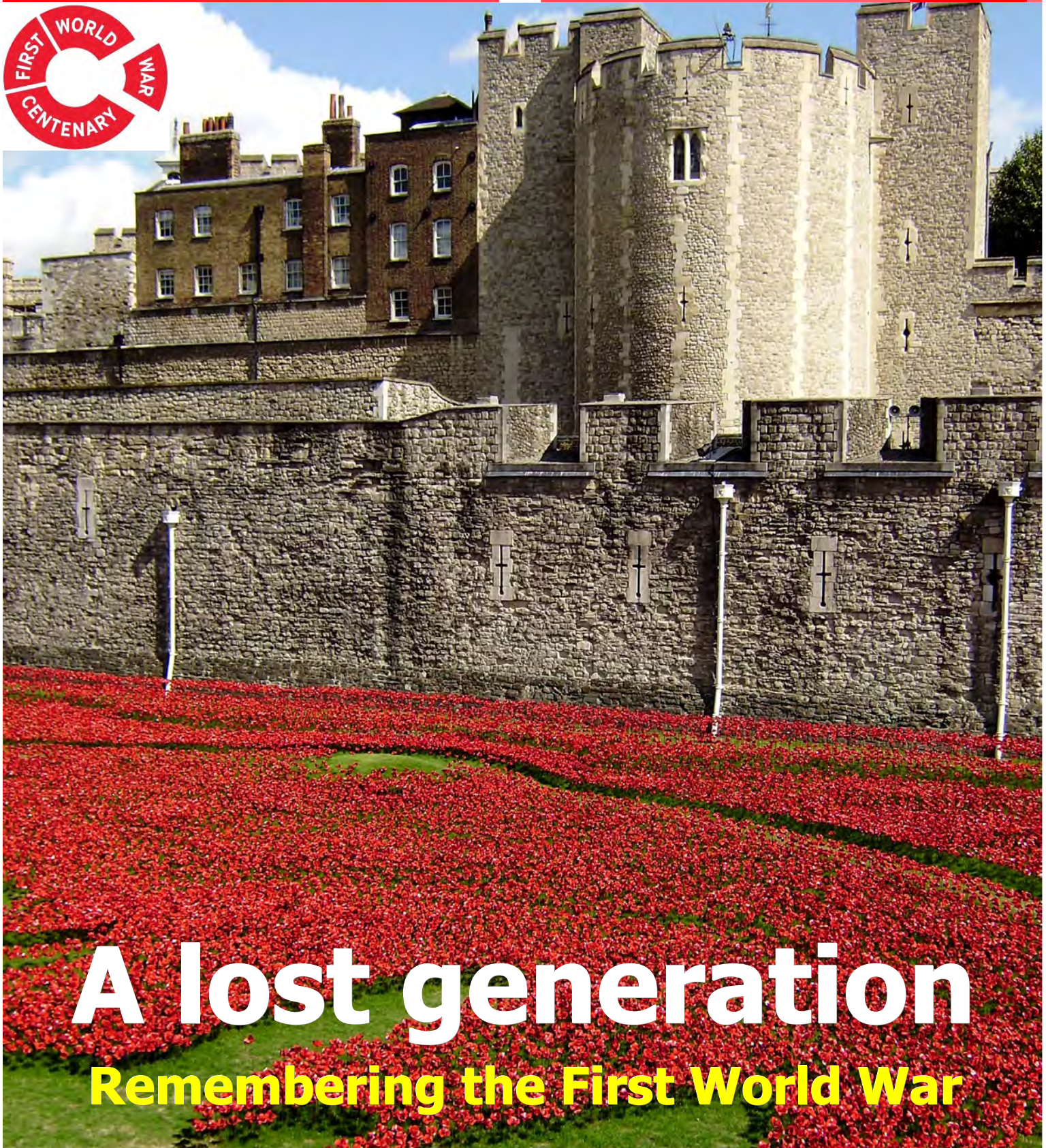


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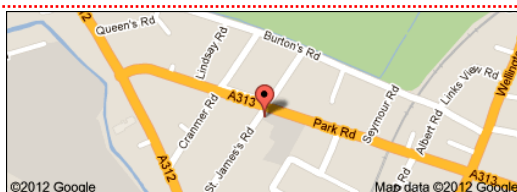
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From the Editor...

2014 is the centenary of the start of the First World War, which ended in November 1918. One of the many special acts of commemoration this year is the display of ceramic poppies around the Tower of London, which is featured on our cover. It is a very simple but moving tribute to the thousands of people who died during the war. The final poppy will be placed on Remembrance Sunday after the service at The Cenotaph.

This year we will be welcoming a representative from the Canadian High Commission to our Remembrance Sunday service on 9 November to remember the Canadians who are buried in our churchyard. The row of graves, parallel to the main path to St James's Avenue, each has a red rose planted and there is a lovely Canadian Maple Tree standing beside them; the leaves turn a vibrant red in the autumn. The centrepiece this month focuses on the First World War and some of those buried or commemorated in our churchyard, including one of the Canadian soldiers.

Best wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn



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Come and worship with us!



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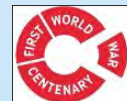
8am Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion

Sunday 2 November

All Saints' Sunday
Revelation 7.9-17; 1 John 3.1-3;
Matthew 5.1-12
3.30pm All Souls' Memorial Service

Sunday 9 November

Remembrance Sunday
8am Amos 5.18-24;
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18;
Matthew 25.1-13
9.45am Isaiah 49.13-19; Revelation 21.1-8
11.30am Holy Communion



Sunday 23 November

Christ the King
Ezekiel 34.11-16, 20-24; Ephesians 1.15-23;
Matthew 25.31-46

Sunday 30 November

Advent Sunday
Isaiah 64.1-9; 1 Corinthians 1.3-9;
Mark 13.24-37

Mondays-Fridays (not Tues)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

Next Month

Sunday 7 December
9.30am Christingle Service
Sunday 21 December
6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols

Rocket for oppression



It was all very harmless. Each year we gathered in the church hall of St. Mark's, Hanwell, and had lovely jacket potatoes and freshly-cooked sausages. Then we went outside, and out came the sparklers. There were some fireworks – which were only available, so it seemed, for a few weeks annually – and a bonfire. It is a strong childhood memory for me – the taste of the food, the heat of the fire, the sight and sound of the fireworks. All harmless fun. Or was it?

*Remember, remember, the fifth of November,
gunpowder, treason and plot*

So goes part of a much longer rhyme, some of which it would be hard to stomach today. 5 November 1605 was the day set by a group of conspirators to commit mass murder – that of the king, James I of England (VI of Scotland), and the members of the House of Lords gathered with him. Roman Catholics had suffered greatly over the past few decades, and yet had also unleashed immense cruelty upon others.

The religious disputes of the time led to terrible actions from opposing factions. So there is a sense in which 'Bonfire Night' is not so harmless, commemorating death avoided for some, but meted out to others.

Today it is dissociated from the historical detail that inspired it and, thankfully, from anti-Catholic prejudice. Indeed, it is hard to know why fireworks are being let off at all – is it Diwali, Bonfire Night, or just because fireworks have a 'wow' factor?

Perhaps I could suggest something, whether or not you will personally be involved with setting off fireworks. For a moment, we can reconnect with the origins of Bonfire Night, and see how they connect with today.

Lighting the way

Light is a prominent image in the Bible. At the very beginning of all things God says, 'Let there be light,' and there was light. Elsewhere, Psalm 27 says 'The Lord is my light.' In the New Testament, Jesus describes himself in John's Gospel as the 'light of the world.'

There are many other instances where light is used either to describe God or Jesus, or in relation to their actions. Light is a basic human image let alone a religious one. Fireworks light up the sky – the darkness is pushed away.

Charity Box Upper Room

The Upper Room is one of the grateful recipients of our Harvest Festival collection. From its base at St Saviour's Church in west Hammersmith, it gives a helping hand to homeless people, economic migrants and ex-offenders, enabling them to improve their lives and conditions.

There are three main strands to the charity's work: *UR4Meals* provides evening meals five days a week, *UR4Jobs* offers specialist employment support services and *UR4Driving* is a driving school for ex-offenders.

Our Harvest goods add to the store of food



Highlighting the persecuted

This year, as you see fireworks, I invite you to take pause. Think or pray about persecuted minorities so prominent in the news, and consider how many other groups go unreported.

So who might we remember? Where to start? Here are some:

- The Yazidis in northern Iraq
- The Moslem Rohingya community in Myanmar
- Sikhs in Afghanistan
- Christians in almost all of the Middle East.

As you see or hear a firework, pray for them, think of them and maybe, in the spirit of the ever-looming feast of Christmas, do something practical.

Money to burn

Fireworks can be very expensive. The cost of a rocket is around £10. So, at some point this November, give that amount – or whatever you can afford – to a charity seeking to help persecuted minorities. For example, Christian Aid's Iraq Appeal or Muslim Aid's Rohingya appeal.

It is easy to feel powerless in the face of immense suffering. There is no need to feel this: it is easy to respond positively, and to make a difference, however small.

Or it may be that there is something closer to home. Childline has a section on its website about bullying. Perhaps you, or someone you know, has experienced this. Helping to provide a person at the end of a phone line when someone is desperate can make the difference between life and death.

So as the sky is lit up this November, enjoy it! Remember for a moment, though, why 5 November is still commemorated. Remember past disputes which led to violence and bloodshed. Then just consider where this happens now.

People are mistreated again and again, because they are different: the UK is not immune from this.

'Let there be light.'

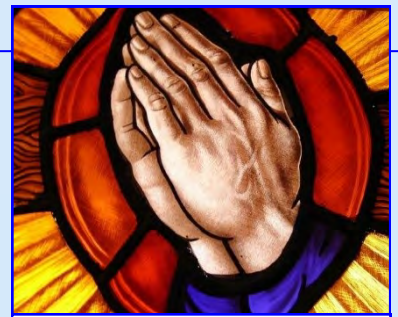
Will you set off a 'firework' this November for the oppressed and persecuted? Will you help a light to shine?

Through our actions, the Light of the World can break through the darkness.

The picture shows Moya Meredith Smith inside one of the outdoor storage containers.

St James's has supported the Upper Room for many years. In addition to Harvest goods, we give them £600 from the budget, topped up by £410 from the plate collections at Harvest – a total of £1010 this year.

Last November several of us from St James's met the Operations Director, Amanuel Woldeus, and his small and friendly staff team. They depend heavily on donations and volunteers. Amanuel is committed to keeping the charity community based, with members of the community helping those less fortunate.



Thought & Prayer

Taking time to talk to God

Two Hymns



In addition to Remembrance Sunday, November is a month of several commemorations, particularly All Saints, on 1 November, or the Sunday nearest to it, and All Souls on 2 November.

All Saints is a day to celebrate the band of those who have faithfully followed Christ in their lives, and to celebrate their example, company, and prayers.

All Souls is more solemn – a day to remember our own dead especially family and friends. These two extracts from hymns reflect the contrast of the two festivals.

Hymns for All Saints

For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yGBRq-C5VYE>

Russian Kontakion (hymn) for the departed

Give rest, O Christ, to thy servant with thy saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more;
neither sighing but life everlasting.
Thou only art immortal, the creator and maker of man:
and we are mortal formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return:
for so thou didst ordain,
when thou created me saying:
"Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return."
All we go down to the dust;
and weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DYZ7Yqlm-w>



Local and National stories

New Bishop and challenges ahead

THE NEW Bishop of Guildford has been named as the Rt Revd Andrew Watson, who will be moving from the Diocese of Birmingham.

Bishop Andrew, 53, who has been Bishop of Aston since 2008, replaces the Rt Revd Christopher Hill, who retired last year. Before moving to Birmingham, Bishop Andrew was a vicar in London parishes in Notting Hill and Twickenham. He has four children, aged 15 to 24, with his wife Beverly, who is also ordained.

Bishop Andrew will be installed in a service at Guildford Cathedral in February. 'Having served most of my ministry in west London, I've come to appreciate some of the area's beauty spots,' he said. 'But the Church's commitment to food banks, credit unions and relationship counselling reminds us that there's another side to life in the region.'



Order your Real Advent Calendars

WE WILL BE SELLING Traidcraft gifts and cards as well as the usual Fairtrade items after our services on 2 November and 7 December.

You will also be able to buy the Real Advent Calendar to share the Christmas story throughout December. Behind its first giant window is a 32-page story-activity book designed to be used every day in Advent, containing seven Advent challenges. The calendar also has 25 Fairtrade Belgian chocolates and a line of the Christmas story behind each window. It is hoped that the sales of this calendar nationally will raise £10,000 to equip a baby clinic in Kenya.

Our stall will also have some Divine Chocolate Advent Calendars and a few non-chocolate ones. On 2 November Christmas cards in aid of a number of other charities will be on sale.



Leaf and gutter clean needs you!

THE AUTUMN leaves in our churchyard may look pretty, but when they fall they can block gutters and cause flooding. To prevent this, maintenance is carried out each year by the Properties Committee. If you can help, please turn up at 9.30am on Saturday 29 November. For more information contact Bryan Basdell, telephone 020 8979 2040 or 078 6782 9196, or you can email him at bryan.basdell@uk.fujitsu.com

Where there's a will...free advice

THE WONDERFUL legacy left to St. James's by Betty Stewart reminds us all how important it is to leave a will. November is Make a Will Month, when charity-minded solicitors will prepare basic wills without charging a fee. All they ask is that clients consider making a voluntary donation to Will Aid, which will be divided between the nine participating charities. The suggested donation is £95 for a will or £150 for a pair of mirror wills.

This is the perfect opportunity to gain the peace of mind from knowing that your wishes will be carried out after your death and helping charities at the same time.

Come and live at Lambeth Palace



THE ARCHBISHOP of Canterbury, Justin Welby, is to open Lambeth Palace to Christians aged 20-35 — inviting them to spend a year living, studying and praying at a historic centre of the Anglican Communion.

Launching in September 2015, the Community of St Anselm will gather a group of 16 people living at the palace full-time, and up to 40 people, who live and work in London, joining part-time.

Members of the Community will live in a way the ancient monastics would recognise: drawing closer to God through a daily rhythm of silence, study and prayer. But, through those disciplines, they will also be immersed in the modern challenges of the Church.

Why we must go



In cities, towns and villages up and down the land, we find war memorials. Some have many names, others very few, but the years after the First World War saw community after community wishing to commemorate its war dead. Naming the dead on memorials meant that they were not just anonymous casualties, but people who had lived, breathed and had their own personal stories. The memorial in St. James's churchyard has the names of casualties of both the First and Second World Wars. Others are named in church and on graves. This year is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of the First World War. These are the stories of three of those names.

PRIVATE RICHARD COPPARD



Private Richard Coppard, who was cared for in the temporary hospital in Bushy Park, was part of the Fourth Battalion of the Canadian Infantry.

Born on 22 February, 1890 to Henry and Maria, in Rat Portage (later renamed Kenora) in Ontario, he was one of eight children.

Working in a box factory, then a lumber yard, and finally as a carriage repairer for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, Richard joined up in February 1915. He went to France a year later via England, and saw action at the Battle of the Somme.

After eighteen months of fighting, Coppard had a brief respite with ten days' leave in Paris. In March 1918, he was gassed by a German shell while building a gun emplacement. He never recovered from the experience and died in the military hospital in Bushy Park on 7 May, 1918, from his wounds, aged 28.

Coppard had a full military funeral with a gun carriage, a band, and over a hundred patients marching with him.



Honouring the Canadian fallen

During the First World War there was a hospital for wounded Canadian soldiers in Bushy Park. Thirteen of them, who died from their injuries, are buried in our churchyard.

We will be joined on Remembrance Sunday by Lieutenant Colonel Jean Trudel, Assistant Army Advisor at the Canadian Defence and Liaison Staff, on behalf of the Canadian Forces and the High Commissioner.

He was commissioned as an infantry officer in 1981 and has served in Canada, Brussels, Bosnia, and as Chief of Staff of the Joint Task Force in Kandahar, Afghanistan, in 2007.



on remembering



2ND LT HAROLD BUSBY

Born on 16 March, 1899 in Watford, Harold Edward Busby lived with his mother, three sisters and a brother at

1 Wellington Road, Hampton Hill. His mother was a licensee of the then Wellington pub.

At the age of 18 and one month, Harold joined the newly-formed Royal Flying Corps. His potential as a pilot was soon spotted, and he became an acting 2nd Lieutenant. A sad statistic is that more airmen were killed in flying accidents in the UK and France than in active service. Harry was one such, killed in an accident in Reading on 11 September, 1917. He was buried in St. James's churchyard.

PRIVATE STANLEY CROOK

Stanley Eric William Crook was born on 13 June, 1895 in Kennington. Enlisting on 15 September, 1914, just over a month after England declared war on Germany, Stanley was living at Grove Hill Villas, Hampton Road, Hampton Hill.

Joining the 1st Royal Marine Battalion of the Royal Navy Division, Stanley saw active service in Antwerp, Gallipoli, and by 1916 at Flanders.

On 13 November, 480 members of the battalion attacked German lines at Varennes. By the time they were withdrawn the next day, only 138 were still active. Stanley was one of 47 killed.

The troops that day only advanced 400 yards. He was 21 years old, and is buried in the military cemetery at Varennes.



- It was 'the war to end all wars'
- 10m soldiers died
- There have been 300 wars since

One question asked a lot this year is: 'What was it all for?' A common expression of the First World War was 'the war to end all wars', and the phrase was coined by the author and commentator H G Wells.

Initially an idealistic comment, it became later to be seen as grimly ironic, as just 20 years after the end of one world war, a second broke out. Also, war has simply never been ended. Why did the people have to die, who are commemorated in and around the church? Historians argue as to whether or not the conflict could have been avoided, and should ever have happened.

Despite the ambivalence that can be felt about World War I, it is right to do that most human of things, remember, so that the casualties of the 'Great War' are not ignored, and we give thanks for their lives.

Perhaps in this anniversary year, the simple details of the lives of the three men mentioned here can remind us of the need still for peace.

Peter Vannoizzi

Here is a prayer that will be used on Remembrance Sunday at St. James's:

Father of all, remember your holy promise, and look with love on all your people, living and departed. On this day we especially ask that you would hold for ever all who suffered during the First World War, those who returned scarred by warfare, those who waited anxiously at home, and those who returned wounded and disillusioned; those who mourned, and those communities that were diminished and suffered loss. Remember too those who acted with kindly compassion, those who bravely risked their own lives for their comrades, and those who in the aftermath of war, worked tirelessly for a more peaceful world. And as you remember them, remember us, O Lord; grant us peace in our time and a longing for the day when people of every language, race, and nation will be brought into the unity of Christ's kingdom. This we ask in the name of the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Kath's long and eventful life



KATH BROOKS, a very long-standing member of St. James's, died on 19 September at the age of 93.

She was born in Liverpool, trained as a teacher and evacuated to north Wales, where she met Roy, whom she married just after the end of the Second World War. Kath and Roy had four children, Janet, Barbara, Ian and Rob, and lived on Park Road for over 50 years.

When Roy became ill, she took on all the house maintenance, painting, wallpapering and dealing with blocked sinks.

Kath taught part-time at the Corona School in Teddington and then Rectory School (now Hampton Academy), dealing firmly with troublesome teenagers. She was also a volunteer at the Greenwood Centre.

Kath and Roy were staunch members of St. James's and were involved in pioneering a stewardship scheme, an innovation at the time. Kath served on the Parochial Church Council, helped with catering at functions, was a baptismal visitor, sang in the choir and started a group for mothers and babies. She had a down-to-earth, enquiring mind, evident in the small bible-reading group held at her house until only a few weeks before her death.

Kath was a grandmother and great-grandmother. She was a gallant and courageous lady, always good company and her active life belied her age. She will be missed by all who knew her.

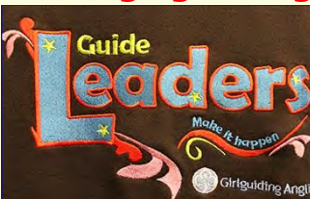
Christingle shines light on children

OUR ANNUAL Christingle service is at 9.30am on Sunday 7 December.

This is a great family occasion, when we remember the work of the Children's Society and encircle the church with our lighted Christingles at the end of the service. Children will be given candle-shaped collecting boxes to take home and return (filled!) by the end of January to support the work of the Society.



Guiding lights urgently needed



SARAH REED has run our Guide Company for six years and our Brownies for four years before that. Pressure of work means that she will have to give this up at Christmas and, unless a new leader is found, the local Guides will be forced to disband.

This would be a great pity as there are no other Guides in Hampton Hill or Hampton to which they could transfer. Please do think seriously about whether you could take this on and save our group from closure. The task is friendly, fun and very rewarding. Girlguiding provides training and Sarah would be happy to advise. To find out more, contact her on 077 7964 9612.

Pat's glorious last floral display

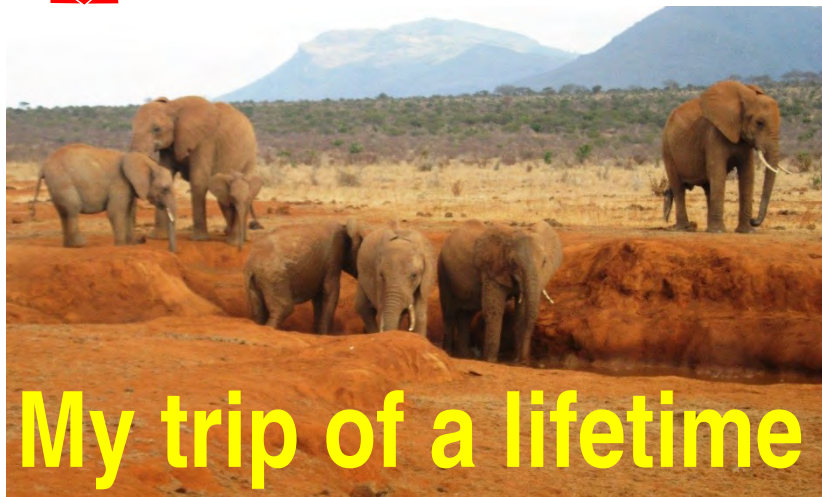
PAT YOUNG, who has been a stalwart flower-arranger for over 20 years, has now left the rota.

Her efforts were always stunning and much admired.

Recently, she has concentrated



on doing the pulpit decoration and is pictured with her final arrangement for Harvest Festival. We thank Pat for devoting so much time to this task with results we have all enjoyed.



My trip of a lifetime

By Jack Hetling

This summer we were lucky enough to have a holiday in Kenya — and it was one of the greatest experiences of my life!

When mum and dad told me where we were going, I was close to tears because I was so excited! At first, the time beforehand went slowly, but as we drew closer to our departure it seemed to get quicker and quicker until the big day finally arrived.

We went to Heathrow Airport one Monday evening in August and after a meal and a sleep on the aeroplane, we arrived in Nairobi!

Here are a few incredible things that I will always remember:

- Looking in shock as mum kissed a giraffe and it licked mum back with its amazing antiseptic tongue.

- Visiting a Masai village — and watching in awe at how high the men can jump - as well as seeing the happy children's faces as they played together.

- Walking back from a lovely meal one evening and seeing two huge hippos really close to our room!

- Watching a vervet monkey rooting around inside our van looking for food — but not finding anything!

- Staring at a vast line of migrating wildebeest that seemed to go on endlessly.

- Our van getting stuck in the mud next to a pride of hungry-looking lions!

- Seeing a mother cheetah watch over her four offspring as they ran around and played together.



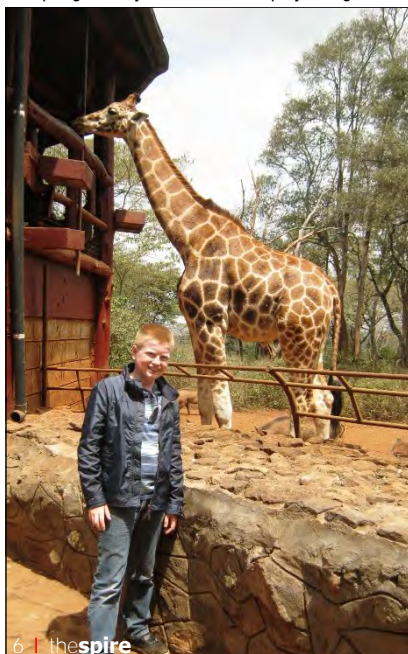
- Speeding along in our van trying to keep my camera still as I took pictures of the beautiful sunset behind us.

- Watching from our lodge as families of elephants queued up for a drink and a bath at a watering hole.

- Seeing a white rhino and her calf running around enjoying the peace and safety.

As well as these wonderful sights, we also experienced Kenyans living in situations very different from our own. By the end of our holiday, I felt extremely lucky for all that I have. Although it was hard for me to accept the circumstances in which some people live, I could see that the people we met were very appreciative of what they have.

Kenya is a beautiful country and the land, the people and the wildlife left me with memories to last a lifetime. I hope you like my photos.



RECIPE for LIFE with Griselda Barrett

Pumpkin Pie



Thanksgiving Day is a national holiday celebrated mainly in the United States and Canada as a day of giving thanks for the blessing of the harvest and of the preceding year. Several other places around the world observe similar celebrations.

It is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November in the US and on the second Monday of October in Canada.

Thanksgiving has its historical roots in religious and cultural traditions, and has long been celebrated in a secular manner as well. Prayers of thanks and special thanksgiving ceremonies are common among almost all religions after harvests.

The history of Thanksgiving in North America is rooted in English traditions dating from the Protestant Reformation. It also has aspects of a harvest festival, even though the harvest in New England occurs well before the late-November date on which the modern Thanksgiving holiday is celebrated.

Ingredients

Serves 6-8

250 grams shortcrust pastry (shop bought is fine)
450 grams pumpkin (flesh, diced)
125 grams light brown muscovado sugar
½ teaspoon ground ginger
½ teaspoon mixed spice
½ teaspoon cinnamon
3 eggs
150 ml single cream



Method

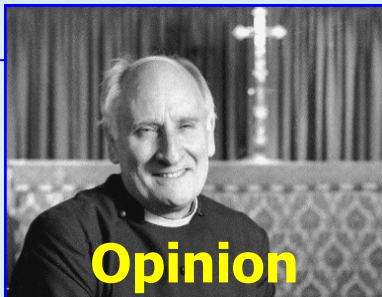
Pre-heat oven to 190°C.

- 1) Roll out pastry and line a deep, 8-inch flan dish. Prick the base, cover loosely with baking paper and bake blind for 10 mins.
- 2) Bring a large pan of water to the boil, add the pumpkin and cook until tender.
- 3) Drain, then liquidise the pumpkin to a puree. Alternatively, pass through a sieve.
- 4) Put the puree into a bowl, add the remaining ingredients and mix well.
- 5) Pour the mixture into the pastry case and cook for 45 mins, or until set (ovens may vary).
- 6) When cold, dust with icing sugar.
- 7) Serve with ice cream, cream or custard.



Next Issue:

Mince Pies



Opinion

with Canon Julian Reindorp

THE SCOTTISH REFERENDUM AND FAIRNESS

We all had our opinions about the Scottish Referendum, perhaps because of our Scottish roots. My grandparents were Scottish, my wife was born in Glasgow and her relatives have been farmers and shepherds in the Highlands for generations.

They don't like being ruled from London, but just prefer that to being ruled by Edinburgh, so they voted 'NO'!

But one word was much-used in the great debate: fairness. If we do want to remain a United Kingdom, it's a word we need to take more seriously.

Just a simple example: when I lived and worked in Richmond, I used to say 'living in Richmond adds at least 10 years to your life'.

I was wrong. Earlier this year the figures came out. Between living in Tower Hamlets, in Poplar where I was a curate for five years — the setting for the BBC One drama *Call the Midwife* — and Richmond where I spent my last 18 years in fulltime ministry, between these two boroughs the difference is 18 healthy years, from one end of the District Line to the other.

It is surely this kind of unfairness we need to respond to if we are to remain any kind of United Kingdom.

MINISTERS AND MONEY

During August two Government ministers in the Foreign Office resigned. One, Baroness Warsi, resigned over her disagreement with Government policy. She was heavily criticised by her own party.

The other Government minister resigned because his salary of £90,000, combined with his wife's income of £25,000 working as his secretary, was not enough to pay their bills.

I read very little criticism from his own party. Quite how the majority of people on less than £25,000 pa are expected to pay their bills is an ongoing question.

MORE PEOPLE THAN EVER FACING FOOD POVERTY

Around four million people are currently estimated to be suffering from food poverty in the UK, according to the Food Ethics Council.

What is of even greater concern is the exponential growth in the numbers of people across the UK who are experiencing real hunger and hardship.

With average incomes projected to fall by more than 7% over the next three years, this growth is likely to continue.

According to the Rowntree Foundation for the first time there are now more working families than non-working families living in poverty in the UK, while the number of pensioners living in poverty has hit a 30-year low.

MY WEDDING SLIP!

In my usual wedding address I use the Liverpool supporters anthem *You'll never walk alone* to suggest that God is with the couple where ever they walk, travel or fly.

At a recent wedding I heard myself say, 'You'll never walk again'. The congregation's laughter went on for some time.

I knew everyone would remember this wedding. As a few guests remarked as they left, this was almost better than 'the Holy Goat' of Rowan Atkinson memory!

What's On

with Nick Bagge



Faith at Work

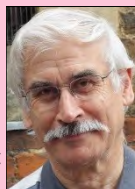
Saturday 1 November, 9.15-10.15am,
St James's Church, Hampton Hill

The popular discussions about the part faith plays in our daily lives continues its Autumn programme with Richard Sleight talking about *Faith in Selling*.

It continues on the following Saturdays:

15 November — Betty Rainbow and *Faith in Many Roles*

29 November — Wendy Baker and *Faith as a Headteacher*



Christmas gifts and charity cards

Sunday 2 November, 10.30-11.30am,
Fitz Wygram Church Hall, St James's Church



Christmas cards in aid of various charities and Traidcraft gifts will be on sale. Borrow a catalogue from the back of church for lots of present ideas. Discounts of 15% on most non-food items. From 19-23 November craft items will be displayed in church. Times when you can buy will be posted on church doors and the website. For more information telephone Ann on 020 8891 5862. The final Traidcraft sale before Christmas is on **Sunday 7 December**.

All Souls' Service

Sunday 2 November, 3.30pm, St James's Church

All Souls' Day is a traditional time for the Church to remember all the faithful departed. St James's Church marks this day with a reflective service. This is not a morbid time, but a chance for people to remember their loved ones and the hope of the Christian Gospel, which is resurrection and new life.

Remembrance Sunday

Sunday 9 November, 9.45am, St James's Church, and at 10.55am at the War Memorial in the Churchyard

This Service of Commemoration of the First World War will allow us to pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by another generation for the peace and freedom we enjoy today.

We will be joined by Lieutenant Colonel Jean Trudel, the Assistant Army Adviser of the Canadian Defence Liaison Staff, who will be laying a wreath to commemorate his countrymen who are buried in our churchyard.

Exploring Christianity

Monday 3 and 10 November, 7.15pm,
Fitz Wygram Church Hall, St James's Church

Continuing the opportunity to explore, reflect and talk about our faith. The evening begins with supper, followed by a talk, coffee and discussion.

For the final two weeks, the themes will be:

November 3 Prayer; November 10 Christianity today

Registers August and September



AUGUST

Baptisms

- 31** Zachary Lefika
Swatland, Hampton
- 31** Maxwell Lebo
Swatland, Hampton



SEPTEMBER

There were no baptisms, weddings or funerals in church while it was closed for the installation of the new central heating.

NEW

What Have We Learnt from War?

Monday 10 November, 7.30-9pm, St Martin-in-the-Fields, Trafalgar Square, London WC2N 4JJ

In the year that we remember the chaos of the First World War, this lecture reflects on how those who believe in a God of justice and love can respond. A panel of foreign correspondents includes the BBC's Mike Wooldridge. The event is free.



Welcare's 120th Anniversary Service

Saturday 15 November, 11am, Southwark Cathedral, London Bridge, London SE1 9DA

St James's has been supporting Welcare for many years, so do help the charity celebrate this milestone. The preacher is the Rt Revd Christopher Chessun, Bishop of Southwark.

NEW

Historic Hampton

Friday 20 November, 7.30pm, The Greenwood Centre, 1 School Road, Hampton Hill TW12 1QL

Local historian John Sheaf takes a journey through Old Hampton using his vast collection of historic images. Tickets are £5 and include a glass of wine. Telephone 020 8979 9662.

NEW

Concordia Voices Advent Concert

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

With music from Elgar, Ireland, Leighton and Durufle. Tickets cost £12 (£10 concessions) at the door or £10 (£8) in advance from members, or by emailing secretary@concordia.org.

NEW

50th Christmas Lighting-up Parade

Friday 28 November, 4 - late, Hampton Hill High Street

Now in its 50th year, this annual celebration sees the High Street turn on the lights and celebrate the coming of Christmas. Arrive early and stay late to enjoy live music, Christmas carols, street stalls, hot food and late-night shopping. Road closed from 5.30pm, with buses on diversion. The parade starts at 6.30pm.



NEW

Leaf Sweep and Gutter Clean

Saturday 29 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, after which the gutters and drain pipes are flushed through. The courtyard and car park will also be swept of leaves. If you can help, please turn up suitably dressed.

Vicar's View



'Goodness! Is it time to plan the Christmas services and Carol Concert already?'



From boys' own adventures to romance!

Back in the 1950s, I used to attend the Saturday morning pictures at the Odeon in Whitton. Entrance was 6d, and a fizzy drink could be bought for 1d across the road. I hated it when women appeared in the films since it slowed down the action. Since then I have developed a love of romantic comedies and dramas. So my two top films will be no surprise.

1 WHEN HARRY MET SALLY Columbia Pictures (1989)



Can men and women ever just be friends? Or will the love thing get in the way?

Meg Ryan and Billy Crystal are brilliant as the two main characters. Nora Ephron wrote a terrific screenplay (though the 'I'll have what she's having' line in Katz's Delicatessen in New York is generally attributed to Crystal).

Harry and Sally try to be friends very hard, but love eventually wins. As the song tells us, *It Had to Be You*.

2 CASABLANCA Warner Brothers (1942)

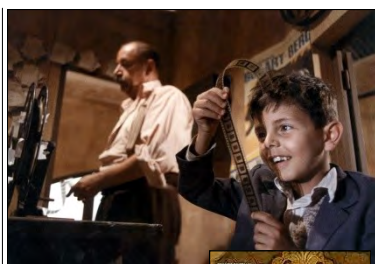


Many people would put this film top of their list. Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman star in this great romantic drama, winning the best film Oscar of 1943. Rick – the Bogart character – and proprietor of Rick's Café Americain in Casablanca has to choose between his love for a woman or helping her Czech resistance leader husband.

There is a real on-set chemistry between the two stars. The film is full of wonderful lines – 'Play it again, Sam' (or something like that), 'Here's looking at you kid' and 'We'll always have Paris'.

3 CINEMA PARADISO Miramax Films (1988)

A favourite of film buffs everywhere. Directed by Tomatore, the film tells of the growing up of a young lad – Salvatore, also known as



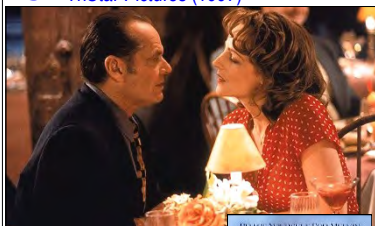
Toto – in a small town in post-war Italy, his love for films (censored by the local priest!), his relationship with the film projectionist who takes him under his wing and his feelings for a local girl, whom he is not allowed to wed. He moves away to become a famous film director, but cannot forget the girl, the only woman he truly loved. The film is beautifully shot and very moving and centred on a love of cinema. It won best foreign language Oscar for 1989.

4 HIGH NOON United Artists (1952)



My favourite western. Gary Cooper plays Will, who has just married Amy (a Quaker, played by Grace Kelly) and has stepped down as town marshal when he hears that a convicted killer, released on a technicality, is on the noon train and determined to kill him and terrorise the town. Should Will run, or should he fight? For many the issue was that posed by McCarthyism, then at its height, so there is real political sub-plot, which gives it edge. *Do Not Forsake Me Oh My Darlin'* won the Oscar for best song.

5 AS GOOD AS IT GETS TriStar Pictures (1997)



A Jack Nicholson film, and another romantic comedy. Both Jack and co-star Helen Hunt won leading-role Oscars. Jack is an ageing novelist

who is set in his ways. He is rude to everyone. He seems unable to let whatever good there is in him come out. Helen Hunt is the only waitress in the local café who is prepared to serve him. Jack struggles to find the right words. Helen says less but is to the point. Will they get together eventually? Powerful acting (plus hamming by Jack).

6 AMERICAN GRAFFITI Universal Pictures (1973)



This movie captures the spirit of small-town America in the 1960s. It follows the activities of four teenagers coming of age in their last night before college.

The pop soundtrack is terrific. The cars, the drive-ins and the drag racing are great. Our hero – in his first film lead – is a very young Richard Dreyfuss. The film cost peanuts, but was still nominated for the best film Oscar. Sit back. Cruise Main Street. Let the music roll over you.

7 AU REVOIR LES ENFANTS Orion (1987)



I had to include a French film and this is one of Louis Malle's best. Set in occupied France in 1943-44, it is a semi-autobiographical study of the director's time at a boarding school where he witnessed the bravery of the headmaster, who defies the Nazis and enrolls three Jewish students under assumed names, only for the students to be betrayed by a disabled school employee, and for the headmaster to be taken away by the Gestapo. Very moving. Beautifully made.

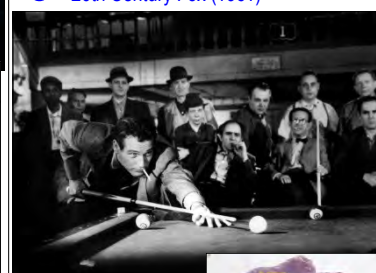
8 MANHATTAN MGM (1979)

This black-and-white film was inspired by Gershwin's *Rhapsody in Blue* and follows the lives of a handful of New Yorkers, including, Woody Allen, Diane Keaton and Mariel Hemingway. Allen gets wonderful performances from his characters. His own uncertain approach to relationships contrasts markedly with the young Hemingway, who



memorably tells Allen at the end of the film '...not everyone gets corrupted.....you have to have a little faith in people'.

9 THE HUSTLER 20th Century Fox (1961)



Paul Newman stars as 'Fast Eddie' Felsen in this classic about how to win and at what cost. Fast Eddie first loses at pool to Minnesota Fats (Jackie Gleason), then learns how to beat him, but in doing so loses the one girl who really loves him. The pool scenes are terrific. Newman did not win the Oscar for this film, but did win it for the (slightly lesser) follow-up, *The Color of Money* (1986). A man's film, maybe, but none the worse for that.

10 SEARCHING FOR SUGARMAN Red Box Film (2012)

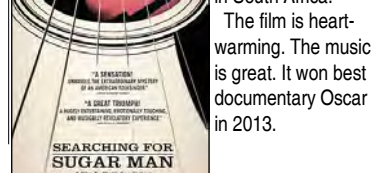


I need to include at least one recent film, and why not choose a documentary (and a Swedish/British one at that)?

It tells the story of two South Africans

who try to discover whatever happened to Sixto Rodriguez, otherwise known as Sugarman, a folk singer who produced two albums in the late 60s that bombed everywhere except in South Africa.

Sugarman was eventually (re)discovered



in the US doing menial jobs and was brought back to star in South Africa. The film is heart-warming. The music is great. It won best documentary Oscar in 2013.