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# Our Church

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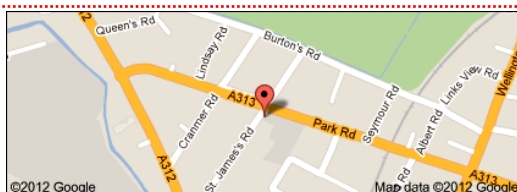
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# From the Editor...

July is going to be a busy time with St James's Day on 13 July (and hopefully a sunny day for lunch in the vicarage garden as last year). We are looking forward to welcoming our former curate, Julie Gittoes, to preach. As you will see on the page opposite, Peter has also been to Santiago de Compostela, where St James's bones are now said to lie.

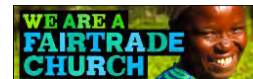
July sees the start of the big project to renew the boilers and central heating in the church. This means that the church will be out of action until the end of September. Details of the revised services in the Fitz Wygram Church Hall are listed below. Planning began in 2012, so it will be good to see it completed by the winter.

The centrespread is about Janet Bell's visit to India. This is a very inspiring story and the visit made a huge impression on her. Margaret Taylor reveals her favourite books — just in time for the summer holidays in case you need inspiration for books to take away.

## Best wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn



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# Come and worship with us!

## Sundays

**8am Holy Communion**  
**9.30am Parish Communion**

### Sunday 6 July

#### 3rd Sunday of Trinity

Zechariah 9.9-12  
Romans 7.15-25a  
Matthew 11.16-19, 25-30

### Sunday 13 July

#### St James's Day

**8am and 11am**  
Acts 11.27-12.2  
2 Corinthians 4.7-15  
Matthew 20.20-28

### Sunday 20 July

#### 5th Sunday of Trinity

Isaiah 44.6-8  
Romans 8.12-25  
Matthew 13.24-30, 36-43

## IMPORTANT CHANGES

## New place, new times

From **27 July**, Sunday services will be in the **Fitz Wygram Church Hall** to allow for work to replace the church's central heating system. **Holy Communion** will take place at **9am** and **11am**, with tea and coffee served from 10.15-10.45am, to enable everyone to meet up, whichever service they attend.

### Sunday 27 July

#### 6th Sunday of Trinity

Romans 8.26-39  
Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

From **21 July** weekday services will be in the **Fitz Wygram Church Hall's Upper Room**

## Mondays-Fridays (not Tues)

**9.15am Morning Prayer**

## Tuesdays

**9.30am Holy Communion**

**FROM 21 JULY ALL SERVICES WILL BE IN THE FITZ WYGRAM CHURCH HALL**



# James and pilgrimage



Someone asked me, 'Did you walk all the way to Santiago de Compostela?' Shamefaced, I had to admit, 'No, on a coach from a cruise ship.' It was a far cry from the determined and brave efforts of past and present pilgrims, making their long way across Europe by foot!

The *Camino* or *Way of St. James* was one of medieval Europe's most important pilgrimage sites. Located in north-western Spain, Santiago de Compostela has, at its heart, a great cathedral, containing what legend says are the bones of St. James 'the Great.'

There are two apostles named James, and this James is called 'the Great' as he was called to be an apostle before James 'the Less.' James the Great is the brother of John, a fisherman called away from his nets by Jesus.

The Acts of the Apostles tells us that James was the first of the apostles to die for their faith. He was killed by the sword — hence the depiction of him often in art with a sword.

On the day I visited Santiago, I was fortunate enough to attend the 12 noon Pilgrims' Mass. The cathedral was full — a mixture of pilgrims and tourists, from many nations. What was the draw of this place?

A recent BBC Two programme called *Pilgrimage* had its presenter, Simon Reeve, visiting a range of different pilgrimage sites. He was a self-confessed agnostic, yet had a sense of the significance of the places he was visiting from a variety of perspectives. He explored the varying motivation of modern day pilgrims.

For some, it was much as it had been for centuries — an explicit desire to pray at a Christian holy site. For others, this was a voyage of discovery, perhaps breaking away from the everyday routine, looking for something more. What is it about pilgrimages that still seems to appeal, even in secular times?

## What is a pilgrimage?

A recent news item I heard talked of a family making a 'pilgrimage' to the place where, sadly, a loved one had died. A pilgrimage? How is this the case?

## Charity Box The Children's Society

This year sees the end of an era as Anne and Pip Rowett, who organised Children's Society collections for well over 20 years, pass the baton to Nicky and David Hetling.

These collections take place through Children's Society boxes, which are available to anyone who would like to have one at home for loose change, and of course via the Christingle candle boxes that are distributed during Advent.

The Children's Society was established in the 19th century by Edward Rudolf with the support of the Church of England. Rudolf was a civil servant and a Sunday school teacher who was



At root, a pilgrimage is a journey to a destination that the traveller holds as sacred. This might be conventionally religious, but not necessarily. The site of something joyful or sorrowful may be experienced as sacred in the sense that its significance is heightened for that person, and its meaning transformed.

The image of the journey is one that is used for life in different settings — *The X Factor* represents a contestant's 'journey' through the competition until they are voted off.

## Our sense of seeking

Perhaps the journey image is simply something we have in common as human beings, and sacred journeys are part of our make-up.

Personally, I think they are of value. A pilgrimage takes us out of the ordinary, and focuses our attention. It can heighten our sense of seeking, and provide a way in which we can acknowledge it.

A pilgrimage reminds us that life does not have to be seen as a series of random events, but rather as a journey with a sacred destination. For Christians, God himself.

## Following in the footsteps...

This month we celebrate St. James. His feast day in the Christian Year is 25 July, but we will anticipate it on Sunday 13 July, joined by the Revd. Canon Julie Gittos, Curate of St. James's from 2003-6, and now a residentiary canon at Guildford Cathedral.

Maybe we could see our journey to church that day as a 'pilgrimage' following in the footsteps of countless others, not least those who walked the Camino to Santiago.

As for me, I was pleased to have broken away from the guided tour and had an hour in the cathedral as a pilgrim, albeit a rather pampered one! It meant that alongside the historical interest, which was the focus of the guided tour, I could add the spiritual dimension.

However it may be for you, may God bless you on your journey, as we celebrate our parish and church's patron saint, James, this July.

moved to act by the extreme poverty that he witnessed among children locally. His initiative saw over 100 children's homes set up by 1919 and the society has provided a meaningful future for disadvantaged and vulnerable children ever since.

The focus of The Children's Society today is on helping children at risk on the streets, disabled children, young refugees, young carers and those within the youth justice system.

This changeover is a good opportunity to remind everyone how important these collection boxes are — they raise £2m a year. If you would like to have one in your home, please contact Nicky or David. Thank you for your support.



## Thought & Prayer

Taking time to talk to God

## Saint James the Great

A prayer said along the *Camino*, the pilgrim's way to Santiago de Compostela

*O God, who brought your servant Abraham out of the land of the Chaldeans, protecting him in his wanderings, who guided the Hebrew people across the desert, we ask that you watch over us, your servants, as we walk in the love of your name to Santiago de Compostela.*

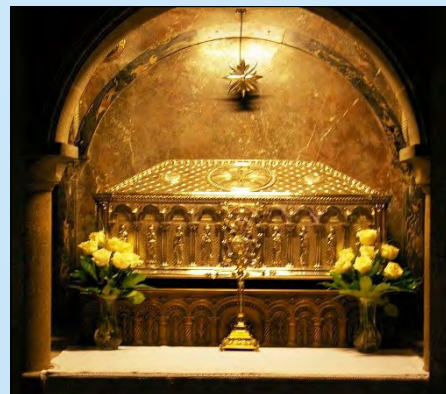
*Be for us our companion on the walk,*

*Our guide at the crossroads,  
Our breath in our weariness,  
Our protection in danger,  
Our albergue on the Camino,  
Our shade in the heat,  
Our light in the darkness,  
Our consolation in our discouragements,  
And our strength in our intentions.*

*So that with your  
guidance we may arrive  
safe and sound at the  
end of the Road and  
enriched with grace and  
virtue we return safely  
to our homes filled with joy.  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*



## Words addressed to St. James



*St James, Apostle  
Chosen among the first  
You were the first to drink  
The Cup of the Master  
And you are the great protector of pilgrims;  
Make us strong in faith  
And happy in hope  
On our pilgrim journey  
Following the path of Christian life  
And sustain us so that  
We may finally reach the glory of God the Father  
Amen.*

Photos: (top) St James on the carving of the cathedral's west door; (above) the casket, said to contain the bones of St James, the focal point in the cathedral.





Local and National stories

## Church's plan to take on Wonga

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** has launched a scheme to promote responsible lending, which will see people being given financial advice in church. The Church Credit Champions Network (CCCN) will promote the use of credit unions rather than payday lenders.

It follows the Archbishop of Canterbury's criticism of payday lenders such as Wonga. The Bishop of Stepney, the Rt Revd Adrian Newman, said: 'You can either whinge about the Wongas or provide an alternative.' There are 400 UK credit unions. Because they are owned by their members they usually offer cheaper loans. A typical payday loan of £400 costs £12 for a month, compared to £41.62 from Wonga.



## Services move to church hall

**ALL SERVICES** will move from the church to the Fitz Wygram Church Hall from **Monday 21 July** while the new central heating system is installed. Weekday services will be in the Upper Room, using the side entrance opposite the vestry door. On Sundays, two identical services will take place at 9am and 11am. Tea and coffee will be served between them, at about 10.15am, to enable everyone to meet up, whichever service they attend. We ask for your patience at this time. If you find the service you attend is busy, you may prefer to switch to the other one.

## Royal recognition for Rangers

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the Horse Rangers Association, based at the Royal Mews, Hampton Court, which has received the Queen's Award for Voluntary Services. The association was founded in 1954. Church member Linda Cargill, who has been a Group Instructor in their special needs section (Riding for the Disabled Association) for many years, along with colleagues, attended a Buckingham Palace Garden Party in June.

## A chance to be Confirmed

**THERE IS A** diocesan Confirmation Service at St Paul's Cathedral on Saturday 1 November at 5pm. If any adult or young person would like to consider being confirmed, please speak to Peter Vannozi.

## Christian Aid Week total

**THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY** has sent a message thanking everyone who helped with Christian Aid Week, raising money so that more people in many troubled countries can live free from fear. The total collected by members of St. James's was £3694 including Gift Aid, which although £240 down on last year is still a creditable amount.

### HAMPTON DEANERY — MAKING A DIFFERENCE

## Helping people get back to work

### ROOM TO WORK

at St John's Church, Hampton Wick is an employability course for skilled workers, managers and professionals. Its aim is to fill the gap between the Job Centre and expensive career coaching for professional people who are made redundant.

The course grew out of a parishioner's passion for getting unemployed people aged over 40 back to work. Everyone is welcome, but it specialises in mature job-seekers, recognising that they may find it especially difficult to find work and can suffer a loss of dignity as a result.

The course teaches skills to get back into the workplace, such as improving CVs, confidence and speaking techniques. Since it started in October 2012, it has worked with 100 clients, of whom 20 have found jobs, while contributing hugely to raising the confidence of all involved.

Room for Work runs on charitable funding, including funding from the Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity. Go online: [roomforwork.jimdo.com](http://roomforwork.jimdo.com)



# Golden moments



Penny, Jassie and Janet

India is the world's seventh-largest country, with 1.2 billion people. It is developing rapidly, and now has the world's 10th largest economy. But as **Janet Bell** found on a recent visit there, the special moments are also the unexpected ones, when people lift the veil to reveal intimate events in their ordinary lives.

**T**he Golden Temple, Sikhism's holiest shrine, at Amritsar, in the Punjab, glistened in a golden pool of holy water. Our first view of the Golden Temple floating at the end of a long causeway was breathtaking: beautiful soft light from the decorated marble lower level, a second level of intricately engraved gold panels and topped with shimmering gold panelled dome.

Not only is it a spiritual place, but very welcoming. Our evening trip watching the ceremony of Guru Granth Sahib, the Sikh holy book being returned to the Akal Takht (Timeless Throne) to 'rest' overnight and the day exploring with our guide Jassie and having time to just watch the pilgrims was one of the highlights of our trip to Rajasthan in India.

### AMAZING PLACES

Our trip last year to Rajasthan in India, took us to some amazing places — the Taj Mahal, Old Delhi, Fatehpur Sikri a fortified ancient city, Jaipur 'The Pink City', Udaipur, Jodpur 'The Blue City' dominated by its magnificent fort, Rathambhore National Park in search of tigers.

I could go on, but for me the excitement of travelling is surprising experiences and chance encounters, which provide those special memories that one holds onto when home, and back in the day-to-day routines.

### A FEW OF OUR CHANCE ENCOUNTERS

Our first morning in India was spent being driven through Old Delhi, at first light and misty, as the city awakened, the stalls opening up, people making their way to work, the day's chores beginning. We then started a seven-hour train journey to Amritsar in the Punjab.

The train was full and we appeared to be the only Westerners in our large carriage. The outskirts of Delhi flew by, to be replaced by the countryside.

A 14-year-old Indian boy sitting beside us, asked in excellent English if we would like to read his English comic, and there started a wonderful encounter with his family. Manon was travelling with his parents, sister, both sets of grandparents, his cousin, aunt and uncle. Introductions began, and they popped their heads up above the high-backed seats, one by one. They too were travelling to Amritsar.

In between the numerous 'comings and goings' of the steward — a copy of the *Delhi Times*, a flask of hot water to make tea, breakfast and drinking water — we conversed aided by translation from Manon (the only English speaker amongst them) and various visual aids. I passed my camera round with the images I had taken of the garden and cars covered in snow back at home as I had left to travel to the airport two days before. This caused much amusement as the day's temperature was now in the 70s and rising.

Penny, my travelling companion, showed me a photograph of her family in a very green and leafy garden. Manon's father was interested in prices of property in England and with the aid of a magazine we tried to compare with English properties. It would seem that property prices are not just an interest here in Hampton Hill, but internationally!

Seven hours later the train drew into the station at Amritsar, and amidst the flurry of passengers gathering bags up and disembarking, Manon's grandfathers insisted on getting our luggage from the overhead racks. We bade farewell to our new friends and headed on for the next part of our adventure.



Roadside ironing service



# captured forever



## THE WEDDING AT BHENSWARA

The sound of a band in the village and much merriment late one evening floated into the courtyard. A few of us ventured out into the village to investigate. It was a *baraat*, the bridegroom's procession part of the wedding celebrations — complete with white horse and a brass band playing and surrounded by friends and family.

The women, dressed in ornate and brightly coloured saris, danced around the bridegroom to the music as they processed around the village.

We kept our distance, not wanting to intrude, but the bridegroom's father and the women beckoned to us to join in. With British reticence we declined, but they wouldn't take no for an answer and we found ourselves being instructed in Indian dancing. Actions really did speak louder than words.



Mindful that we had rather gatecrashed the party, we gradually drew back, but not before the groom's father insisted that we had a photograph taken by the official photographer, of us around the groom, resplendent on his white horse. The party continued on, complete with fireworks long into the night.

And just when we were about to cross the road, another unexpected encounter ... a passing elephant!

## ANYONE FOR CHAI?

An impromptu outing with the owner of Castle Bijaipur, Rao, and our tour leader Jai Prakash (JP), who had been at boarding school with Rao's son, found us walking to a new building on the outskirts of the village to visit the girls' school.

Rao was very proud of the school and being part of the national drive to improve girls' education.

Founded in 2007 it provides schooling and board for 108 girls from the surrounding area. Without boarding they would be unable to attend because of the distance they would need to travel daily. There are 40 girls to a class, though the upper years are smaller as some of the girls are needed at home and are unable to complete their education.

A notice in the corridor listed all the items pupils are entitled to, including school uniform, comb and hair oil. All their belongings are kept in metal trunks at the end of their beds in the dormitory. They all seemed to enjoy the interruption as we entered the classrooms.

The cook arrived with chai (tea) for us and we chatted with the older girls who had finished their morning lessons. They spoke a little English and wanted to know about London. The snow pictures on my camera came in useful again.

They were fascinated by the snow and thought it looked very beautiful. My chunky-soled sandals, 'fit flops', that I was wearing, caused much hilarity amongst them when I let them try them on. Laughter is a universal language! They waved us off before returning to their lessons and we made our way back through the village passing the 'ironer' at his stall, working his way through a huge pile of ironing. No electric iron for him. I made a mental note not to complain about ironing when I returned home!

India is a land of huge contrasts, of riches and poverty, but everywhere we went smiles of welcome greeted us. It left me thirsting for more — which is why I am planning to return later this year.



Girls' dormitory



## South Africa comes to St James's!

**ABIGAIL CAMMIDGE**, daughter of Jacky and Alan, married Jacobus Zietsman on 24 May.

The service included a lesson read in Afrikaans and the couple left the church to South African music. The ceremony was followed by a reception at the home of the bride's parents. Pictured with Abigail and Jacobus are Abigail's parents and her sisters, Angharad and Amy.



## Alwyne, 94, a perfect gentleman

**ALWYNE ETESON LOYD** died on 10 May at the age of 94. Associated with St. James's Church since he and his late wife, Alison, moved to the area in 1970, Alwyne was in his day an altar server, Parochial Church Council member, and magazine distributor.

In retirement an active volunteer in his local community, Alwyne relished his time as a volunteer guide in the Chapel Royal, Hampton Court Palace. He was passionate about genealogy, the longest serving liveryman of the Goldsmiths' Company, informed and well-read. Alwyne had a large family, and was able to meet his first great-grandchild just a few weeks before he died. He was a 'gentleman', dignified, warm and thoughtful. Alwyne's funeral service was held in St. James's on 28 May followed by his burial at Teddington Cemetery, alongside Alison, to whom he was married for 55 years and utterly devoted. There followed a memorial service in the Chapel Royal, with hardly a seat to spare. Our thoughts and prayers at this time are with the Loyd family and Alwyne's many friends.



## Marking WW1 with poppies



**THE SHELL SEEKERS**, our Sunday School children, planted poppy seeds in the churchyard on 1 June as part of a Church of England initiative to commemorate the centenary of the start of World War One. A nest of stag beetles was discovered while the ground was being prepared!

## In memory of John Rainbow



**A FLOWERING CHERRY** tree has been planted by the Garden of Remembrance in memory of John Rainbow, who died, aged 92, on Boxing Day last year. The tree was donated by his widow, Betty. The variety is *Chocolate Ice*, which is particularly appropriate as John loved chocolate! John's ashes were interred in the garden on

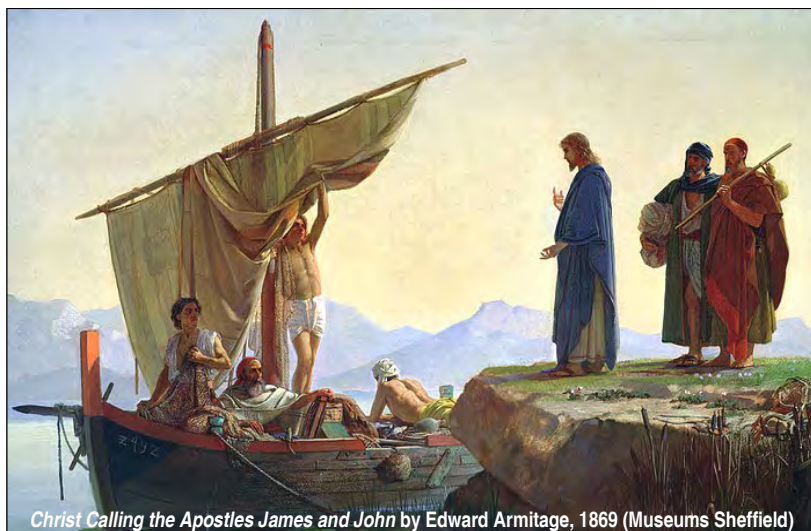
In memory of  
**John W. Rainbow**  
30.10.1921 - 26.12.2013  
Greatly loved

25 May after a service attended by many of their friends.





# All about Saint James



Christ Calling the Apostles James and John by Edward Armitage, 1869 (Museums Sheffield)

## When is St. James's Day?

St. James's day is 25 July. We celebrate this day on a Sunday near to that date.

## Why do we celebrate St. James's Day?

It is our patronal festival, celebrating our patron saint, St James. Patron saints are chosen as special protectors or guardians over certain things like occupations, illnesses, churches, countries and causes; in fact, anything that is important to us.

## What happens on St. James's Day at church?

St. James's Day is celebrated with a Parish Communion and after the service a shared lunch. This is often a barbeque or picnic in the vicarage garden. Afternoon activities include climbing the tower and ringing the bells. In earlier years there have been treasure hunts and Beating the Bounds, where parishoners took to their bicycles and rode around the parish boundary.

## How is James illustrated in our church?

James is shown in two ways — a mosaic of him,

and through a shell. In the mosaic, James is holding a staff, perhaps a pilgrim's staff. He is also holding a book inscribed with a cross with a shell in the middle of it. The book is presumably the gospel — the good news that James was sent out to proclaim. A shell is another symbol of a pilgrim.

## The story

James was the son of Zebedee and Mary Salome, older brother of Saint John. They may have been cousins of Jesus. The family had a fishing business on the Sea of Galilee which is where Jesus found the brothers and they immediately left their boat and father and followed him. James is actually called Saint James the Greater because he became an apostle before Saint James the Lesser. He was a disciple of Saint John the Baptist. James was one of the first disciples to join Jesus.

Jesus called him a 'son of thunder'. St. Luke's gospel tells us that James called down fire from heaven on the Samaritans because of their lack of faith. There is a well-known story in St. Mark's Gospel where the two brothers ask Jesus for the privilege of sitting at his right and left side in heaven. James was also present in the Garden of Gethsemane as one of the few apostles who accompanied Jesus there. He fell asleep as Jesus prayed, before being arrested on the orders of Pontius Pilate.

After Pentecost, James went on to preach the gospel in Samaria and Judea, and then legend says he travelled to Spain to spread the good news there. It is said that Mary, mother of Jesus, appeared in a vision to James in Spain around 40 AD, standing on a pillar supported by angels. She summoned him back to Jerusalem. The Acts of the Apostles records that he was one of the first apostles to be martyred (killed for his faith) by Herod Agrippa around 43 AD.

He was buried in Jerusalem, but it is claimed that his relics were moved to Santiago de Compostela, Spain, in 830 AD. There are cockle shells on the beaches of Galicia in northern Spain where his relics were brought on the way to Compostela and these were adopted as symbols of St. James.

Pilgrims who travel the same way are given a cockle shell at the end of their journey. In the later middle ages his shrine at Compostela was one of the greatest centres of pilgrimage in Christendom and remains so today.



## Lamb Tagine



**E**id al-Fitr, also called Feast of Breaking the Fast, the Sugar Feast, Bayram (Bajram), the Sweet Festival and the Lesser Eid, is an important religious holiday celebrated by Muslims worldwide to mark the end of Ramadan, the Islamic holy month of fasting (*sawm*).

The first Eid was celebrated in 624 CE by the Prophet Muhammad with his friends and relatives after the victory of the battle of Jang-e-Badar.

Muslims are not only celebrating the end of fasting, but thanking Allah for the support and strength that he gave them throughout the previous month to help them practise self-control.

The festival begins when the first sight of the new moon is seen in the sky. The celebratory atmosphere is increased by everyone wearing best or new clothes, and decorating their homes.

There are special services out of doors and in mosques, processions through the streets, and of course, a special celebratory meal — eaten during daytime, the first daytime meal Muslims will have had in a month.

Eid is also a time of forgiveness, and making amends.

## Method

1) Place the lamb in a bowl and add the ground coriander, ground ginger, saffron and one tablespoon of the olive oil. Mix well and leave to marinate in the fridge, covered, for 24 hours.

2) The next day, heat the remaining olive oil in a heavy-based pan with a lid. Cook the lamb until browned all over (you may need to do this in batches). Remove the lamb from the pan and set aside.

3) Fry the shallots in the same pan until lightly golden, then add the garlic and return the lamb to the pan.

4) Stir in the plain flour and add the tomato purée and cinnamon stick. Stir in the lamb stock and bring to the boil. Cover tightly and simmer gently for 1½ hours, or until the lamb is tender.

5) Add the parsley, coriander, lemon rind, dates and honey, stir well to combine and serve with a bowl of cous cous.



## Ingredients

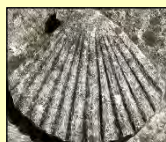
### Serves 6

- 1.5kg/3¼lb leg of lamb, cubed
- 2 tsp ground coriander seeds
- 2 tsp ground ginger
- Pinch of saffron
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- 18 shallots whole, peeled
- 4 garlic cloves, crushed
- 1 tbsp plain flour
- 1 tbsp tomato purée
- 1 cinnamon stick
- 600ml/1 pint lamb stock
- 2 tbsp flatleaf parsley, chopped
- 2 tsp coriander, chopped
- 1 preserved lemon, rinsed, inner pulp removed
- 110g/4oz dates, pits removed
- 1 tbsp clear honey

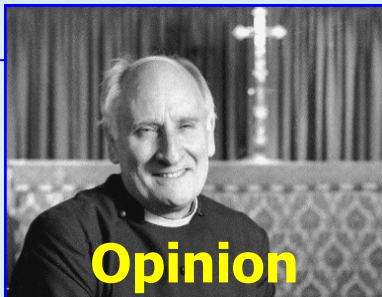
**Next Issue:**  
**Bible Cake**

## CAN YOU FIND THESE?

There are several shells in the church and churchyard. Can you find them?







## Opinion

with Canon Julian Reindorp

### PAPAL TRIO

Pope Francis' recent short visit to the Holy Land was remarkable in three ways. He took two friends with him from his time in Buenos Aires: Rabbi Abraham Skorka, rector of the Latin American Rabbinical Seminary, and Omar Abboud, the Muslim director of the Institute for Interreligious dialogue. In Bethlehem he stopped his Popemobile to pray at the 30ft high security wall which both surrounds the city and cuts off part of it. Normally papal visitors pray at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem. Finally, he invited both the Palestinian President and the Israeli President to come to Rome to pray, and remarkably they accepted

### CAPITALISM'S CRISIS?

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, recently suggested that capitalism is doomed if ethics vanish, unless bankers realise they have an obligation to create a fairer society.

He said: 'We cannot take the capitalism system, which produces such plenty and so many solutions, for granted. Prosperity requires not just investment in economic capital, but investment in social capital... Big banks are operating in a "heads-I-win-tails-you-lose bubble" ...capitalism loses its sense of moderation when belief in the power of the market enters the realm of faith.'

On the same day, the head of the International Monetary Fund, Christine Lagarde, warned that bankers' bonuses are a threat to stability. 'The behaviour of the financial sector has not changed fundamentally since the crisis,' she said. Borrowing from Oxfam research, she noted that the world's richest 85 people, who could fit in a London double-decker bus, control the same wealth as the poorest half of the world's population - 3.5 billion people. She suggested that rising inequality would undermine democracy and human rights. Is the Capitalist ship *Titanic* about to hit an iceberg twice in a decade?

### POVERTY IN WORK

The Joseph Rowntree Foundation showed recently that more working households live in poverty than non-working ones due to low pay and living standards. The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Cardiff, George Stack, highlighted that increasing employment is not a solution to the poverty crisis in Wales, where close to a quarter of the population live below the poverty line.

### A 'GOOD' INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY...

Here's the offer: an 18% return guaranteed in one year with your investment safely secured on a property. What is the business? Caring for the most disabled, disturbed and needy children in residential homes. Local councils can't raise the capital to create new homes, or to repair existing ones. Private companies are buying up current council homes and using them for this investment opportunity.

### MESSY CHURCH IS 10

Messy Church is ten years old. It is a way of church that aims to reach whole families, including grandparents, especially those for whom normal church worship is inappropriate. It offers families fun, food, creativity and hospitality along the road to getting to know God. Parishes all over the country are involved. Typically, it meets once a month at a time and location that suits people. It involves a great deal of paint, glue, glitter as families explore a biblical theme through getting messy! It is hoped St James's will start one in the near future. Watch this space!

# What's On

with Nick Bagge



### Hampton Hill Summer Fair

**Saturday 5 July, 12-7pm, various locations along High Street**  
The fun includes a treasure hunt, tug of war, storytelling, free puppetry and music workshops inspired by *Frozen*, face painting, craft and food markets, a dog show, pony rides, reptiles show, children's rides, and lots more. The traders will also have competitions, games and promotions. There will be plenty of live music, family events and delicious gourmet food stalls. Everything is within strolling distance, with events taking place on and off the High Street and inside Bushy Park. For more information go to the relaunched, improved traders' website [Lovehamptonhill.com](http://Lovehamptonhill.com)

### Concordia Voices

**Saturday 5 July, 7.30pm, Summer Concert,**  
**St John the Divine, St John's Road, Richmond TW9 2PE**  
Tickets £12 (concessions £10) on door or £10 (£8) in advance from Concordia Voices members, or by emailing [secretary@concordiavoices.org](mailto:secretary@concordiavoices.org)

### Car-free Sunday!

**Sunday 6 July, St James's Church, Hampton Hill**  
Please try to arrive at church on foot, pedal cycle, or shared car, if you can, as we put the environment first.

### Hampton Hill Association

**Sunday 6 July, Al Fresco Lunch, 99 Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill**  
If you enjoy living in Hampton Hill and care about its future, why not join the association? It costs just £5 and you can also enjoy social events and trips. The membership secretary is Linda Brignall, 5 Howard Close, Hampton Hill TW12 1UB. On **Thursday 21 August** the association will be visiting Highclere Castle, near Newbury, Berkshire, where ITV films *Downton Abbey*. This will be a popular outing, with limited spaces, so book now by telephoning Anne Wood on **020 8979 1431**.

### Faith at Work

**Saturday 12 and 26 July, 9.15-10.15am, St. James's Church**  
The popular discussions about the part faith plays in our daily lives resume with **Janet Bell's Faith in Osteopathy** in church.

The second talk is **Nick Harris** (pictured) and **Faith in Investment Banking**. Please note that Nick's talk will be in the Fitz Wygram Church Hall.



### Cantanti Camerati

**Saturday 12 July, 7.30pm, Forty Years On, St. Mary's Church, Sunbury on Thames TW16 6RG**  
A concert to mark former St James's Church organist Geoffrey Bowyer's retirement as conductor of Cantanti Camerati after 40 years, followed by a reception. Box Office **020 8898 8020**

### Registers for May



#### Baptisms

- 11** Alice Indiana Bloch, Hampton Hill
- 11** Charlie Daren Power, Teddington
- 11** Scarlett Emily Power, Teddington
- 18** Ben Rhys White, Hampton
- 25** Jake Toby Curtis, Worcester Park
- 25** Hannah Lucy Curtis, Worcester Park
- 25** Louis Charles Sparks, Hampton



#### Weddings

- 17** Kerry Julian Hunt and Donna Marie Barras, Hanworth
- 24** Jacobus Johannes Meyer Zietsman and Abigail Valerie Cammidge, Slough
- 31** Russell David Winkworth and Tasha Nardoni, Sunbury on Thames

#### Funerals

- 27** Sheila May Lelliot, 79, Hampton Hill
- 28** Alwyne Eteson Loyd, 94, East Molesey

### St James's Day Service and Open Day

**Sunday 13 July, 11am, St James's Church, Hampton Hill, followed by lunch**



Our annual festival begins with a service at which we welcome back as preacher our former curate, the **Revd Canon Dr Julie Gittos**, now residentiary canon at Guilford Cathedral.

After the service, lunch will be served in the vicarage garden. The church will re-open from 1pm-3pm, giving parishioners and visitors the chance to climb the tower and ring the bells.

NEW

### ALMA Sunday Service

**Sunday 13 July, 6pm, St Paul's Cathedral, London EC4M 8AD**  
Bishop Dinis Segulane retired in March after 38 years of great service as Bishop of Mozambique. Come celebrate with him.

NEW

### Teddington River Festival

**Sunday 27 July, 11am-5pm, Teddington Lock**  
A free family fun day across the River Thames at the lock, including boat rides, skiffing, kayaking, rescue demos, wildlife displays, stalls, rides and food. See [teddingtonriverfestival.com](http://teddingtonriverfestival.com)

NEW

### Fairtrade London Roadshow

**Saturday 2 August, 10am-3.30pm, Amnesty International Centre, 17-25 New Inn Yard, London EC2A 3EA**  
See the craft products in the Autumn catalogue and get 20% discount. More information from Ann Peterken 020 8891 5862

### TW12 Jazz Festival

**Sunday 3 August, 12.30-10.30pm, Hampton Hill Playhouse, 90 High Street, Hampton Hill TW12 1NZ**

The second year features a fantastic day of varied musicians and artists. Award-winning musicians are joined by local performers and a student ensemble. Acts include the Gwilym Simcock Trio, Andrew McCormack and Jason Yarde duo. Tickets £20-£30. To book, go to [tw12jazzfestival.co.uk](http://tw12jazzfestival.co.uk)

NEW

### Hampton Transport Gala

**Sunday 7 September, 10am-5pm, Hampton Station and area**  
Celebrating the 150th anniversary of the Shepperton branch line and Hampton Station. A free vintage bus service will run to and from Twickenham, Hampton Hill High Street and Hampton Station. A steam loco and coach and vintage buses will be on display. Also a collectors' fair, beer tent, pony rides and more. Events at station, Hampton Junior School, Community Centre and Scouts' base. Go online to: [hamptontransportgala.co.uk](http://hamptontransportgala.co.uk)

### Vicar's View



**'It's not a new stained-glass window — the Sunday School put their skateboard ramp too close to the wall!'**

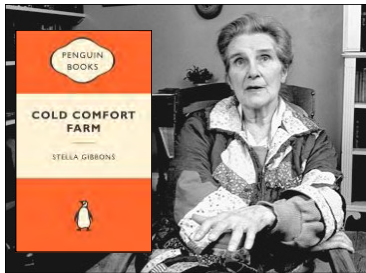




## From childhood, I've been an avid reader

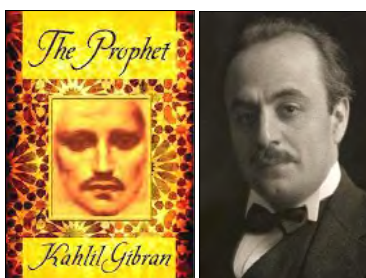
**B**ooks have always played a very important part in my life, from reading under the bed-clothes with a torch as a child, to being able to choose whatever I wanted to read; libraries have been a constant resource and pleasure. Here are a few, a very few, of my favourite 'reads', which I hope you might also enjoy (it is interesting that seven of my chosen books are written by women).

### 1 COLD COMFORT FARM Stella Gibbons



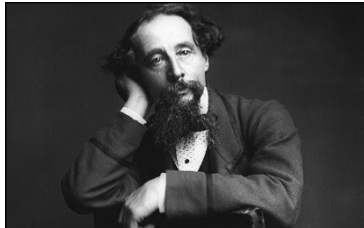
This book appeared in 1932, making fun of the popular fashion for serious novels about country life. With characters called Adam Starkadder and his son Seth, Aunt Ada Doom and her fixation that there was 'something nasty in the woodshed' (we never find out what!), who could fail to be entertained? Gibbons wrote 23 novels, but none achieved the same success as this.

### 2 THE PROPHET Kahlil Gibran

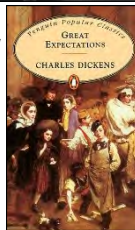


Kahlil Gibran, a poet from the Lebanon, wrote, in this book, a work full of poetry and deep understanding of the human condition. It was published in 1923 and has never been out of print. It is a series of prose poems each covering an aspect of life. My favourite passage relates to children:  
*A woman said, Speak to us of Children. They are the sons and daughters of Life's longing for itself. They come through you but not from you. You may give them your love but not your thoughts. For they have their own thoughts. You may house their bodies but not their souls. You may strive to be like them, but seek not to make them like you. You are the bows from which your children as living arrows are sent forth. The archer bends you with His might that His arrows may go swift and far. For even as He loves the arrow that flies, so He loves also the bow that is stable.*

### 3 GREAT EXPECTATIONS Charles Dickens



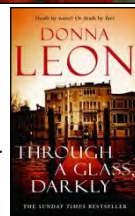
I chose this, my favourite Dickens novel, because any list of good books would, of course, include one of his works. I always find this one a fabulous read about, as are most good novels, the development of human character. The 'hero', Pip, changes and develops and so do we, the readers. You must read it!



### 4 THE DETECTIVE NOVELS of Donna Leon



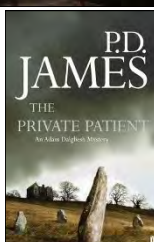
My next choice is any Donna Leon detective story featuring, as they all do, her detective Brunetti. We hear about his wife, his children, his home and above all their wonderful Italian food. The background of Venice is, of course, a constant delight even in the rain. One critic wrote of Brunetti's Venice and its waters, 'It is 'so vivid that you can smell it!'



### 5 THE PRIVATE PATIENT P D James



This book was described as 'a thriller that sucks you in and will not let you go', with 'a maze of suspicion, deceit and motive'. P D James is a writer of great perception, great descriptions of character and of place. Her books move, alarm and surprise you. You will enjoy her work, so go along to the library and choose one of the great reads, especially this one.



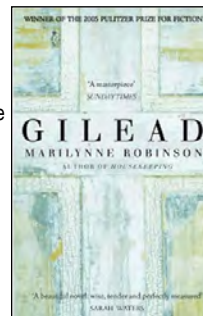
### 6 GILEAD Marilynne Robinson



Marilynne Robinson has been awarded several prizes for her writing. It has been said of this novel Gilead, 'There are gems on every page, but it is the whole construction that makes it as a great work.'

Her many awe-stricken reviewers write that her prose 'is nothing short of a benediction'.

This is a very different and very spiritual book. To read Gilead is to share its intensity of feeling.

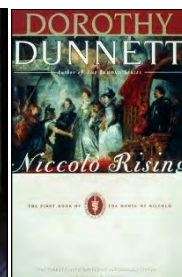


### 7 THE HOUSE OF NICCOLO Dorothy Dunnnett



Another very good and interesting author is Dorothy Dunnnett, who wrote two cycles of novels about merchant bankers of the Middle Ages, trading from Bruges, Brussels, Venice, Alexandria, Istanbul, and everywhere in the known world. A review praises the 'web of intrigue, mystery and passion'.

Dorothy Dunnnett died last year, but leaves a great legacy for her many readers — she was akin to a sorceress.

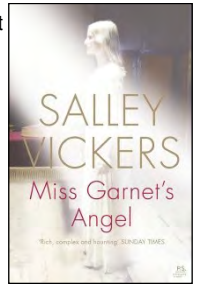


### 8 MISS GARNETT'S ANGEL Salley Vickers



With a modest legacy from a friend's will, Miss Garnett travels to Venice for six-months. She makes friends and discovers, as we all do, that she questions many of the assumptions that had been important to her.

Her story echoes that of Tobias and the angel Raphael and woven together they present an amazing, moving and surprising book. If you read only one of my chosen works, it has to be Miss Garnett's Angel.

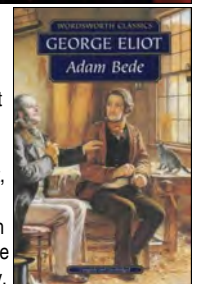


### 9 ADAM BEDE George Eliot



This novel will be enjoyed by many of those who saw the *Middlemarch* plays at the Orange Tree Theatre recently, (also by George Eliot, a woman). *Adam Bede* has two women at its heart — they are different in every way.

They are very sympathetically drawn with stories that will give you an insight into the morals and manners of Victorian times. Are our morals and manners so different?



### 10 FROM THE HOLY MOUNTAIN William Dalrymple



No list of favourite books would be complete without a 'travel' book and I have chosen this wonderful example, described by a fellow writer as 'the best and most unexpected book — fascinating, compelling and moving'. It will give you a glimpse into the mind of the author as he journeys through the Levant. Another fellow writer said, 'He isn't a prophet, simply one of the very good authors left'. This is one of the best travel books that I have read for years.

