

ARE YOU AN ANGEL?

Michaelmas Daisies seem to stand for Autumn in many people's minds with their variety of colours, purple and deep red and mauve. They are perhaps the last true garden flowers before everything begins to die back for the winter and most church decorators are thankful for them at Harvest time. The full title of the Church's Festival is not just Michaelmas but St. Michael and All Angels. The Jews had a very complex system of Angels and Archangels and in later times some would dispute the categories and numbers. The meaning of the word Angel is an important one which applies to all who call themselves Christians. It means 'Messenger' and as we are all 'called to be Saints' so we are also expected to be messengers. It is a rather less strident word than 'herald' which implies trumpets and public announcements. Angel implies only the faithful delivery of the message entrusted to us. And this is something which we can all do – we do not necessarily have the whole message but may have only part of it. A messenger also needs to be trained to listen for the message but may have only part of it. A messenger also needs to be trained to listen for the message he has to deliver. This the Christian does in his or her own prayer life and in public worship. These are not alternatives but two necessary components of the full life. So when is Michaelmas? 29th September, just about the time that all the new round of autumn and winter activities begin. It is not coincidence that for many years the Church has ordained men to the ministry at Michaelmas. For me it will mean the twenty-first anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Let us all dedicate ourselves afresh at Michaelmas to be true and faithful angels for God.

Nicholas Chubb

ST. JAMES'S DAY

St. James's Liturgical Dance Group made a welcome appearance at our Patronal Festival and it was felt that they gave great pleasure to a large number of the congregation. The vicar said that we worship God in and with our talents, and our talented group certainly gave of their best.

The vicar's address about the life and example of St. James was thought provoking. I have often tried to reconcile the death of the netted fish with the humanity of 'fishing for men' and now I can see and accept fishing for men into the net of redemption.

I enjoyed taking part in the music for the dance sequence and the procession. I felt that the choir and organ were a pleasant accompaniment, but it was possible that the choir could not be heard during the processional dance because of the enthusiastic 'rhythmic' accompaniment by the younger members of the congregation. Still it was a joyous dance, well supported and including the vicar on percussion. To me the dance sequence had a clear message of faith in words and movement.

After all the good things of the mind and spirit, the body was catered for with characteristic skill by the ladies in the presentation of a magnificent spread laid out in the churchyard.

Thank you all for the effort that you put into it and made it a Patronal Festival for me to remember.

David Pailthorpe

CHURCH OF ENGLAND CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOX OPENING EVENING

The Box Opening Evening held on July 8th was once again an enjoyable and successful occasion. Thank you to all those who came and brought their boxes and also to the others who could not come but whose boxes have now been emptied; the total sum raised was £101.11p., a slight increase on the previous year. Thank you also to those who helped count the money and sold cards on the evening. Anyone else wanting a box please get in touch with me.

Helen Taylor

A SUMMER SPRING-CLEAN

To fix on two Saturdays in the middle of July instead of a weekend in September was something of a gamble, but one which paid off handsomely.

There was a goodly attendance on 11th July, with many people snatching a few hours between other commitments to the arrangements for the Induction. Thanks to this most of the work in washing paint on walls, ceilings and woodwork, plus all of the tables and some of the chairs, was cleared up during the day.

This meant that the second Saturday could be devoted to finishing the chairs and cleaning all the windows; then, joy of joys, repainting areas of worn or chipped walls and skirtings. No fewer than six paint brushes were in action at one time; sky blue, daffodil yellow and duck egg green vying with the more prosaic cream (in the kitchen) and brown of the dado and skirtings. Meantime, new paint on the flow in the cloakrooms brought them to gleaming completion. All this in the morning, then in the afternoon a final wash of the floors and a coat of shining seal in the hall and kitchen. About this time Ron Bridges was making free with Copper Rose (which is a colour, not a W.P.C.!).

A few hours judiciously spent by Committee members on key areas of floors on both Sundays ensured that the whole Hall was at least nearly as fresh as when last repainted two years ago.

Difficult perhaps, and wrong too, to make special mention of individual performances, but Alan Taylor's artistic impression in vivid blue on the kitchen ceiling, whilst rendering snatches of what may have been modern opera, drew much admiration; while a newcomer, one J.N. Chubb, won marks for being first on duty (after the foreman had opened up) on the second Saturday; a brief performance with a wash leather, but showing much promise.

Thank you all, not least my loyal Committee, for such splendid efforts and achievement.

Jack Gostling

PARISH TENNIS EVENING

On a Friday evening in mid-July those more energetic members of the Parish gathered together at the tennis courts belonging to Lady Eleanor Holles school to exhibit their prowess on the court.

The evening was kindly arranged by Roger Bucknell who was keen that the CYC should challenge the more "experienced" members of the Parish. Eventually, as darkness descended, CYC took up the challenge hoping that the bad light

would keep the margin of defeat respectable! The tennis was most competitive and even Tony 'Bjorn Borg' Lawrance was seen to take his track suit off in the heat of the battle. Despite the frequent protests on court from Peter 'McEnroe' Rawlins, which were most diplomatically handled by tournament referee, Hal Severn, experience won the day.

The evening was rounded off by Roger Bucknell inviting both victorious and defeated back to his house for some welcome refreshments. A most enjoyable evening and it is hoped that the experience learnt by CYC on this occasion will be put into good effect next summer!!!

Joe Brownlee

A BIG THANK YOU TO OUR BROWNIES

Hearing that new Parish Breakfast tables were being bought for the church, our Brownies, in appreciation of the use of the Church Hall for their meetings, got together and arranged a Coffee Party and as a result of their thoughts a donation of £10 has been received towards the cost of the tables. This gift, every bit as much as the thought which prompted it, is thoroughly appreciated. Thank you to all who took part.

SCOUT GROUP NEWS

YEAR OF THE DISABLED. On about the wettest Saturday of the Summer about 30 Cub Scouts and 4 Scouts set out on a Sponsored Walk from Walton Bridge along the towing path to Hampton Court Bridge. In spite of the atrocious weather the boys kept up a bright and cheerful spirit, and as a result of this effort £188 was collected. Mrs. Mary Newman of the C.C.E. Housebound and Handicapped Group kindly assisted in the purchasing of a Wheel-Chair, and on Friday, 24th July a very pleasing little Ceremony took place at Scout Headquarter's when the much needed gift was formally presented to Mrs. Mary Newman for the use of her members.

Doris Childs

SCOUT CAMP 1981 IN SNOWDONIA, NORTH WALES.

After an eventful journey there, when we almost lost our Trailer, we settled in at Camp. The week's trips included a 4½ miles hike to Beddgelert, the nearest village, a walk up Snowdon and some rock climbing. On Wednesday, a drizzly day, we went down a Slate Mine in Blaenau-Ffestiniog the largest man-made hole in Europe. We crossed the Menai Bridge to Bangor for a much needed swim. We visited Caernarfon to see the Castle and town. Friday's trip was to Morfa Nefyn famed for its "fish and chips" and its Beach.

This camp certainly kept us on our toes, and so we had no time to be bored. Early rising had its advantages — you could see the mountain mist rolling down the river to the Lake. Only the water and the gnats disturbed our great Camp.

Peter Brittain

VISIT TO CUB CAMP – NORMANDY 1918

The 3rd Hampton Hill Cub Pack were on their annual summer camp holiday, this year at Normandy near Aldershot. On Tuesday 11th August parents and friends were invited to come along, watch the races, enjoy Camp tea and cheer at the swimming gala. Skipper Childs senior was on watch outside the Camp acting as a signpost (much appreciated Skip) and the day was sunny, cloudless and blue. In spite of the heat all the Cubs took part in the races, parents and friends watching from the welcome shade of the hut. It was interesting to see the various styles of wellie boot throwing and although Skipper offered an extra point for hitting him, no one took up the challenge but a slightly off course boot landed among some parents causing much hilarity. Many individual styles were shown in the parents versus cubs race, but I think that the prize must go to Hilde Bucknell who bounced along the course with great aplomb much to Alison's delight.

After a Cub Marathon round the Camp we were served tea by the Cubs, lots of sandwiches, cakes and a most welcome cup of tea.

As we wandered around the Camp Site, which is in a beautiful situation with a stream, plank bridges, woodland and an open air swimming pool, we were quite envious of our fortunate sons. The Swimming Gala got off with a great splash the boys enjoying every moment of it.

Thank you so much dear Cub Leaders and helpers, you have given our boys many happy memories; long may you continue to flourish.

Mavis E. Williams

CANCER RESEARCH – KEEP FIT OPEN DAY

Our Keep Fit 'Open Day' in aid of Cancer Research was very successful again this year and £211 has been forwarded to the Imperial Cancer Research Fund.

We thank everyone who donated so generously and came and supported us. The class enjoyed the afternoon, and we hope our friends enjoyed watching. After the Summer break Autumn Term will start on September 15th. New members are most welcome to join us – just come along on that day or ring Pat Young or Eila Severn on 979-5629 or 979-1954 if you would like more information.

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Eila, Pat and their "girls" gave an excellent display of "keep fit" dancing and exercises at the Church Hall in July. Many people attended and quite a number of them, including children, joined in some of the items with great gusto.

There was a bring and buy stall, also a raffle, and a Guess the weight of a basket of fruit, which was quite amazing – the guesses varying from 2lbs to 12lbs. The well organised afternoon ended with a very nice tea with lovely home made cakes.

One of the watchers

ST. JAMES'S WOMEN'S TUESDAY CLUB

The Club started its new year in June after the A.G.M. when it was agreed that we had had an enjoyable year with an interesting and varied programme.

The new session begins in September after the summer break. Our first meeting (September 8th, 8 p.m. at Wayside) is a talk on The History of Kingston given by Mrs. Wruddle in Aid of Spastics. The following meeting on September 22nd will take the form of a Bring and Buy Auction lasting the whole evening which should prove very entertaining.

We hope to welcome all our present members and anyone who would like to join us, either as a potential member or as a visitor. We meet every other Tuesday and the yearly subscription is 50p (refreshments 10p.). Do come along for a friendly evening.

Dorothy Weston

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

As announced earlier, confirmation classes will be starting in the autumn. Will all candidates, those who have already put their name down, and any others interested, please make a point of coming to church on Sunday 20th September and see me after the service. We can then discuss a time for regular meetings.

Nicholas Chubb

HARVEST FESTIVAL

We shall celebrate this year's Harvest Thanksgiving Festival on October 4th. There will be an informal Welcome Service at 4.30pm and on this occasion the Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies will hold their monthly parade in the afternoon. The service is to be followed by a celebration tea.

As usual a **distribution of harvest gifts** will take place on the Monday morning afterwards. The vicar or Hannah Stanton will be pleased to hear from you if you know of anybody who would appreciate being remembered at harvest time. Helpers, especially with cars, are very welcome.

On Tuesday morning, 6th October, there will be a **Coffee Morning in support of Christian Aid**; it will take place in Wayside, from 10.30 to 12.30. Christian Aid coffee and tea will be on sale, non-perishable harvest offerings from the church will be raffled, and a Christian Aid exhibition and film strip will be shown. Please support us on this occasion — remember those who have no harvest to celebrate.

THE WAYSIDE MONDAY CENTRE

The Wayside Monday Centre was opened in April 1974. Since then it has provided a place where worried or lonely people can share their troubles with a sympathetic listener, one of the helpers of the Centre.

Nearly all helpers have had some training in counselling techniques. Simple counselling is patient, confidential and sympathetic listening, the listener reflecting back the picture of the problem that is being presented, often by

inference filling in gaps that the talker may not see for him or herself. Wayside helpers try not to give advice, but to enable visitors to make decisions for themselves.

The Centre is open on Mondays from 10.30am to 1.30pm and 8pm to 10pm at Wayside, 25 St. James's Road. During the morning session an inexpensive light lunch is served. New visitors are always welcome, and no appointment is necessary.

Anyone wishing to know more about the Centre should 'phone Roma Bridges 979-6865 or myself 979-8887.

Dick Wilde

CHILDREN IN CHURCH

Some very useful discussion points about children in church have been produced, and until specific arrangements are made for children, the vicar would like it known that children of all ages are always welcome at any service, preferably with their parents.

If any parents feel particularly anxious about this, they are welcome to come and talk over their problem with the vicar.

GODSPEL

Our church has been lent to the Youth Action Theatre (YAT), the junior branch of the Teddington Theatre Club, for rehearsals of the musical "GODSPEL". The group are taking their production abroad, and have agreed, in recognition of rehearsal facilities, to give a performance of GODSPEL in our church after their return. Watch out for further details.

AUTUMN AND WINTER ACTIVITIES

Prayer and Study Group at 75 Burton's Road: the first two meetings will take place on September 2 and 16, at 8pm. After that the group will be known as "Good News Group". For further details watch this space.

St. James's Young Families Group 10.30 – 12, Wayside, St. James's Road.

September	10	T.C. (Toddlers Club)
	17	Pram Service in church, followed by Young Families Party All mothers with babies or toddlers warmly invited
	24	T.C.
October	1	Nearly new children's clothes Sale
	8	T.C.
	15	(to be advised)
	22	T.C.
	29	(no meeting – half term)
November	5	Meet Mrs. Chubb, our new Vicar's wife, for informal chat 6pm Fireworks Party (further details to be advised)
	12	T.C.
	19	Toy Sales Party
	26	T.C.
December	3	Film in the context of The Year of the Disabled
	10	T.C.
	17	Christmas Party

Ladies Choir First meeting at 2.30pm on September 14 in the vestry. Meetings fortnightly. All welcome.

Liturgical Dance Group New members are very welcome. A time for regular rehearsals is yet to be arranged and can be fixed to suit those interested. For further details ring Pat Young (979 5629) or Eila Severn (979 1954).

Keep Fit Tuesdays 2pm St. James's Hall, School Road. First session: 15 Sept.

A SHORT STORY

There was once a man who served as an archer under a very great king. The monarch ruled his large country with perfect wisdom and justice. The magnificence of his court matched his boundless wealth and power. He was surrounded by splendid nobles and held in awe by every person in his kingdom. The man was returning home with a number of his comrades after a successful campaign in an outlying province. The archers had been paid a generous wage and were lodging at a pleasant inn in a small market town. It was the first time they had enjoyed the comforts of a well kept hostelry after their lengthy wanderings, and they were taking full advantage of the landlord's strong home-brewed ale. As the evening wore on the man and his friends became jollier and noisier by the half-hour. Snatches of songs and bragging tales of their bravery in battle filled the air, until suddenly the man was heard clamouring for silence. Unsteadily he climbed on to a table, stood there, legs apart, chest and stomach pushed forward and shouted: "Of course I can do it. I am fast enough. I bet anybody! I can shoot six arrows before you can count to twenty. Want a bet? All six into that wooden post by the fountain outside!" The others shouted in confusion: — "Nobody can shoot that fast!" Rattled by his swaggering they dragged him to the open window, thrust his bow and arrows into his hands and amidst raucous laughter began to count.

As he tightened his bow for the fourth time, the landlord rushed up to him. "Are you out of your mind — there are people out there!" But the man was so benumbed with beer and intent on winning his bet that he shot all six arrows before the landlord gripped his arm and forced the bow from his hand.

In the momentary silence in the room, they heard a thin wailing drifting in through the window, and seconds later a new and different noise filled the air, as two imposing looking men burst into the room. White faced and with grim determination they seized the man and shouted: "Do you know what you have done? You have wounded the king's only son!" A deathly silence fell. The king's young son, beloved by his father, was known to travel around the realm dressed as an ordinary person and mingling freely with the people in order to learn of their concerns and hopes in life. He had this very evening come to the drinking fountain and, finding a beggar sitting there, had stooped down to talk to him. Both had been hit by the wildly erratic arrows from the archer's unsteady bow. "You will have to come with us to face the king", the distressed bodyguards told the unfortunate man who was now quite sober and appalled by his unspeakable deed.

The journey to the king's palace seemed endless. Fear, remorse, disgust with himself filled the man's heart. What would the king do to him? To have wilfully wounded the king's own son — it could only mean he had to die.

When he entered the king's presence his knees trembled. The splendour of the throne room dazzled him. He dared not look at the king's face. Sinking down at the foot of the throne he stammered a tear-choked "I am sorry" and expected to hear his death sentence pronounced in stentorian tones. Instead a quiet voice asked him: "Do you repent of what you have done?" — "Oh, yes I do," he replied sincerely, "from the bottom of my heart. I just don't know now how I could have done such a thing. I had most certainly not meant to hurt your son, my king." — "And what about the beggar?" asked the gentle voice. The man looked up, puzzled. He saw the king's eyes resting on him, kindly. "You see, I do indeed love my son," said the king, "but I love the beggar just as much." He paused. "I love all my people equally. — I forgive you, my son." The man knelt, speechless. It took him a long time to grasp what the king had said to him.

Hilde Bucknell

REPORT ON SHARED MINISTRY (continued)

Question Two WHAT ARE THE AREAS OF MINISTRY THAT BELONG EXCLUSIVELY TO THE ORDAINED MINISTER?

There were two strands running through the replies to this question. One was to answer in terms of the existing rules and practice of the Church of England. It was said that only an ordained person can celebrate the Eucharist, pronounce Absolution, hear confessions, baptise and marry people. Other replies focussed on the leadership role of the ordained minister, e.g. that of representative headship within the church. However much he shares and delegates, the church still needs him to distil and declare the vision that the Holy Spirit is giving to the church about its life and ministry. He is still required to exercise a ministry that unlocks, encourages and enables the ministry of others . . . "a consultant in matters of thought, structure and discipline".

Question Three WHAT ARE THE REMAINING AREAS OF MINISTRY AS YOU SEE THEM IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD? a) HOW ARE THEY TO BE EXERCISED? b) WHO IS BEST QUALIFIED TO EXERCISE THEM? c) HOW ARE SUCH MINISTERS TO BE TRAINED AND BY WHOM?

Pastoral care, counselling, evangelism, teaching and training are obvious areas for lay ministry, "There can be few areas in which lay people cannot take a much bigger part than they generally do at present, e.g. in the conduct of church services; pastoral care; the work of following up new contacts made by the ordained minister through baptism, preparation for marriage, etc., the teaching of those new to the faith, and maintaining more explicitly Christian values in daily contacts with neighbours and workmates."

As regards training, a distinction was made between the sort of ministry a christian exercises in everyday life — for which no specialist training is necessary, although people do need to be much better equipped to pray, care for others, and share their faith — and more specialised ministries such as teaching, preaching, counselling, for which thorough and possibly lengthy preparation is essential.

Some parishes made the point that the "apprenticeship" model of training could be valuable in many instances, i.e. one person taking along another in the course of exercising his/her ministry.

Parishes could do more by way of training their members, and these approaches could be supplemented by courses at a Deanery, Area, or Diocesan level. In reading these replies we were conscious of the fact that most parishes were thinking in church-based terms; very few talked about developing lay people's ability to engage in ministry in the course of their daily lives, e.g. at home, at work, in community affairs, local associations, etc. We were conscious of the tension that exists for many people between contributing to the internal thrust of the church's ministry and participating in its external thrust. We wondered whether, and to what extent, people's activities in their daily lives were recognised as ministry, either by themselves or the clergy.

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SOME DATES TO NOTE

September

- 3 19.15 Holy Communion
- 5 19.00 Church Youth Club Social Evening
- 6 PENTECOST 13
Services are as usual.
St. Mary's, our mother church, celebrates its 150th anniversary.
- 8 20.00 TUESDAY CLUB begins new session at Wayside.
- 9 14.30 MOTHERS' UNION BRANCH MEETING at Wayside
- 10 19.15 Holy Communion
20.15 HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
- 13 PENTECOST 14
Services are as usual
Sunday School re-opens at Wayside
- 15 20.00 CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING AT WAYSIDE
- 16 20.00 LITURGICAL SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING
- 17 19.15 Holy Communion
- 20 PENTECOST 15
Services are as usual
Intending Confirmation candidates attend the Parish Communion at 9.30 to plan classes
- 21 ST. MATTHEW THE APOSTLE
17.30 ENTHRONEMENT OF BISHOP OF LONDON at St. Paul's Cathedral
- 22 20.30 MEETING OF LITURGICAL COMMITTEE
- 24 19.15 Holy Communion
- 27 PENTECOST 16
Services are as usual
- 29 ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

OCTOBER

- 4 PENTECOST 17
16.30 SPECIAL HARVEST FESTIVAL WELCOME SERVICE
This service will be followed by a HARVEST TEA in the grounds of the church
- 6 10.30-12.30 COFFEE MORNING FOR CHRISTIAN AID AT WAYSIDE
- 8 19.15 Holy Communion
- 11 PENTECOST 18
Services are as usual
- 12 HAMPTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES arrange meeting with the Member of Parliament
- 13 20.00 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE HAMPTON COUNCIL OF CHURCHES
- 15 20.00 MEETING OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE OF THE WAYSIDE MONDAY CENTRE at Wayside
- 18 ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Services are as usual

Commencement dates for the Catechumenate, Koinonia, Prayer and Study Group and the Ladies' Choir will be announced in church and given on the Notice Board on the church door when this information is available.

CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

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| September | 13 | E. Moss Ltd., 14 Broad Street, Teddington |
| | 20 | F.G. Martin (Chemists) Ltd., 28b Priory Road, Hampton |
| | 27 | D.G. Manley, 122 High Street, Teddington |
| October | 4 | F.G. Martin (Chemists) Ltd., 3 Station Approach, Hampton |
| | 11 | E & R Kirby, 53 High Street, Teddington |

BAPTISMS

- August 2 Lucy Angela Julian, 52 Wordsworth Road, Hampton
Sarah Anne Witt, Flat 9, 117 Uxbridge Road, Hampton Hill

FUNERALS

- July 22 Mabel Smith, 34 Seymour Road, Hampton Hill, aged 77
24 Winifred Lizzie Beauchamp, 70 Hampton Road, Teddington, aged 76
- August 6 Angela Ovington-Jones, 54 Park Road, Hampton Hill, aged 91

MARRIAGES

- July 4 Gary Victor Rapley to Lynette Joan Noah
- August 15 Simon John Galvin to Judith Ellen Gibbons
Colin Keith Jordan to Linda Ann Howard