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# Welcome October 2012



As part from the weather, what a wonderful summer we have had with the Diamond Jubilee, the Olympics and Paralympics — proving that we do things so well in Britain, as well as win medals! With the gold pillar box in Teddington to remind us of Mo Farah's achievements and TV images of Bushy Park and Hampton Court we really felt part of the games. Let us hope the legacy will be carried through with more sporting facilities and encouragement for our young people. Susan Horner gives us her impression of the Games on Page 8.

Our centrespread is by Brian Cuthbertson, Head of Environmental Challenge for the London Diocese. Brian has not only written an excellent article but has published lots of useful pamphlets about the environment and our future.

A personal thank-you to everyone who has responded to my appeal for photos. There is still time if you do find any in your albums of past events at St James's to help us celebrate our 150th Anniversary beginning in December.

Best wishes

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## SERVICES FOR OCTOBER

### Sundays

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

(first in month is an All-age Service)

7 October — Harvest Sunday

At 8am: Joel 2.21-27

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Matthew 6.25-33

At 11am: Psalm 8

Matthew 6.25-33

14 October — 19th Sunday after Trinity

Amos 5.6-7, 10-15

Hebrews 4.12-end

Mark 10.17-31

21 October — 20th Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 53.4-end

Hebrews 5.1-10

Mark 10.35-45

28 October — Simon and Jude, Apostles

Isaiah 28.14-16

Ephesians 2.19-end

John 15.17-end

British Summer Time Ends

(turn clocks back an hour)

### Mondays-Fridays

(but not Tuesdays)

9.15am Morning Prayer

### Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

### 1st Thursday in month

4 October 2pm Holy Communion



# Leader Column

## Watch 'our own' grow



**S**t Paul says in his first letter to the Corinthians: *'I did the planting, Apollos did the watering, but God made things grow. Neither the planter nor the waterer matters: only God who makes things grow....We are fellow workers with God'* as he accounts for his own Godly work amongst the nascent churches, whilst expressing his humility.

What matters, he says, is God who gives growth. Whilst this is true, if it were not for St Paul, his energy and fervour, the Christian faith would not have taken root across the Middle East and Europe at the pace that it did. He teamed up with God and together they produced a rich and varied harvest, the fruits of which we share here in our community centuries later.

### A Cornish tradition

You may know that I have for the last few years spent some of my leisure time in the far west corner of this island, in and around Penzance, which, because of the dominance of westerly winds, tends to get all the weather first before it heads 'up country'!

At this time of year in the countryside there is a Cornish tradition of 'Crying the neck' where the 'neck' is the last sheaf of corn that is cut by the farmer. Villagers and farmhands present in the field with him all celebrate the gathering of the harvest with a short ceremony, followed by a pasty supper.

The farmer holds up the sheaf and declares 'I hav'n' (or *Ma genef*, in Cornish) three times. The crowd then shout 'What have thee?' again three times. 'A neck!' is proclaimed and everyone gives three hearty cheers. Then they sing *We plough the fields and scatter*, sometimes accompanied by a male voice choir from one of the harbour towns nearby.

It is a ritual that signifies thanksgiving and recognises the hard work of the agricultural workers and many local folk, who have been brought in to handle the extraordinary workload.

### Corn still bound by hand

At the beginning of the 20th century corn was still being bound by hand. The bound sheaves had to be 'stooked' out in the field, that is, stood on end leaning against each other,



David  
Bell

in sixes or eights. Standing upright like this with the ears of corn against each other at the top, they were left to dry and if it did rain the way they stood ensured that the water would be thrown off the grain.

They were later picked up by pitchfork and carted back to the farmyard to be threshed out. This work of 'stooking' was a painful business because the corn was full of weeds and thistles. Two sheaves were taken, one under each arm, and the farm worker then slid them down their arms and stuck the butts on the ground.

Now fertilisers, pest controls and combine harvesters have brought efficiencies to harvesting, but it still needs a team, working in unison, to get the job done. In a couple of months we will be able to take a leaf out of

the harvesting way of working as we embark on one of the most important years in the history of St James's.

### Pull together as a team

Already you can see in church the growing number of written cards on the board of anniversaries over the last 150 years: stories of folk getting married at St James's and being made a new member of the worldwide Christian Church through baptism and confirmation... at St James's.

**We will need to pull together as a team, just like the harvesters of yesteryear, as we celebrate belonging; beating the bounds of the parish; creating special worship events; filling the church with flowers, praying in earnest; enjoying concerts and finally greeting the Bishop of London here at the close of 2013.**

**M**ore local people than ever will hear of us afresh and many will enter our glorious church for the first time. And as we welcome them, we will join all those who have sung praises to their God here previously and those who will proclaim their faith in the future. In effect, we will do the planting and the watering and we will ask God, our trusted friend, to make it grow.

## In Thought and Prayer

### Seedtime and Harvest

*Glory to God for dappled things –  
For skies of couple-colour as a brinded cow;  
For rose-moles all in stipple upon trout that swim,*

*Fresh-firecoal chestnut-falls; finches' wings;  
Landscape plotted and pieced – fold, fallow, and  
plough;  
And, all trades, their gear and tackle and trim.*

*All things counter, original, spare, strange;  
Whatever is fickle, freckled (who knows how?)  
With swift, slow; sweet, sour; adazzle, dim;  
He fathers-forth whose beauty is past change:  
Praise him*

Gerard Manley Hopkins 1844 – 1889

*Good Lord,  
Your rich bounty provides for our needs  
and sustains our lives.  
Bless us in our stewardship of the earth  
in preparing the ground for sowing,  
tending the crops  
and bringing the harvest home,  
that there may be enough for all your people  
to rejoice in your goodness;  
through Jesus Christ. Amen*

Ian Black, Vicar of Whitkirk, Leeds

*Let us pray to our God, that he will bring to fruition all  
that he desires for his creation.  
Father, Lord of Creation,  
You have given the human race a rich land, a land of  
streams and springs,  
wheat and barley,  
vines and oil and honey,  
We have made by sin a world of suffering and sorrow,  
We pray for those who bear the weight of affliction,  
That they may come to share the life of wholeness  
and plenty.  
In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.  
Amen*

New Patterns for Worship: Common Worship

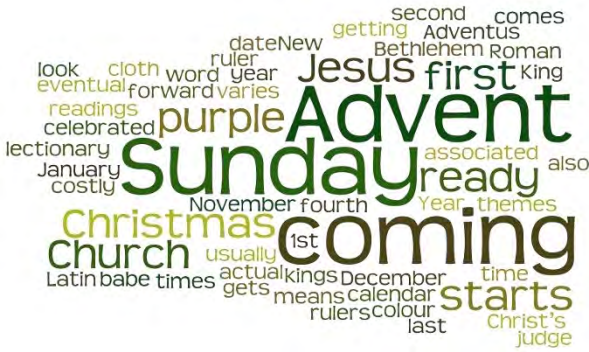
*Lord,  
we thank you for the harvest earth has produced  
for the good of all people  
These gifts witness your infinite love;  
May the seeds of charity and justice also bear fruit in  
our hearts.  
Amen*

The Weekday Missal

*Be still my soul,  
your God will undertake  
to guide the future  
as he has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence  
let nothing shake,  
all now mysterious  
shall clear at last.  
Be still, my soul:  
the tempests still obey  
his voice, who ruled them  
Once on Galilee.*

Katharina von Schlegel, trans. Jane Borthwick

## Are you ready for Advent?



WE WILL AGAIN BE holding an Advent Course, giving the opportunity for reflection and prayer. It will be held at 32 Uxbridge Road at 8pm on Mondays 26 November and 3, 10 and 17 December. The details of the course will follow.



### School laboratory's kit paid for by us

FOR MORE THAN seven years, St. James's has supported developments at **Hegongo Holy Cross Secondary School** in NE Tanzania. We have raised money for desks, chairs, bunk beds and football kit. So when we were asked to help provide a fume cupboard for the school's new laboratory — part of the expansion of the school to include a sixth form — we rose to the challenge. Over £1500 was donated in just two weeks and the cupboard is now installed and in use. The new laboratory was blessed by the Bishop of Tanga when he visited Hegongo on 16 September.



**Thank God for food!** Not many of us still say Grace before meals, but our food is surely precious and something to celebrate when hunger is all too common in other parts of the world. At this Harvest time, let's give thanks for the abundance of food that we enjoy — and remember those who are not so lucky.

### A NEW REGULAR FOCUS ON OUR GIVING

## Charity Box



### Unwanted tools given a new lease of life

It is three years since Janet Nunn became involved with Tools With A Mission (TWAM). The organisation started 27 years ago and has just three paid staff — but over 600 volunteers. Janet has had seven collections of equipment, including 115 sewing machines, numerous bicycles and all sorts of tools.



charity financially and since the broadcast Tommy has visited the warehouse at Ipswich and seen for himself the work the volunteers do refurbishing the tools. As you will see from the photo he didn't arrive empty-handed.

Janet is continuing with this work and receives at least one enquiry a week from someone wanting to donate tools. Almost anything is accepted, except computers and lawn mowers.

Janet would like to thank everyone who has donated tools or helped with the collecting.

If you have anything telephone Janet on 020 8979 6325.

For more about the charity go to: [www.twam.co.uk](http://www.twam.co.uk)

# Global Warming:

## Is it happening? Does it matter? What can we do?



**Brian Cuthbertson, Head of Environmental Challenge for the London Diocese, says global warming is a fact — and mankind can no longer deny responsibility for it. Churches can lead by example and encourage the world to take the issue seriously before the future of civilisation itself is put at risk. Read on to learn how...**

### So what's up with the weather?

Weather is a capricious thing, especially in the UK — it can change at a moment's notice. Yet when we notice trends that are repeated year after year, in many countries, we should sit up and take notice.

In the UK, we have witnessed the early start of spring and autumn, the swings between summer and winter weather. And especially the rain — both here and worldwide. How ironic that Danny Boyle felt the London Olympics Opening Ceremony would not be complete without some 'typical British weather' — so he provided an artificial cloud and some rain. When he planned this we were deep in drought. By the time the Olympics came, we had ample rain!

More seriously, countries from Pakistan to the Philippines, Thailand and Queensland, Australia, have suffered from epochal inundations.

### Serious causes

Why so much rain worldwide? This is a genuine trend, and its cause is straightforward. Average temperatures worldwide have definitely risen — so the oceans evaporate faster, and there is more in the clouds.

But it's unevenly distributed — the system has become more chaotic — so it comes down again all at once, or all in one place — causing catastrophe for fragile societies.

Global warming, and the associated climate change, should be taken very seriously. One of the drivers of human progress has been the stable climate prevailing during the Holocene (the geographical period beginning 12,000 years ago and

continuing to the present day) — since the last Ice Age. That may now be ending.

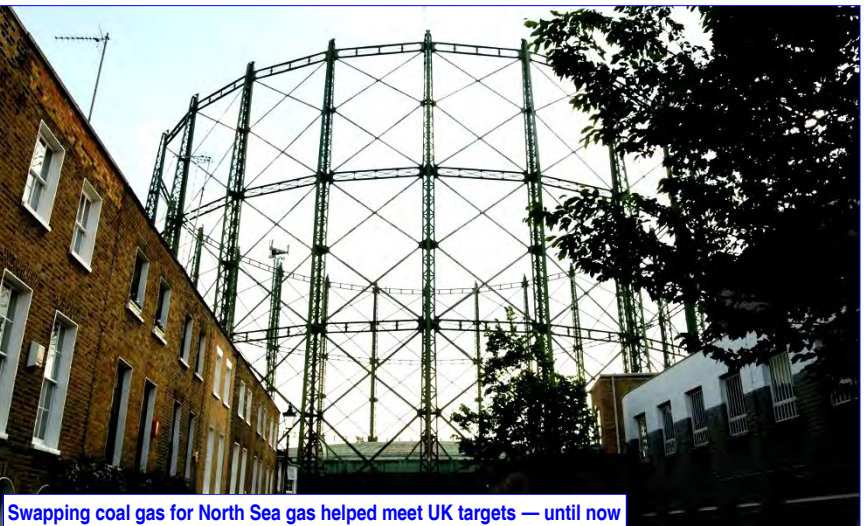
Those who say the climate has always changed are perfectly right — over geological time. But there are several big differences. The causes in the past were natural and diverse, whereas the present climate change trend has our human finger prints on it. It has to do with the greenhouse effect — the phenomenon of physics whereby temperatures have previously been held stable by trace gases in the atmosphere, carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and others. We have increased this concentration, by burning coal, oil and gas, by landscape change especially deforestation, by agriculture and construction processes. This has disturbed the balance. And it's happening rather suddenly.

It's hard to over-state the consequences of impending warming — of 2 to 4 or even 6 degrees Celsius — as may be coming this century. It could make civilisation itself no longer tenable! That's a sober analysis, not alarmism.

### 'Us and them' — who pays the bill?

We worry about our economic woes, we fret when gas or electricity prices go up, or petrol, or flying four times a year for our foreign holidays (which itself contributes to climate change).

There are much bigger hidden costs to be feared. These may be paid in insurance premiums, until insurance can't carry the risks any more. There are others much more vulnerable than us who suffer more gravely already. Life in Pakistan has not recovered since the floods of 2010. Many are still



Swapping coal gas for North Sea gas helped meet UK targets — until now

# it's not all hot air



Dubai: fine to visit, but too hot for most people to live there. Would the UK cope with a hotter climate?

flooded out. The government is unable to support the relief effort on such a scale, nor the major engineering needed for remediation and future prevention.

We're all in this together. The UK began the Industrial Revolution. That was a good thing in itself, bringing the benefits of development to most parts of the globe — nothing to feel guilty about. Now we know the unintended consequences of industrial emissions.

Moreover, even with the development of China and India, we still produce twice the global average — half our CO<sub>2</sub>, so to speak, is exported into other peoples' air. We owe it to the world to deal with our emissions, and to give a lead to others. Developing countries also make a contribution — in some cases, where there is little commerce or material consumption, this may be mainly in the form of deforestation.

The poverty of a society is itself a driver, where wood is needed as fuel for a burgeoning population. This disturbs the hydro-climate directly, even before the kickback from the greenhouse effect — a double whammy, suffered by several countries in East Africa, South and East Asia. We must be ready with aid and assistance when disaster strikes.

## More heat than light?

And there is much we can do at home. St James's is

looking to the future when a new heating system will be needed.

Churches make their contribution to greenhouse gases, global warming and climate change! The typical London church would fill up to nine Olympic-sized swimming pools with CO<sub>2</sub> every year!

How so? Well about 60% of the stuff comes directly from heating the church, using gas or oil. The rest comes from generation and distribution of electricity to the church — mostly for light, some for power.

So, astonishingly there is a link between keeping a church comfortable and in use, and the climate outside, in the UK and wider.

As far as energy use is concerned, the balance between heat and light is even more heavily weighted towards heat. That's because electricity yields 2½ times more CO<sub>2</sub> per unit than gas, and twice as much as oil.

So we save CO<sub>2</sub> and energy by making our heating and lighting more efficient. But the saving in energy is more effectual from efficient heating, the saving of CO<sub>2</sub> is more beneficial from electricity. We should do both. We save money both ways! Any church has plenty of ways of spending its money to further its worship and mission, and should need no persuading not to waste it on energy and CO<sub>2</sub> production. I warmly encourage St James's heating project. I'll stand by to learn more about it and offer a helping hand!

The Diocese has produced a number of leaflets about the issue that can be downloaded at:

[www.london.anglican.org/Shrinking-the-Footprint-world](http://www.london.anglican.org/Shrinking-the-Footprint-world). There are also some paper copies in church.



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## Around the Spire

NEWS FROM HAMPTON HILL AND BEYOND

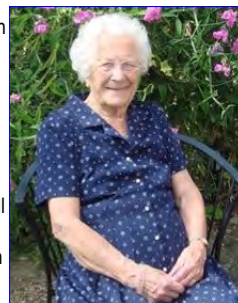
### Moving stories from parishioners

**AMY HAMILTON** moved to Hampton Hill in the early 1970s, living firstly in Uxbridge Road and then in the Wilderness off Park Road. She was a very loyal member of St. James's and a Spire distributor.

Amy has now moved to a retirement village close to her daughter and family at Nailsea near Bristol. She has settled in well and is enjoying being near her family.

**Dick and Mary Wilde** have moved much more locally to Windmill Road after 45 years in St. James's Avenue.

We wish them and Amy every happiness in their new homes.



Remember that the **clocks go back an hour on Sunday 28 October.**



Thank you to all who have **Children's Society** boxes at home. The total collected this year was **£291**. Please contact Pip Rowett if you would like to have a box. Nationally, 162,000 supporters keep one of the collection boxes in their home, helping to raise over £2 million each year.

We will be selling **Christmas cards** for various charities after the 9.30am service on **Sunday 28 October** (in the church) and on **Sunday 4 November** (in the hall). Please do come and see what is available.

### Pilgrimage to St George's Chapel




About 30 people travelled to St George's Chapel, Windsor, for this year's Parish Pilgrimage. There they enjoyed a tour of the chapel by a military Knight of the Garter, time in the Albert Memorial Chapel, and a chance to see some of the plate close up. Following refreshments the group were welcomed at evensong. Our thanks go to the staff of St George's Chapel.

Our vicar, Peter, celebrated his recent 50th birthday between the Faroes and Norway, whilst on a cruise which included Iceland.



## It's Harvest Time!



**Mouse Makes**

May the peoples praise you,  
O God, may all the peoples praise you.  
The land has yielded  
it's harvest; and  
God, our God has  
blessed us.  
Psalm 67:6

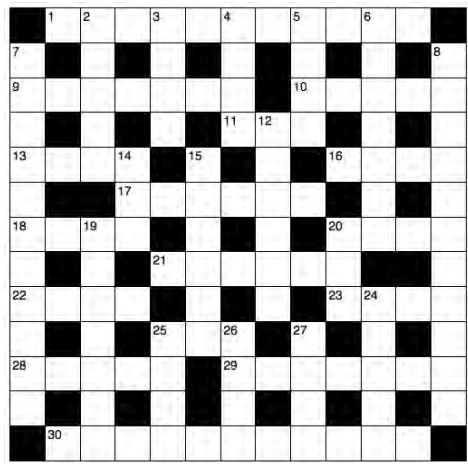
**Can you find these fruit?**  
PINEAPPLE • GRAPES • FIGS  
KIWI • MELON • PEACH • PIP  
CHERRY • PEAR • PLUM • LIME  
ORANGE BANANA • APRICOT  
APPLES • DATE

**All good gifts around us are  
sent from heaven above,  
then thank the Lord, O thank  
the Lord for all his love.**

**What's in the pot of jam?**  
Can you find...  
CHERRY • YAM • WINE • KIWI  
FIG • MELON • CHIPS • PEAR  
PLUM • LIME • APPLE • GRAPE  
PEACH • MANGO • ONION  
LYCHEE • LEMON  
ORANGE

**Find these words in the haystack:**  
HARVEST PLOUGH FOOD  
SEED GOD WHEAT SUN  
SOIL RAIN BREAD  
SCATTER LAND SOW LOAF

### Crossword



#### Across

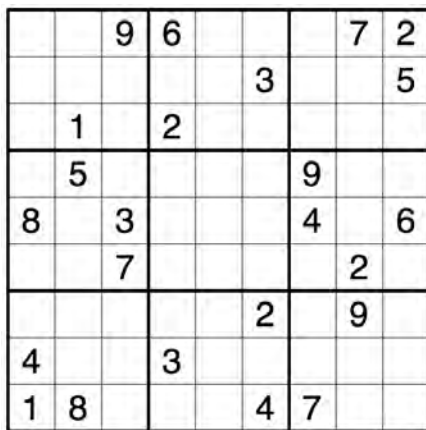
- 1 The sixth disciple (Matthew 10:3) (11)
- 9 'And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the ---' (Matthew 6:13) (4,3)
- 10 Love intensely (Song of Songs 1:4) (5)
- 11 From Mt Carmel to Jezreel, Elijah — all the way (1 Kings 18:46) (3)
- 13 One of the Midianite leaders who was captured and killed after Gideon's victory in the valley near Moreh (Judges 7:25) (4)
- 16 Metallic element (4)
- 17 At line (anag.) (6)
- 18 'Cursed is everyone who is — on a tree' (Galatians 3:13) (4)
- 20 Where Samson killed a thousand Philistines with a donkey's jawbone (Judges 15:14) (4)
- 21 He succeeded Moses (Deuteronomy 34:9) (6)
- 22 'When he saw him, he took — on him' (Luke 10:33) (4)
- 23 'For — is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction' (Matthew 7:13) (4)
- 25 'The god of this — has blinded the minds of unbelievers' (2 Corinthians 4:4) (3)
- 28 Fear or terror (Psalm 31:22) (5)
- 29 'We, who are many, are one body, for we all — of the one loaf' (1 Corinthians 10:17) (7)
- 30 Assyrian ruler assassinated by his sons

while worshipping his god Nisroch (2 Kings 19:37) (11)

#### Down

- 2 'For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made —' (1 Corinthians 15:22) (5)
- 3 'After supper he — the cup' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (4)
- 4 The request of a man of Macedonia in Paul's vision: 'Come — to Macedonia and help us' (Acts 16:9) (4)
- 5 He disobeyed his father Judah by refusing to impregnate his dead brother's wife (Genesis 38:9) (4)
- 6 I veto me (anag.) (7)
- 7 Fourth king of Judah (1 Kings 15:24) (11)
- 8 Priest of God Most High, who blessed Abram (Genesis 14:18) (11)
- 12 'I have made you — for the Gentiles' (Acts 13:47) (1,5)
- 14 Implore (1 Samuel 15:25) (3)
- 15 'Out of the eater, something to eat; out of the —, something sweet' (Judges 14:14) (6)
- 19 'I am the most ignorant of men; I do — a man's understanding' (Proverbs 30:2) (3,4)
- 20 'Sin shall not be your master, because you are not under —, but under grace' (Romans 6:14) (3)
- 24 Native of, say, Baghdad (5)
- 25 Last word in the Bible (Revelation 22:21) (4)
- 26 Heroic tale (4)
- 27 '...the truth will set you —' (John 8:32) (4)

### Sudoku



Complete the grid so that every row, column, and each 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 once.

Solutions to both puzzles will appear in the next issue

## Stained Glass in our church

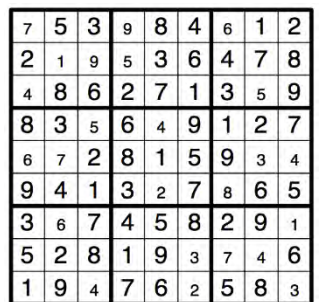


Jesus often told stories when he was teaching because people are more likely to remember stories. We call his stories parables and they are very important because they help us to know what God wants.

A parable is actually a story that teaches us something about God or how God wants us to behave.

Have a look in the south aisle for the pair of windows showing the **Parable of the Sower**. If you don't know this parable you can read it in the Gospels of Matthew, Mark and Luke.

### Solutions to August / September's puzzles



# What's On



## MO'S 4-MINUTE MILE

In 1954 Dr Roger Bannister, after a morning working in hospital, drove to Oxford and with three friends as pace makers, including Chris Chataway and Chris Brasher, ran the first-ever mile in under four minutes: 3.59.8.

In the June *Spire* I wrote about how fast Mo Farah would have to run the last lap of his races to win the gold medal. As we all know he won the 10,000 metres. Then came the 5,000 metres which he also won. He ran the last mile in under 4 minutes — 3.58, simply astonishing. How appropriate that Sir Roger Bannister was there to watch.

Many of you will have seen the red post box now painted gold near the shop where Mo once worked in Broad Street, Teddington. One powerful memory of the Olympics was Mo doing Usian Bolt's lightning sign beside Bolt doing a 'Mobot'.

## JUST SWIMMING FAST

Watching the swimming Paralympics, at first I was amazed how some of the swimmers could swim at all; one the back stroke with no arms. One presenter asked if they sank? The response, 'They use their legs, and they swim, really, really fast and win.' Some swam with hardly any legs. When they got out of the pool they simply put on their prosthetic legs and walked off — astonishing! After watching for about 45 minutes I realized I had stopped noticing their disabilities and just marvelled at the speed they swam. They were just swimming and breaking records.

## CASINO BANKERS' GREED

Bob Diamond blamed a group of 14 bankers in Barclays for the Libor Rate fixing scandal. In fact this scandal clearly involved most of our major banks, but the key to understanding what is wrong is surely the sheer scale of pay that investment bankers receive. In Barclays, 138,800 employees have pay scales we can understand. Barclays Capital, the investment group created by Diamond, has 238 employees who were paid £4.27m each last year.

The investment bank group generated over half the company's pre-tax income last year, but it also carried £1.8 trillion gross credit risk — more than the UK's entire annual income. They have been described as 'casino bankers', but in a casino the players put up their own money. Barclays paid £113m in corporation tax in 2009. Diamond's total earnings from his time at Barclays are thought to be over £100m. A culture change in investment banking is needed.

## CATHOLICS and GAY MARRIAGE

A group of prominent Roman Catholics have written to *The Times* supporting the Government's proposals to introduce same-sex civil marriage, despite the opposition of the Catholic Bishops' Conference. They say the church has 'a serious responsibility to work towards the elimination of any injustices perpetrated on homosexuals in society'. They quote Cardinal Basil Hume, writing in 1997: 'Love between two persons, whether of the same sex, or a different sex, is to be treasured and respected' and these relationships 'should be afforded social recognition'. The leader of the church in Scotland described gay marriage as 'grotesque'.

## THE THREE MINUTE RULE

The Diocese of Wakefield has developed a rule which suggests that after any church service for the first three minutes people should speak to people they know least rather than people they know best.

Visitors can so easily go unwelcomed.

### NEW LISTING

#### St James's Theatre Club

Friday 5 October, **Relatively Speaking**, 7.30pm, Richmond Theatre, The Green, Richmond TW9 1QJ  
Felicity Kendal and Jonathan Coy star in Alan Ayckbourn's wonderfully funny and charmingly English comedy. Prior

to the West End. Discounted tickets £29.  
Also: **Driving Miss Daisy**, Friday 26 October, 7.30pm, starring Gwen Taylor. Tickets £25. Both these prices are for a party of 20, otherwise they will go up.

Please add your name to the list in church or telephone Peter Hale on 020 8979 9287. Transport can be arranged.

#### Harvest Sunday

Sunday 7 October, 11am, St James's Church

Our annual Harvest Festival All-age Service starts at the later time of 11am, followed by a bring-and-share lunch in the Church Hall.

We are supporting **The Upper Room**, dedicated to the relief of poverty among those people who are socially disadvantaged, vulnerable or homeless and. The centre provides a range of services, including serving over 25,000 hot meals to homeless people every year. You can help by providing non-perishable food (making sure they are well within date), toiletries and new socks or underwear.

### NEW LISTING

#### Church Service

Sunday 14 October, 6.30pm, St Francis de Sales Church, 16 Wellington Road, Hampton Hill TW12 1JR

Come and worship with our local churches. The service will be preceded by the annual general meeting at 5pm, to which all are welcome.

### NEW LISTING

#### Traidcraft London Roadshow

Saturday 13 October, 10am-4pm, Salvation Army Regent Hall, 275 Oxford Street, London W1C 2DJ

A wonderful opportunity to see all the products in the Autumn catalogue. Copies are in church to borrow, with discounts of 15% available on craft and clothing items.

### NEW LISTING

#### Faith at Work

Saturday 13 October, **Faith, Computers and Communism**, 9.15-10.15am, St James's Church

Pip Rowett continues the new autumn season of lively discussions about the difference faith makes to our lives. The series continues with: Saturday 27 October **Faith, Books and Chocolate** with Margaret Taylor; Saturday 10 November **Faith in Nursing** with Gwynneth Lloyd; and Saturday 24 November **Faith in Schools** with Stuart Richardson.

## Registers for July and August

JULY		AUGUST	
<b>Baptisms</b>		<b>Baptisms</b>	
<b>22</b>	Imogen Carol Russell, Hampton Hill	<b>26</b>	Megan Rose Green, Hampton
<b>29</b>	Archie Tom James Purdey, Hampton Hill	<b>26</b>	Charlie Thomas John Frank, Hampton Hill
<b>Funeral</b>		<b>Funerals</b>	
<b>26</b>	Edward Albert Gale, 89, Richmond	<b>9</b>	Paul Vannozi, 68, Hampton
		<b>16</b>	Ian Jackson, 57, Hampton
		<b>20</b>	Roy Albert Rhoades-Brown, 81, Hampton Hill

### NEW LISTING

#### One World Week 21-28 October

Sharing Destiny — Moving Towards One World

Sunday 28 October, 4pm, St John's Church, Church Grove / St John's Road, Hampton Wick, Surrey KT1 4AL

One World Week includes **United Nations Day** (24 October). This year's focus is the Rio+20 Conference, held in June, which reviewed the progress since the Earth Summit in 1992. This is also the *UN Year of Co-operatives* and the service celebrates this. Churches Together Around Teddington are organising this service. For more information telephone Elizabeth Hicks on 020 8977 8406.



### NEW LISTING

#### All Souls' Requiem

Sunday 4 November, 6pm, St James's Church

All are welcome at this service, held to remember friends and loved ones who have died. Names may be added to a list in church for inclusion in the service.

### NEW LISTING

#### Remembrance Day Service

Sunday 11 November, 9.45am, St James's Church, Hampton Hill, and then at the War Memorial

A special service to remember all those who have died in the two world wars and more recent armed conflicts such as the Falkland Islands, Iraq and Afghanistan. Shortly before 11am people are invited to gather round the War Memorial, where the Last Post will be sounded, followed by two minutes' silence. Wreaths will be laid by officials and individuals with personal tributes.



#### Confirmation Service

Sunday 11 November, 6pm, St James's Church, followed by wine and cake in hall

The service will be led by the Bishop of Kensington, the Rt Revd Paul Williams.

At Confirmation Services people of very different ages make a public commitment to the Christian faith. Usually candidates come from several different local churches.



### NEW LISTING

#### Pot Luck and Poetry Evening

Saturday 17 November, 6pm, St James's Church Hall

Back by popular demand! A wine and pot luck supper. All you need to do is to bring a plate of finger food to share and a favourite poem to read. Be it comical, sad, romantic and angry, the evening promises something for everyone.



## Vicar's View



'After the summer we've had, I'm expecting a lot of people to bring fish!'



# Your Voice

Susan Horner was one of the lucky ones to watch Olympic history being made

## Inspiring the next generation



Like so many others, I was caught up in the wave of euphoria when it was announced that London had won the bid for the 2012 Olympics, only for this to be eclipsed by the terrorist attacks the next day.

In the following years, my enthusiasm waned as the costs escalated and doubts were raised about whether the transport system would be able to cope. However, as 2012 approached, I felt that I wanted to be part of it; after all, the Olympics would not be in London again in my lifetime!

We applied for tickets and were fortunate enough to be successful for three Olympic events and three Paralympic events. In addition, living in Hampton Hill, we were able to see the cycle road racing and time trials.

The mood of the country seemed to change once the torch relay was underway. It was good that it passed within a short distance of the majority of the population and that it was carried by so many individuals who had served their community in such a variety of ways. I saw it pass through Petersham and then later on its way downriver on the *Gloriana*, each time cheered on by an enthusiastic crowd who had waited quite a while.

On the morning of the opening day, four of us from St. James's rang the church bells, together with ringers throughout the country. The opening ceremony set the tone for the British Olympics: different, with several surprises, but a true celebration of what was to come. I was particularly pleased to see many children taking part, and impressed by the symbolism of the cauldron, made up of 204 parts to represent the competing nations and lit by young athletes.

The first weekend and the following Wednesday involved a lot of walking to see the cycling events pass by. It was good to see such large, good-humoured crowds cheering on the competitors and, of course, to celebrate some British victories!

I had not watched tennis at Wimbledon since the 1960s, so I enjoyed the opportunity to be there again. We saw some of the British girls on the practice courts in the morning and walked past Henman Hill. As well as the scheduled singles matches, we saw Roger Federer and Stanislas Wawrinka playing a doubles match.

Our next event was beach volleyball at Horse Guards Parade. This was a sport I had never watched before and was completely different; a lot of 'razzmatazz', with music between points and dancers at frequent intervals. The noise was incredible!

Two days later, we were at the Olympic Park itself. We arrived early to have plenty of time to walk round the site and see the stadia for the different sports. I loved the flowers: not formal planting, but masses of cornflowers, ox-eye daisies, marigolds and many other flowers planted like wildflower meadows throughout the site. Our tickets were for the evening session on what turned out to be *Super Saturday* when Jessica Ennis, Greg Rutherford and Mo Farah won three gold medals for Great Britain within an

hour. What a night to be there! The enthusiasm of the huge crowd knew no bounds as everyone rose to their feet to salute the athletes.

Next came the Paralympics. We returned to the Olympic Park to see Eleanor Simmonds win one of her gold medals for swimming and then went to two different venues: Eton Dorney for rowing, and finally Greenwich for an equestrian event. After the roar of the crowds elsewhere, this made a very peaceful change as we were asked *not* to applaud as the competitors entered the arena and performed their dressage routine so that we did not upset the horses. At all these Paralympic events, I was impressed by the *ability*, determination and enjoyment of all the athletes.

At every event, the very large crowds were marshalled with great good humour by volunteers, directing us to and from the stations and manning all the road crossings. Despite all the gloomy predictions of the media, public transport coped very efficiently with the thousands of spectators at the events we attended. When I read in the paper of the number of events taking place each day, I realised what a huge organisational task this has been; the preparation of the venues, providing judges, officials, security, media facilities and volunteers to make everything run smoothly and to time.

A lot has been said about *legacy*. I would certainly hope that the wonderful facilities and the accommodation will be used by the wider community for many years to come. Other benefits are much harder to measure. The Olympics must inspire more young people to take up sport. Gym, athletics, rowing and other clubs report an increase in membership. Many former Olympians give their time to visit schools and act as coaches and mentors to the next generation.

As with the Jubilee celebrations in June, the Olympics do seem to have brought out the best of the British character. People waited for hours to see the cyclists pass, chatting to whoever was beside them. Spectators moved around the venues and to the stations without pushing and in good humour. It has given us an opportunity to mix with our neighbours, the local community and fellow-countrymen in an atmosphere of celebration and goodwill.



Jessica Ennis savours victory



## Songs of praise

The story behind the hymn

Come, ye thankful people, come



Come, ye thankful people, come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All is safely gathered in,  
Ere the winter storms begin;  
God, our Maker, doth provide  
For our wants to be supplied;  
Come to God's own temple, come;  
Raise the song of harvest home!

We ourselves are God's own field,  
Fruit unto his praise to yield;  
Wheat and tares together sown  
Unto joy or sorrow grown;  
First the blade and then the ear,  
Then the full corn shall appear;  
Grant, O harvest Lord, that we  
Wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come,  
And shall take the harvest home;  
From His field shall in that day  
All offences purge away,  
Giving angels charge at last  
In the fire the tares to cast;  
But the fruitful ears to store  
In the garner evermore.

Then, thou Church triumphant come,  
Raise the song of harvest home!  
All be safely gathered in,  
Free from sorrow, free from sin,  
There, forever purified,  
In God's garner to abide;  
Come, ten thousand angels, come,  
Raise the glorious harvest home!

This hymn will be sung on **Sunday 7 October** as part of Harvest Festival. It is a commonly sung harvest hymn with lyrics written by Henry Alford (1810-71), a priest who ended his ministry as Dean of Canterbury. Though the hymn may appear simply to be one that gives thanks for the harvest, it takes the harvest image further, alluding to Jesus's use of the image. The harvest he refers to is that expected at the end of the time with judgment in its wake. There will be a sifting of 'tares' and 'fruitful ears'. The hymn's jolly tune distracts from challenging words!

The final verse of the hymn brings together both the harvest now in this world, and the final harvest at the end of all things.