several times on television and hoped that one day I would be able to visit it. The countryside and its beauty and tranquillity have always meant a lot to me and it seemed so appropriate that an arboretum in the middle of the country should be dedicated to the lives of those lost in war.

I was on my way to Derbyshire with friends and we decided to have a break at the arboretum and were all bowled over by the beauty and serenity of the place and wished we could have spent much longer there.

Stand-out memories

Two memories stand out for me. Firstly, designed into the semi-circular walls on the mound is a slit in the stonework, which as the picture below shows is at an angle so that the sun shines through the slit onto the floor of the circle at the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month.



Inside the circle is the depiction of a soldier being carried on a stretcher, pictured at the bottom of the page.

The second memory was even more poignant. A group of US Army cadets in uniform were being shown round the arboretum by a military volunteer.

He was showing them the names of men he had served with in the Falklands campaign, including that of Lt Col H Jones VC OBE, Commanding Officer of 2nd Battalion, Parachute Regiment.

He was killed, aged 42, and is buried at Blue Beach Military Cemetery in San Carlos in the

Falkland Islands.

This guide had known him and was also able to put first names to the men named there and told them



their rank and job in the Falklands.

Everyone listened in quiet contemplation as such personal history unfolded.

There are over 300 memorials, in total: military and civilian

to the war dead



Since our visit in 2013, two more unique memorials have been added to the arboretum. When the British Army campaign ended in Iraq, all 178 plaques of the people who had died in service there were brought home and a wall constructed and the plaques placed on it. The Basra Wall is pictured above.

Likewise in June this year a replica of the Bastion Memorial from Helmand Province in Afghanistan, pictured at the bottom of this page, was erected, and the original brass plaques added.

Memorials everywhere

All around the arboretum, individual memorials have been erected, mostly with the symbols or badges of the organisation concerned, and around the memorial seats have been placed with trees or flower beds to make each a reflective place for visitors and loved ones.

This picture, above right, shows the RAF Memorial with the spread-eagle in the middle and the RAF colours cut in four around it.

In 2014 another memorial was erected, this time to the Women's Land Army and the Women's Timber Corps.

At the unveiling there were many 90-year-olds to remember those who lost their lives.

The Archbishop of Canterbury said in his sermon at St Paul's Cathedral in March that it is important to remember not only the men who lost their lives serving their country, but also those left behind: parents,

wives, husbands and children learning to cope without their loved ones.

A comfort in tough times

Only a couple of weeks ago, at one of the services to commemorate the end of the Second World War, a

woman who lost her husband in Afghanistan said what a comfort it was to have the plaques in Britain so that those affected have somewhere to go and pay their respects and remember loved ones sometimes buried far away.

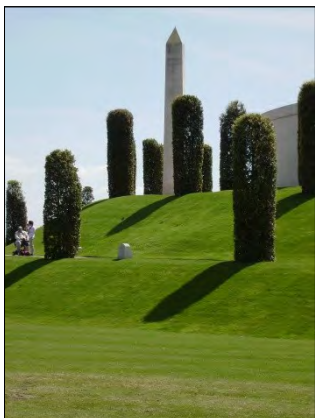
I shall never forget my visit to the National Memorial Arboretum and hope to go again one day and see how all the trees have matured around the memorials.

If you are ever in the area it is well worth a visit — it is open all year round.

You will find it a very tranquil place despite the number of visitors, but they are mostly there to remember loved ones, walking in the lovely surroundings and sometimes there are small services being held round memorials.

It is a very poignant reminder of the cost of war in human lives since the Second World War and that people are still giving their lives for their country.

■ The National Memorial Arboretum is open every day from 9am to 5pm. In the winter months the grounds close at dusk. Entry is free, though donations are appreciated. Go to their website: thenma.org.uk



Around the SPIRE

with Susan Homer

A first grandchild for our curate



JACQUES ALAN CORNELIUS ZIETSMAN, son of Abigail and Jacobus and first grandchild for our curate Jacky Cammidge and her husband Alan, was baptised at Parish Communion on Sunday 4 October. Jacques is pictured with his parents and his sister Karla.



A large number of family and friends were in church to celebrate with them, some making the journey from Jacky's South Wales homeland. Afterwards they joined parishioners in the hall before enjoying a private lunch there.

Colourful run aids two charities

TWO OF OUR Shell Seekers, Emily Glover and Rosie Orkney, who were confirmed at St. James's two years ago, have recently raised money for two good causes by completing a colour run at The Bishop Wand Church of England School, where they are Year 8 pupils.

This was a 5km run where they were doused in colour powder paint as they passed each outpost. The girls raised £120 which they divided equally between the Church Urban Fund and the Michael Sobell Hospice, which is a part of Mount Vernon Hospital, in Northwood. Emily's aunt, Caron Mitchell, was treated and cared for there until she died in March this year.



TV comedy that looks familiar



IF YOU WATCHED a new comedy series on Gold last month it may have looked familiar as scenes were filmed in our church and a nearby house in St James's Road. *Marley's Ghosts* is a light-hearted sitcom in which three people who die in quick succession end up living with Sarah Alexander's Marley (the only main character who is alive). Don't worry if you weren't able to watch it on the pay channel as it is likely to be repeated on a free-to-air channel in the future.

On the first day of Advent...

THE MEANINGFUL Chocolate Company is hoping to donate £15,000 from sales of its 2015 Real Advent Calendar to help fund a baby clinic in Kenya and support overseas farmers through Traidcraft Exchange. However, it is not just the charitable donation that makes the calendar unique. This year it includes a 32-page Christmas story/activity booklet designed to be used every day in Advent. Get your calendar, priced £3.99, from the Traidcraft stall. But be quick, they are selling fast!



Young Spire with Prill Hinckley

Bible heroes to inspire

Shell Seekers unveil their own proverbs to rival King David's



Shell Seekers turned its attention this term to some of the royal figures that appear in the Bible. Many of these characters achieved astonishing things through acts of bravery, wisdom and love. Others are perhaps better used as examples of how not to live, demonstrating how power is sometimes used uncaringly for self-seeking reasons. All have taught us something new though and it has been fascinating to see what role God played in the choices that they made in their lives.

Our regal journey began with David, the boy who rose from being a simple shepherd to unite the tribes of that time into the ancient kingdom of Israel. David is perhaps best known for overcoming the giant Goliath and in charming King Saul with music and poetry.

The place that gave him in Saul's court allowed him to gain the popularity that eventually saw him crowned king when Saul was killed in battle. David went on to institute Jerusalem as Israel's capital city and rule for 40 years.

From a biblical perspective, David is credited with writing the Book of Psalms, a collection of songs that are still used in both Jewish and Christian worship today.

Some of David's many achievements are depicted in a display on the Shell Seekers' area in the Fitz Wygram Church Hall.

One of David's accomplishments was also to yield a line of kings - Solomon was the first of these, a son from David's marriage to Bathsheba.

Solomon was rewarded by God for his request not for power and wealth, but for wisdom, and God gifted him that as well as long life, riches and honour.

Solomon used his intelligence to rule in peace and prosperity, realising a grand plan to build a great temple in Jerusalem.

Solomon is also acknowledged as the writer of the Book of Proverbs, a compilation of verses that teach us about values, behaviour and life.

Some of the Shell Seekers even had a go at writing their own proverbs:

A cheeky child will live a life without treats

Arran

The time wasted by a lazy person can never be regained

Emma

The leader who keeps their promises will be remembered in history

Jack

A generous spirit is always rewarded with love

Jonathan

You can see some more of these words of wisdom on the Shell Seekers display in the hall!

There are still a few weeks left this term to learn about other inspiring royal figures - come along to see what they tell us about life in Bible times as well as showing us how we can be inspired by their acts in our lives today!



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.



Christmas Pudding



Stir-up Sunday is an informal term in Anglican churches for the last Sunday before the season of Advent. The Christmas pudding is one of those essential British Christmas traditions and is commonly thought to have been introduced to the Victorians by Prince Albert, husband of Queen Victoria. However, the meat-free version was introduced from Germany by George I in 1714.

Traditionally, families gather together in the kitchen to mix and steam the pudding on *Stir-up Sunday*. Everyone takes a turn to stir the mix and make a special wish. Sometimes silver coins are added as it is believed that finding one brings good luck.

A recent survey revealed that two-thirds of British children had never stirred a pudding mix since many people now buy a ready-made pudding.

The term *Stir-up* comes from the opening words of the collect for the day in the Book of Common Prayer of 1549, a translation of the Roman Missal's collect *Excita, quæsumus* used on the last Sunday before Advent:

Stir up, we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may of thee be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the amended Book of Common Prayer of 1662 this collect is listed for the *25th Sunday after Trinity*, with a rubric specifying that this collect 'shall always be used upon the Sunday next before Advent'. This reinforced the significance of the day as forming part of the preparation for the season of Advent. The rubric is necessary because the last Sunday before Advent does not always fall on the 25th Sunday after Trinity. Trinity Sunday is a moveable feast and the Advent season is fixed, so the number of weeks in between varies each year.

Ingredients

Feeds 8

- 175 g large raisins
- 100 g sultanas
- 100 g currants
- 100 g piece of carrot, peeled and coarsely grated
- 100 g ground almonds
- 50 g plain flour
- 100 g dark muscovado sugar
- 25 g toasted flaked almonds
- ½ tsp ground cinnamon
- ½ gated nutmeg
- Grated zest ½ lemon
- 3 tbsp thick-cut marmalade
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 50 ml brandy
- 100 g frozen butter, plus extra for greasing

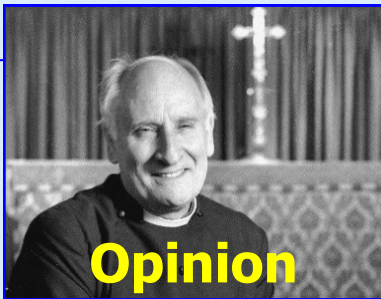
Method

- 1) Heat the oven to 160°C, fan 140°C, gas 3. Mix all the ingredients in a large bowl, grating in the butter as you stir. Butter a 1.2 litre (2 pint) pudding basin, then put a disc of greaseproof paper in the base. Spoon in the mixture, adding a washed coin if you like, and level top.
- 2) Lay a large sheet of greaseproof paper on the work surface, then fold a large pleat in it. Use to top the pudding basin, then tie with string and trim away any excess paper. Stand the pudding bowl on a large sheet of foil and bring the edges up over the bowl. Now cover the bowl with a second sheet of foil and bring the edges of both pieces of foil together, folding underneath the rim of the pudding basin to keep it watertight.
- 3) Stand the bowl in a deep roasting tin, then half fill the tin with boiling water. Cover tightly with foil and cook for 6 hrs. Check water level every couple of hrs to make sure it hasn't boiled dry, topping up with more boiling water if necessary.
- 4) When it has steamed, cool then remove foil, string and paper. Replace with fresh paper and foil and store in a cool place until Christmas Day.
- 5) On the day, steam the pudding for 1 hr before serving. If a coin has not been used, the pudding can be heated in the microwave for approximately 10 minutes. If setting it aight use no more than 1 tbsp of brandy.

Next Issue:

Christmas Cake





Opinion

with Canon Julian Reindorp

GERMANY and MIGRANTS

The present crisis with refugees walking into Europe, in their thousands each day, is a massive challenge for the European Union. Greece and Italy, two of the poorest states, are carrying some of the heaviest burdens. Germany has agreed to take 800,000 migrants this year and 500,000 a year for the next five years. We have agreed to take 20,000 over the next five years.

POPE in CUBA

Pope Francis has a gift for saying things differently. In Cuba, speaking to clergy on the themes of poverty and mercy, he described how the tenderness of God was in the slobber of a disabled person, trying to kiss. He urged priests to imagine they had 'a treasure in their hands - the mercy of God'. He quoted St Ambrose, 'Where mercy is, there is the Spirit of Jesus; where there is rigidity, there are just his ministers.'

In a thinly veiled reference to the persecution of the Church, he praised grandmothers and mothers for 'keeping open a tiny space, small as a mustard seed, through which the Holy Spirit continued the heartbeat of this people'.

He called for a Church 'which goes forth to build bridges, to break down walls, to sow seeds of reconciliation... Service is never ideological, for we do not serve ideas, we serve people'.

ARCHBISHOP JUSTIN: A DIFFERENT WAY

The Archbishop of Canterbury has called a meeting in January of the 37 archbishops of the Anglican Communion round the world, for them to decide how their churches relate to each other. The Anglican Church is the third largest Christian denomination in the world after the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches.

An African archbishop was overheard to say of Justin Welby's predecessor, Rowan Williams, 'He'll do what we tell him'. While Williams used to have them all to Lambeth Palace and listen to their complaints, Justin Welby has told them he will read their views on their websites.

Meanwhile, he has canvassed their views in advance of the meeting by visiting all 37 in their home countries, and telephoned each of them, two a day while, he was on holiday. But the view is that he has not allowed them to give him the run around as Williams did.

THREAT TO INCENSE!

The Sun has reported 'a law banning legal highs could stop churches using incense'. The Psychoactive Substances Bill, unveiled in May, is set to ban items 'capable of producing a psychoactive effect', and that includes incense.

The Association of English Cathedrals has urged the Government to make an exemption for incense. 'It has been used for worship purposes for millennia.' I do not think this will prevent Peter using incense in his new parish!

CHURCHES AND PUBS

Both churches and pubs are centres of community, yet pubs are being closed at the rate of 33 a week across Britain. While the number of churches has slightly increased to 50,000, fewer people are going to church on Sunday. But the decline of 1.7% is almost being offset by an increase in numbers attending services during the week.

What's On

with Nick Bagge



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.

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.

Christmas Charity Cards and Gifts Sale

Sunday 15 November, 10.30am, Fitz Wygram Church Hall, St. James's Church, Hampton Hill

Christmas cards and calendars in aid of various charities and Traidcraft gifts will once again be on sale at St James's. Buy 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. There are discounts of 15% on most non-food Traidcraft items.

Installation of Peter Vannozi

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.

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

Christmas Lighting-up Parade

Friday 27 November, 4pm-late, Hampton Hill High Street

Now in its 51st year and as big as ever with lots going on, including: Father Christmas in his grotto, live music, Christmas carols, classic car show, street stalls, craft market, charity

stalls, children's entertainment, helter skelter, and festive food and drink. The High Street will be closed to traffic from 5.30pm with buses on diversion. The parade starts at 6.30pm. For more information go to lovehamptonhill.com or follow us on Twitter @lovehamptonhill #HHXmasparade

Leaf Sweep and Gutter Clean

Saturday 28 November, 9.30am, St James's Church

This important maintenance is carried out annually by the Properties Committee — and they need YOUR help! The gutters of both church and hall need to be cleared of leaves. If you can help, please turn up suitably dressed. There will be hot drinks and snacks for all the helpers! See page 4 for more info.

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.

Christingle Service

Sunday 6 December, 9.30am, St. James's Church

This is a great family occasion when we remember the work of The Children's Society and encircle the church with our lighted Christingle candles. Children will be given a candle-shaped collecting box to take home and fill by the end of January.

Teddington Choral Society

Saturday 12 December, A Light in the Stable, 7.30pm, St. James's Church, Hampton Hill

Christmas-inspired music with the title piece by Alan Bullard, John Rutter's *Star Carol* and Bob Chilcot's *For Him all Stars Have Shone*. Tickets £12 (concessions £10) on the door or from infoteddchoral@gmail.com.

Twickenham Choral Society

Saturday 12 December, Rosinni, 7.30pm, All Saints' Church, Market Place, Kingston KT1 1JP

Concert features Rosinni's *Petite Messe Solennelle*; and Mendelssohn's *Hymn of Praise* (special arrangement by Iain Farrington). With Iain Farrington on piano and Freddie Brown on the organ. Tickets £20 (full-time students £10) on the door or from tickets@twickenhamchoral.org.uk.

Cantanti Camerati

Saturday 19 December, Christmas Concert, 7.30pm, St. Mary's Church, Church Street, Twickenham, TW1 3NJ

A traditional concert to mark the start of Christmas. Tickets £12, available from Hillsound Musical Instruments, High Street, Hampton Hill, by telephoning 020 8898 8020 or on the door.



Baptisms

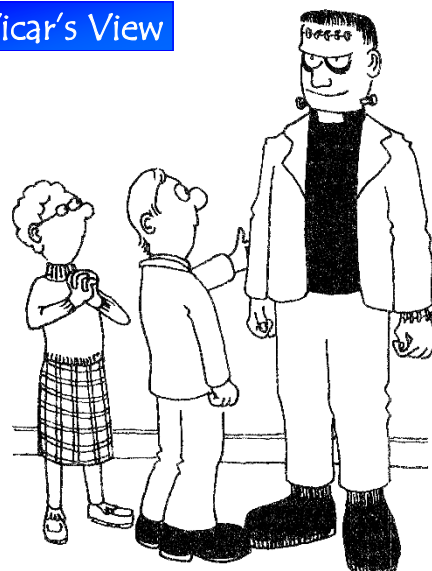
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Funeral

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Vicar's View



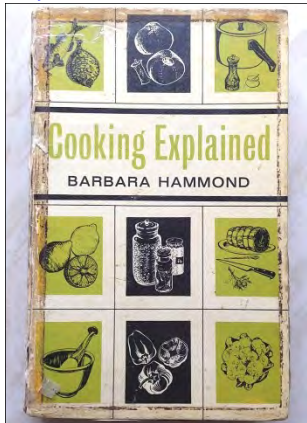
The churchwardens were not entirely unprepared for the vicar's departure

From Delia to Dahl: the recipe for success

I have enjoyed cooking, both doing and reading about it, for as long as I can remember. At home, learning to cook was a (winter) Sunday afternoon activity. At about 14 I decided if I couldn't be a doctor I wanted to be a chef and run a restaurant — where would I have done more damage, I wonder? Medicine won and my cooking stayed on a domestic scale, in time, sharing the activity with children and grandchildren.

At various points on this journey I have encountered books that have made a lasting impact on my cooking; some have become well-thumbed staples, others are reference books, while some provided unexpected illumination or were simply a joy to read for their sheer artistry and enthusiasm.

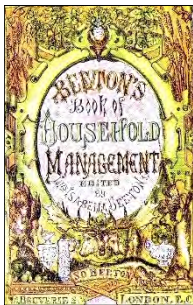
1 COOKING EXPLAINED by Barbara Hammond



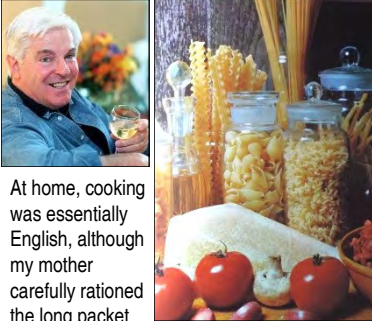
In its first edition, this was my GCE textbook. The scientific rationale behind cooking processes and the recipe variations needed if substituting ingredients were all meticulously laid out. At first sight it seemed pedestrian, but I soon realised that with it I could deal with anything from harvest glut to culinary disasters! The book is still in print, but (sadly) altered to serve current curriculum requirements. If you are serious about food science try McGee on *Food and Cooking: an Encyclopaedia of Kitchen Science, History and Culture* instead.

2 BEETON'S BOOK OF HOUSEHOLD MANAGEMENT by Isabella Beeton

Mrs Beeton sat on my mother's shelf and as a teenager I marvelled at the world she described. After reading a biography of her youth I became fascinated by her prodigious output as a young middle-class wife who probably never rolled up her sleeves. Her book was published in serial form, making it popular and accessible in the mid-Victorian era. She was a master of PR, using many other sources, especially, my favourite, Eliza Acton, rather than producing original recipes.



3 GREAT DISHES OF THE WORLD by Robert Carrier



At home, cooking was essentially English, although my mother carefully rationed the long packet of blue paper-wrapped spaghetti on the pantry shelf, and several times a year she would cook a huge curry.

Given to me as a 15th Christmas present, this was the first 'cordon bleu' cookery book I ever owned. I used to read it under the blankets at bedtime. I was amazed at the lists of ingredients that I had never heard of before, not to mention the assumptions made about what to do with them. I got the opportunity to cook some of them when my parents had friends to dinner.

4 COOKING IN A BEDSITTER by Katharine Whitehorn



For the Sixth-form boys our doughty Domestic Science Teacher ran a 15-week course of basic culinary survival skills.

She appointed me as one of her two assistants, in return providing the ingredients to prepare the lunch of our choice each week. I no longer have the recipe collection she used to teach the boys, but her approach had a lot in common with Whitehorn's. Our copy of *Cooking in a Bedsitter* has completely disintegrated, but the take-home message that a tight budget and a single gas ring are no excuse for poor eating has survived and been passed down the generations.

5 MADHUR JAFFREY'S INDIAN COOKERY

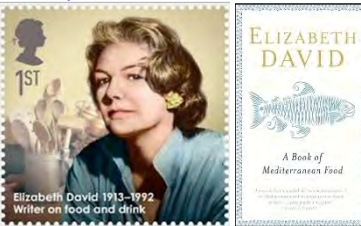
Coming to London as a student I was amazed and excited by the range of exotic vegetables and spices available in the local shops.

I experimented with Indian dishes, but it was through Jaffrey's book that I learned



more about the subtleties of regional dishes and the significance of ginger, onion, garlic and herbs, which were then complemented by careful blends of spices. (More recently, I have had a similar experience of Middle Eastern cooking through Claudia Roden's excellent books.)

6 MEDITERRANEAN FOOD by Elizabeth David



The first of a series of much-loved recipe books, 'ED' writes with such a fresh and enthusiastic style that I was carried along by the description of local foods and dishes, interspersed with brief facts and anecdotes that make her prose come alive. By the time I read her books, the ingredients she mentions were well recognised in this country and generally available, but that didn't dim the sense of adventure and excitement she managed to convey while sharing her authentic dishes.

7 DELIA SMITH'S COMPLETE ILLUSTRATED COOKERY COURSE

Working long hours at the time, I was unfamiliar with Delia Smith's television programmes and discovered her through her books. She became and remains my first port of call for many dishes.

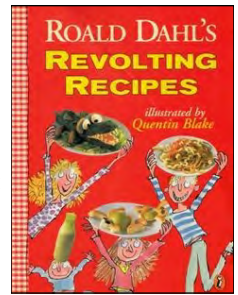
Her recipes have stood my test of time; if you follow the instructions there is a very high success rate — not true of all recipe books in my experience, and the eclectic collection of dishes offers wide choice of ingredients and interesting flavours without making repetitive reading. (I am not always meticulous in my cooking so when in 'handful of...' mode, I read Jamie Oliver.)

8 ROALD DAHL'S REVOLTING RECIPES by Felicity Dahl



If children of any age relish Roald Dahl's extraordinary stories, these imaginative interpretations of the food and drink that so often feature in his books are riveting.

The BFG would certainly not turn his nose up at these snozzcumbers although the frobscottle might be less propellant! Our family birthdays were incomplete unless celebrated with Bruce Bogtrotter's cake, wonderfully sophisticated but well within the capabilities of young cooks if they are prepared to concentrate. I have my third copies of these books, the previous two having mysteriously disappeared as offspring have left home.



9 THE SILVER SPOON by Phaidon



This massive tome is my most recent favourite. Classical Italian dishes are brought up to date and there is a mouthwatering section of recipes from famous chefs. Each key ingredient is identified and given its place in the appropriate chapter, a great advantage when dealing with the lone aubergine that comes to light at the back of the fridge.



10 MASTERING THE ART OF FRENCH COOKING

Finally, my greatly regretted failure, this book sits on my shelf seldom opened. I have immense admiration for the authors, Simone Beck, Louisette Bertholle and Julia Child, and the lengths they went to in

acquiring the skills of classical French cuisine, but there is something about their style and approach that I find most impenetrable. I fear that I shall never *Master the Art* of this cookery lesson.

