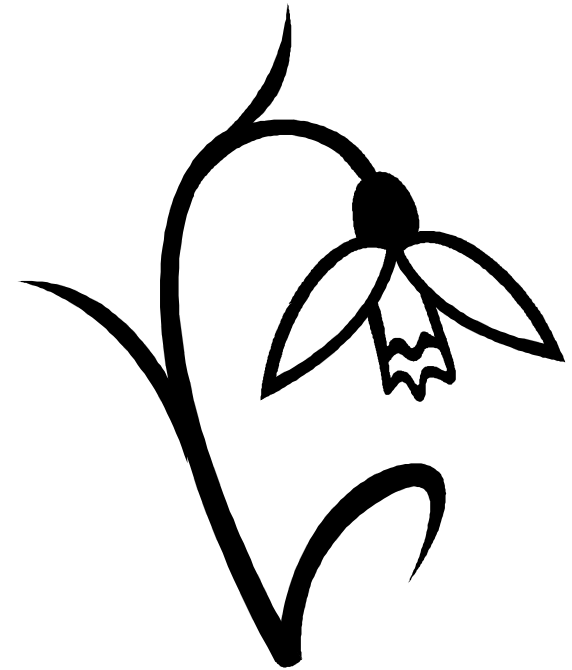


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

PINNER PARISH  
REVIEW



January/February 2008

## EDITORIAL

On the cover is a picture of a snowdrop, traditionally one of the Virgin Mary's flowers, used to decorate Lady Chapels at the Feast of Candlemas in February.

We hope that you will enjoy reading articles received for this combined issue which include:

- Letter of Thanks from Keith
- Update from a previous Youth Worker
- An Encounter with Gill Yates
- Results of The Friends Auction
- USPG Pilgrimage
- Ramblers/Traidcraft/Centre Stage dates
- Obituary

Copy date for the March edition is Thursday 21 February. Please keep sending your contributions to: [parishreview@fsmail.net](mailto:parishreview@fsmail.net) or the church office.

*Joy*

### BAPTISMS

Oliver Barry Munn      27 January

### DEATHS

James Kelly              3 December  
Ruth Mary Stark        3 December  
Matthew Vishnick       4 December  
Violet Winifred Burrell 11 December  
Norma Betty Edmonds   14 December  
Eileen Mable Elworthy   23 December  
Doris Fanny Whistler   25 December  
John William White     1 January  
Laura Weston            14 January

## MINISTERIAL LETTER



Dear Friends,

This year, when Easter is almost the earliest it can be, we find ourselves heading into Lent almost before the tissue paper has stopped rustling in the boxes of Christmas decorations. At St John's the crib that is blessed on Christmas Eve stays until Candlemas. Sometimes known as the Presentation of Christ, when we celebrate Jesus being brought to the Temple in Jerusalem for the first time and Simeon coming out with his strange prophetic words; that glimpse ahead down the years to the time when the child will fulfil his destiny and the great purposes of God.

This year Candlemas falls only three days before Ash Wednesday so the crib and the beginning of Lent are cheek by jowl so to speak, in a rather disconcerting way. Although this does not often happen because of the way the date for Easter pans out it is a happy coincidence because Christmas and Easter belong together.

There are aspects of Christmas whose significance can only be truly appreciated in the light of the events of Easter. Jesus' first resting place, an old wooden animal feedbox, is a shocking substitute for a newborn's cradle; his last resting place before death will be the gnarled old wood of a gallows, a horrific substitute for a deathbed. Lancelot Andrewes, a Bishop of Winchester in the 17<sup>th</sup> C with a rare gift for words, put it in a nutshell, "the scandal of the cratch [crib] is a good preparative to the scandal of the Cross."

Christmas should scandalise us and it is good to begin Lent with that faint waft of shock and surprise still in our nostrils, as we prepare to remember the scandalising fact of Jesus dying for us on the cross and then paving the way in his Resurrection to show that death no longer has the last laugh.

I am always teased at home because I cheer up when Lent begins! This is not because I have some strange ascetic streak that likes to live deprived of things that we traditionally give up in Lent, but because I find Lent can often be a time when, if we can catch hold of that disconcerting aspect of the season, we can grow spiritually in a dynamic and exciting way.

The idea of giving up food and drink during Lent may help with that, although of course sometimes it can be a bit more like joining unofficial Weight-Watchers, and the goal is more physical than spiritual.

This Lent whatever you do or do not do, whatever you eat or don't eat, aim to give yourself some opportunity that nurtures a sense of excitement about your faith, do something that moves you about it.

Read a book that *excites* you about Jesus or Christianity (and I don't mean a book that has a worthy title but leaves you bored stiff). Take time out to go on a retreat or a weekend break where you have time to meet the God who is looking for you - and strangely enough that may involve choosing to pamper yourself rather than subjecting yourself to deprivation. Join one of the PAC Lent groups that are meeting throughout Lent to chat about your faith with other Christians and perhaps make new friends. Try praying in a different way or expecting different things from your prayers.

Be prepared to be scandalised by the God who does not play by our rules and who is always waiting to surprise us if we give him half a chance.

Then, when Easter comes, with the shock of the manger in Bethlehem still fresh in our minds, the shock of the empty tomb will resonate through our lives in a new and powerful way. God knows what might happen as a result.

Yours in Christ  
*Elizabeth*

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## 'CONGRATULATIONS' TO:

*Michael Turvey* who has been awarded an HonRSCM and  
*Wendy Myers* who has been elected as Vice Chairperson of the PAC.

## CLEANING THE HOUSE FOR YEAR 2008!

*'Awake to righteousness and sin not' (1 Corinthians 15:34)*



Last week I threw out worrying, it was getting old and in the way. It kept me from being me; I couldn't do things God's way. I threw out a book on my past (didn't have time to read it anyway). Replaced it with new goals, started reading it today. I threw out hate and bad memories. Got me a new philosophy too, threw out the one from long ago. Brought in some new books too, called I can, I will, and I must. Threw out I might, I think and I ought. Wow, you should've seen the dust.

I ran across an old friend that I hadn't talked to in a while. His name is God the Father, and I really like His style. He helped me to do some cleaning and added some things Himself. Like prayer, hope, faith and love. Yes, I placed them right on the shelf. I picked up this special thing and placed it at the front door - it's called peace. Nothing gets me down any more.

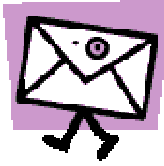
Yes, I've got my house looking nice. For things like worry and trouble there just isn't any space. It's good to do a little house cleaning. Get rid of the things on the shelf. It makes things brighter; maybe you should try it yourself. Be blessed and be a blessing to someone else!

'May the Lord open the windows of heaven and pour you out  
a blessing that you will not have room enough to receive it all'  
*(Malachi 3:10)*

'May the Lord bless you exceedingly abundantly  
above all you could ever hope for'  
*(Philippians 4:19)*

# LETTER OF THANKS

*from Keith*



Although I have already thanked some of you in person, if you are one of the (no less than twenty-six) members or friends of Pinner Parish Church who recently gave me either furniture and/or other items/gifts for my bedsit flat (all are listed in alphabetical order at the end of this letter), then I'd like to "officially" in writing here say a very large Thank You to every single one of you for your great help, kindness and generosity to me. As most of you will probably be able to imagine, the experience I went through last year was a nightmare. Your kindness to me has not only helped me to forget that nightmare, but has also allowed me to start to rebuild my life as well.

Although I have also already told some of you the following, especially for those of you whom I've either not seen nor thanked already, I need to repeat and further clarify that regarding the dinner I planned to cook for you, as my attempt to at least try to return some of your above kindness and generosity to me, I have had to put that off until around March; the reasons for that are the delays caused by the Council's building renovation work at my flat and that I still also have the main sitting room to decorate, and make the whole place properly ready and comfy for you all. Because of my illness, which does greatly slow me down too (and not least because I'll also have to do a test cook first - I don't want to be "poisoning" the troops as it were!) but I will let you know the exact date and how to get to my flat etc. nearer that time. I hope you'll also please understand that the above delays and reasons in this paragraph are also largely why that this really is the first chance I've had to write this letter of thanks, and that although I would have liked and did think of writing to each of you a separate individual letter of thanks, I trust that each of you will also understand that it is really hard to express thanks in words, in what would have been twenty-six letters. But I guarantee every one of you that my thanks in this one letter to you here are 100% genuinely meant by me.

If I have already or should in future see any of you at Pinner Parish Church and seem to "forget" who you are and/or if you did donate something to me but your name doesn't appear below, then I assure you that was/will definitely not be intentional neglect by me and that the only reasons for it are that I have only met some of you a few very brief times. My illness really does make me sometimes forgetful of faces and other things too.

Lastly, if any of you should at any time either now or in the future need help with any things, then all you have to do is please just ask me and if I can help I will do so; and before the above-mentioned dinner actually occurs, if any of you happen to be in my area, you are most welcome to pop in for a coffee, something to eat and a chat - please see either Elizabeth Birch, Morella Boon or Shane Godbolt, who will give you my address and mobile number (and who will also at that time explain to you the important, genuine and only reason as to why I could not give those contact details of mine out in this letter).

My thanks once again to every single one of you for the way that you have helped me so much.

With my best wishes to all of you,

Yours sincerely,

*Keith*

Mark Arnold  
Elizabeth Birch  
Morella Boon  
Sue Cooper  
Maureen Craddock  
Cynthia Fell  
Ann Fuller  
Shane Godbolt  
Greta Graham  
Paddy Haslam  
Alan and Jackie Herbert

Pam Herriott  
Pauline Ibbotson  
Alan Johnston  
Lorna Lonsdale  
Howard Lush  
Stephanie Murphy  
Simon Pothen  
Nick and Valerie Ridge  
James and Maria Trafford  
Clive and Louise Washbourn  
Mary Wright

# THE FRIENDS AUCTION OF TALENTS

*24 November 2007*



Some may remember a couple of previous occasions when such events have been held with many eclectic items offered, some of which money can't (normally) buy. Faced now with the imminent and real need to spend large amounts for essential repairs to the church roof, the Friends organised another Auction of Talents with this in mind. Phil Lawder (Churchwarden) quietly collected from willing individuals, via the grapevine, an interesting list of objects, tasks, tours and sojourns in idyllic spots here and abroad.

The Friends 'kitchen' team provided an excellent supper served to the tables by the team plus volunteers from the choir; Lucy Pinching, Kit Owen and Louise Ashton. Wine was offered generously and taken sufficiently to encourage the bidders' arms. Then Phil took charge, a radio microphone pack attached to each hip, and presented the lots. Some went for remarkably little and some attracted something of a premium, by comparison to the real world, but on the night that is irrelevant and all proceeds contributed to the main purpose of fundraising. Some lots multiplied before our eyes so that a winning bid was replicated – not one tour but two! Cheers for the offerer and more funds for the Friends though it did become complicated for Ellis and McDonald, the clerks, who had to keep track of what had been sold. In the end they managed and are now able to announce that a total of £5151 has been raised.

*Michael Hetreed*



*The Friends next fund raising event will be Lunch with Speaker, Patricia Clarke, in the church hall at 12 noon on Thursday 21 February.*

# CHURCH RAMBLES: 2008

*Dates for the Diary*



3 February

24 March

23-26 April Ramblers away

17 May

14 June

13 July

17 August

13 September

18 October

8 November

28 November Planning meeting for 2009 (hall rooms)

The rambles are a group of church members and their friends who walk on Sundays following breakfast after the 9.00 am service, or on Saturdays. We welcome all who are capable of walking approximately four to six miles, sometimes in muddy and wet conditions. Details are advertised in the weekly bulletin prior to the planned walk.

Further information can be obtained from:

*Eileen Ormandy 8248 3863*

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*NB: There will be an article in the March edition concerning tax issues from April 2008.*

# UPDATE FROM GERMANY

*from a previous Youth Worker*

Six years ago we moved back to Germany. During this time we have met most of you occasionally. But we notice that our visits to London become less frequent and feel it is time to write a little bit about our last three and a half years here in Watzenborn-Steinberg.

Alex has just been told that he is going to be vicar of the western part of our parish from January 2008 onwards for the next 10 years. This means for us that we can stay on living in our lovely house and garden and in a network of friendly parishioners. A few of you have seen our surroundings at the ordination in October 2004. Watzenborn-Steinberg is a bigish village (8000 inhabitants) that has merged with others into "Pohlheim" and is surrounded by woods and meadows. Five miles away is Gießen, a university town with department stores, hospitals, cinemas, the main train line, motorways, etc. We have taken to living in the countryside and do not miss much the excitement of a large town.

I (Sandra) would only prefer a shorter way to work (1½ hours by bike and train one way). Hephata library is situated in Schwalmstadt-Treysa, about 43 miles to the northeast. Hephata is a centre for people with mental disabilities (schools, homes, sheltered workplaces) and for non-disabled students who train for a social career (kindergarten teachers, youth workers, carer for disabled or old people). The library users are made up from these two very different groups and there are numerous interesting encounters. I work with a colleague – we are both employed for 4 days a week – and with somebody who helps out during lunch times. Additionally there are usually two placement students to look after. They train for a career in administration or in libraries, or try out their general suitability for the working world. This last group is quite challenging because they are former alcoholics, long-term unemployed or mentally ill people. Apart from the journey I am very happy there and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere. If you want to know more: [www.hephata.com](http://www.hephata.com) -> *Ausbildung* -> *Bibliothek*.

As you can imagine, weekends off are rare for the vicar of an extremely lively parish. There are an amazing number of people who volunteer for all sorts of things and take part in events. We get quite used to these high numbers and must be careful not to compare them to other parishes. Some examples:

- When we travelled to St. Anselm, Belmont on a parish exchange in April 2006 48 members of the parish, the gospel choir and the church choir signed up for this journey. (These people are now eager to welcome English guests some time in 2008!)

- Attendance at the holiday clubs in summer has risen steadily: We started with just over 80 in 2005 and in 2007 we had 144 children and 70 teenage/adult helpers
- Alex offered a bible reading scheme that would take us through the whole bible in one year. We started reading in January 2007 with an amazing number of 33 people.

Apart from these special events there is of course also a lot of routine work; confirmation classes (they run weekly for a year), R.E. lessons at school, funerals, bereavement visits, hospital visits, services, boy group, youth club, PCC meetings etc.

Since September 2006 Alex has had to reduce his hours in Watzenborn-Steinberg and include two other parishes which need support. Luckily his tasks there are clearly defined and do not take up too much time so he can still concentrate on "his" parish.

When we moved here in July 2004 there was another vicar for the eastern part of the parish. (It is quite common in Germany to split up a parish into several districts and allocate a vicar each who work as equals.) This colleague of Alex was not a team player and they both had a difficult time working together. In August 2007 he moved away and took up a post where he can work more on his own. A successor has just been appointed: a female vicar in her mid-forties who will move here with her husband and son in March. Alex is looking forward to working with her. During the interregnum a lady curate helps Alex with the everyday business. Then there is also a very gifted South Korean cantor and organist, an annual youth worker, a parish secretary and a caretaker. More information can be found at [www.christuskirche-pohlheim.de](http://www.christuskirche-pohlheim.de)

In our spare time we both enjoy digging in the garden, Alex still runs or cycles and I have taken to patchwork and quilting and playing the recorder.

We hope this letter finds you well and we send our love! God bless!

*Alexander and Sandra Klein*

## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll takes place between Sunday 9 and Sunday 23 March. The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 13 April and everyone on the Electoral Roll will be able to vote, or be elected to serve on the Parish Church Council.

## AN ENCOUNTER WITH ...

*This month we encounter Gillian Yates...*



**How many years have you worshipped at St John's?**

25 years

**What changes have you noticed in the Parish over the years?**

Changes in the clergy – it has changed from an almost monastic set up under Hugh Wybrew to being family orientated clergy

**What are your earliest memories of the Parish?**

My son, then myself and then my daughters joining the choir

**Do you go out to work or volunteer in any way? If so, what do you do?**

I am a retired physiotherapist. I sing in the choir and am the baptism co-ordinator

**Tell us about your family**

I am married to Doug with 3 grown up children (2 of whom are married), and 5 grand-daughters

**What is your favourite radio or TV programme?**

Any Michael Palin travel programme, any historical programmes and The Bill!

**What is your favourite film and why?**

Dr Zhivago – it has beautiful scenery, history, excitement and emotion

**Where was your best holiday and why was it the best?**

The whole family went to Devon last Easter, the weather was wonderful and we had a ball!

**What gets you 'hot under the collar'?**

Rude and inconsiderate people

**If you were stranded on a desert island, what**

❖ **three books would you take with you?**  
*(the Bible and Shakespeare are already there)*

A Fortunate Life by Albert Facey

Tuppence to cross the Mersey by Helen Forrester

Wild Swans by Jung Chang

❖ **three pieces of music would you take with you?**  
*(we have provided a clockwork CD player!)*

The Messiah by Handel

Mozart's Requiem

A CD of our children singing, that my parents had made, for our 25<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary

❖ **three luxury items would you take?**

Photographs of my family

An endless supply of writing & drawing materials

An everlasting supply of cheese – my favourite food

**Have you any hobbies and interests?**

Keeping fit – aerobics, swimming etc, singing, and trying to learn French (very slowly!)

**If you were an animal, what animal would best describe you and why?**

A dog – I think I am quite a loyal person

**What is your favourite Bible passage?**

Luke 2 v29-32. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace .....  
(The Nunc Dimittis)

**Have you a hero or heroine or is there some person whom you admire or respect? Tell us about the person**

Nelson Mandela – how can someone be so forgiving?

**What is your motto for life?**

If you say you are going to do something – always stick to your word

# RIP WINNIE BURRELL – 1913 TO 2007

*Extract from a tribute by Michael Busby (nephew)*



I have spoken to a number of people and have learned a little about how they regarded Babs (as she was known to many):

- Always puts others before herself
- Adventurous
- Such energy and enthusiasm
- Pioneer
- Tenacious
- Generous, particularly with her time
- Unshakeable faith

She was one of five children, raised in Hackney, and studied pharmacy at Chelsea College, worked in a hospital for a couple of years and went on to work for British Drug Houses, in the dispensing department. It was a good foundation but her career really leapt forward when she joined Glaxo. Babs migrated to a research pharmacist and later became a Fellow of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society.

Women in senior positions, at least in the early post war years, were not exactly common. Imagine her excitement when in 1950 Babs was asked if she would consider an assignment to India. The job was to start a sterile manufacturing facility for penicillin ampoules. She was now adding the skills of a manufacturing engineer to her portfolio.

Babs returned to England and in 1954 was again asked to work abroad, this time in Brazil. The Brazilians would not permit the import/export of certain medicines to their country. Her role was to develop and increase the production of drugs.

There was a major problem with the formulation of one drug. The South American equipment was basic and limited. Finite analysis was not possible – so no production! This problem was not helped by the Brazilian authorities who would not allow a sample to be sent back to England for analysis.

Babs decided a trip home was in order, with the sample for analysis tucked deep in her handbag. Discovery by the South American customs does not bear thinking about! The problem was unravelled back home in the laboratory. Production commenced soon after and all was well.

Babs worked in various jobs, including the company's patent office before retiring from Glaxo in 1969. Of course Babs soon realised that she needed to continue with her work and with that in mind she gained employment with Edgware General Hospital. She joined as a pharmacist and five years later retired again as the Deputy Chief Pharmacist.

It was at this stage of her life that Babs decided to increase her support to charities. Over 25 charities benefited from her work and support. I observed that one of her favourites was Sight Savers - Royal Commonwealth Society for the Blind. In the developing countries 75% of blindness can be prevented or cured - something she felt strongly about. She would contribute with ideas and attended meetings. She met many interesting people but her favourite was the President, Princess Alexandra. At one of the London functions the management team recognised that Babs would want to be at the back on formal occasions. They quickly reorganised events so that Babs was at the front! She recalled how much she enjoyed her chat. She also met numerous politicians/celebrities but she was most impressed with the Princess.

Babs took an interest in business and would certainly study the progress of her old company, Glaxo. I accompanied her to the annual general meetings and on one occasion she got chatting to the company secretary who fairly quickly took her over and introduced her to the current chairman. He sought her opinion on a couple of topics - she gave it, diplomatically of course!

Babs was an active family member and thought nothing of travelling to see her sisters, nephews, nieces and their children. Last year I caught a glimpse of Babs playing with our grandchildren which soon developed into a game of football - she liked being in goal.

Every six months she would make the trip to Ireland to see the family. She didn't care too much for the crowded airports; her preference was to catch the coach to Stranraer and get on to the ferry across the Irish Sea. She used to say, with a glint in her eye. 'Much more chance of an adventure' and would shrug off the 14 hour trip.

Babs was truly a remarkable lady. She spent the last five weeks of her life in Hillingdon Hospital. The medical teams really tried to make her better. She checked and sometimes questioned the consultant on the drugs and the dosage. She was intuitive and intelligent right to the end. The doctors and nursing staff would smile; always answer her questions, to the best of their ability.

This note (her words) was found amongst papers:

*'Let there be no windows darkened or sorrowing on my behalf.  
God has blessed my life with adventure and challenge and  
sustained the difficult periods with a strange deep peace  
which has transcended suffering. Be joyful.'*



*The PCC are considering an appropriate memorial to Winnie.  
Suggestions please to: Elizabeth Birch, Sheila Bishop or Ian McDonald.*

## USPG PILGRIMAGE

### *The Holy Land*

A party of 36 people from all over the UK met at Heathrow airport to board a flight to Tel Aviv, where we were met by our guide Ghassan, a Palestinian Christian. A two hour drive later we arrived at the Sea of Galilee for a three night stay in a pilgrim hostel, a most beautiful setting by the lake shore. After dinner we introduced ourselves and were briefed by our leaders Bishop Michael Doe and Bishop Richard Llewellyn, ending the day with compline.

A pilgrimage has three purposes:

- 1) To see historic sites
- 2) To meet the local people and hear their stories
- 3) To progress in our own personal journey



Every morning began with morning prayer. We started our pilgrimage by visiting The Church of the Transfiguration on Mt Tabor. and on to Cana to the site of Jesus' first miracle (now called the Wedding Church), then continued to Nazareth for lunch at St Margaret's Anglican hostel. Here we met the Rev Zahi Nasser (he attended Northwood Bible College) who spoke about the Arab Christian community in Nazareth and invited us to join his congregation for evening prayer before we left. There was some rousing singing! Here also we visited the Greek Orthodox Church to see a well that was in use in Jesus' time; St Joseph's Church, home of Joseph where he worked, and the Basilica of the Annunciation, where Mary's home is represented in the Grotto. After Evening Prayer we joined the local congregation for tea, cakes and chat.

The next day we visited sites connected with Jesus' Galilean ministry: The Church of Multiplication (loaves and fishes) where beautiful old mosaics were protected under the altar at Tabgha, The Church of the Primacy of Peter, where Peter commissioned 'Feed the Sheep' and here we had prayers outdoors before moving on to The Church of the Beatitudes where we celebrated a very moving service in the garden.

On to Capernaum, (a well excavated site) where Peter and his family lived, and a partially rebuilt 4<sup>th</sup> C Synagogue on the site of a 1<sup>st</sup> C one. After lunch of 'St Peter's fish' and chips we boarded a boat for a trip on the Lake and all renewed our Baptismal Vows with Bishop Michael. We made a final visit to the museum nearby to see a 1<sup>st</sup> C fishing boat discovered only a few years ago buried in the mud; then back to our base and a well earned swim in the Sea of Galilee.

Leaving Galilee we drove along the Jordan valley to Jericho, to view Temptation Mountain, on the way to Jerusalem, through the hills of the Judean Wilderness. We drove across the Wilderness, passing Bedouin Tribes, to view and reflect at the remote Monastery of St George. After lunch at the best chicken restaurant we continued up the Eastern slopes of Mount Olives to the Church at Bethany, home of Mary and Martha, and onto our base, Casa Rosa Hostel, Bethlehem for the next two nights.

Aboard the coach we were accompanied by Jack, an olive wood carver, whose family had owned a large olive grove, passed down through many generations. We were told the difficulties of now making a living as the grove had been cut in two by the separation barrier. This was close to the Shepherds' Fields where we celebrated Eucharist for the birth of Christ, in a cave-like dwelling with a manger and stable at the back. Returning to Bethlehem we passed through checkpoints and visited Jack's workshop, where we admired the beautiful end products and watched the skilled men at work.



Lunch that day was at the Bethlehem Bible College, where we were entertained by students from Israel, Lebanon and Palestine - their numbers are increasing. On to the Lutheran Church, an international culture centre, donated by Finland as a 2000 millennium project and then we walked back to base, hoping to visit the Church of the Nativity. As many other pilgrims had the same idea we knew we had to be first in the queue the next day.

At 6.00 am we were first in line to enter the Grotto, the place where Jesus was born - very humbling. Next on the agenda was a visit to the Holy Family Hospital, the foremost neo natal and maternity hospital in the West Bank, where we heard of its remarkable work with expectant mothers and work in outreach clinics. There was a greater security check on leaving Bethlehem as we went to Jerusalem, firstly to visit Bethphage (where the donkey was 'requisitioned' for Jesus' journey into Jerusalem). From the top of Mount Olives we walked down Olivet, passing the Church of Dominus Flevit into the Garden of Gethsemane for a short service and then into the Church of all Nations (Basilica of the agony at Gethsemane). Lunch was at Notre Dame on the way to Mt Zion to visit the site of the Room of the Last Supper, at the Abbey of the Dormition and the Church of St Peter in Gallicantu. Here we viewed the dungeons in the basement, where it was likely that Jesus was imprisoned prior to his trial. We then walked up a recently excavated path into the Old City.

Our base inside the City Walls in Jerusalem was the Knights Palace, which was within walking distance to The Church of the Holy Sepulchre. This was to be our first visit early on Sunday morning, to witness the procession of the Greek Patriarch, who presided at the Eucharist. After breakfast we joined members of the local community for the Eucharist at St George's Anglican Cathedral, presided over by the Anglican Bishop of Jerusalem, with our Bishop Michael preaching - a wonderful, happy occasion followed by a short reception of welcome. Lunch was at a Kibbutz, in a self-service restaurant. Then the group had a choice for the afternoon; a visit to the Museum of Jerusalem or visiting the Hadassah hospital Synagogue to view the famous Marc Chagall Windows depicting the twelve tribes of Israel. I chose the latter. Later in the afternoon we all met at Ein Karem, the Church of the Visitation (the traditional home of John the Baptist), for evening prayer.

There was an early start the next day to Mount Moriah, the Dome of the Rock, now in the Muslim Quarter, heavily guarded. We could only stand and admire the beautiful mosaics. Then we went through the Lion Gate and into the Jewish Quarter, through security to the Wailing Wall, where we were able to insert our prayers into the wall and witness Barmizvahs being celebrated.

On to the Crusader Church of St Anne (mother of Mary) over the pool of Bethesda and then to the Convent of the Sisters of Zion, built on the foundations of a fortress, the Roman Garrison's Jerusalem headquarters, where Jesus was condemned by Pilate. From there we followed the Way of the Cross, stopping at the Stations for an appropriate reading, along the Via Dolorosa to Calvary, now within the Holy Sepulchre Church. Lunch was taken at a local cafe where we sampled Falafel then enjoyed free time to explore the City Wall Walk/local market streets in the afternoon.



The next day we drove to the Dead Sea basin (the lowest point on the earth's surface) to Qumran, the site where the Dead Sea Scrolls were found - a very hot and windy site containing the remains of an early Essene monastery and a series of pools, probably used for cleansing rituals. Following an early lunch at the site (self-service and a shop to tempt us) we hurried down to the 'waters' to cool off and float in the Dead Sea - exhilarating! On our return to Jerusalem there was an opportunity to visit Yad Vashem, the holocaust memorial.

After dinner that evening Janina and Johannes Zang, USPG mission companions in Jerusalem, came to tell us about their role, and work with the young people towards peace and reconciliation. Johannes is organist at the Cathedral and Janina helps the youth to express their thoughts through art work.

Our last day in Jerusalem (and the first rainfall) we left to visit Abu Gosh and the Benedictine Community there. A possible site of Emmaus where we celebrated the final Eucharist of our pilgrimage.

Not far away we had our last lunch at 'The Elvis Diner' and proceeded to Tel Aviv for the return flight to London and final farewells. What an amazing journey, achieving all three objectives.

*Janet Baker*

## FORTHCOMING ATTRACTION

### *Local Amateur Dramatic Group*



Causing confusion sometimes is the fact that there are two renowned Ian Murrays in Pinner - one is the non-stipendiary priest at our church and the other is the treasurer of the Methodist Church. This link is now being strengthened because Methodist Ian Murray is directing a play for Centre Stage drama group and our Ian Murray's daughter, Fiona, is playing one of the principal parts. The play is 'Bedroom Farce' by Alan Ayckbourn and Centre Stage is delighted to be staging this because, in the midst of rehearsals this time last year, permission to perform was refused by the agents due to a professional touring production.

Most of the same cast has been re-assembled but Fiona Culley (nee Murray) and Craig Randall, both of Players 2, have kindly agreed to join the cast to complete the numbers. The play, which is one of Ayckbourn's best known comedies, is set in three different bedrooms, sometimes with simultaneous action. It will be presented at the Methodist Church Hall, Love Lane on Wednesday, Friday and Saturday, 13, 15 and 16 February at 8.00 pm. Tickets, price £7, are available from Gill Murray on 8866 4133. Centre Stage hopes you will come and see this very amusing and intricate play.

*Margaret Birkinshaw*

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## CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS

### *(Including Gift Aid)*

The Christingle Service raised £924.08 for The Children's Society. Other Christmas services collected in excess of £2000 for Christian Aid.



# TRAIDCRAFT

Fighting poverty through trade

## *Provisional dates for 2008:*

10 February  
9 March  
13 April  
11 May  
8 June  
13 July  
14 September  
12 October  
9 November  
14 December

Fair trade products will be on sale in the church hall after the 9.00 am Sunday services, but there will be a chance for the 11.00 am congregation to support Traidcraft as the stall will stay 'open' until this service begins.

*Rebecca Boyle*

"It's no good praying for change if we don't do something about it. Having a Traidcraft stall in church and serving fairly traded tea and coffee not only brings benefits to producers, it says to local people, this church is doing something!"

*(A Fair Trader who runs a Traidcraft stall in her church)*



## INFORMATION

Christians in Pinner working together

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### *Praying Together*



7.15 pm, Tuesday 12 February  
Love Lane Methodist Church

### *Welcome Lunch*



12.30 to 2.30 pm, Tuesday 19 February  
Love Lane Methodist Church

Anyone on their own is welcome but please ask for an invitation so that we know the numbers to cater for.  
Phone Elizabeth Catto (8868 8911) or Valerie Hastie (8428 5610)

### *Fair Trade Fortnight*



25 February to 9 March

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## DIARY DATES

FEB	
3	<b>The Feast of Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)</b> January/February Review published Book sale after church services
4	8.00 pm Christianity for Life in hall rooms
6	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10.00 am Holy Eucharist with Ashing 8.00 pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing
7	Evening rehearsal in church for Sine Nomine
9	7.30 pm Sine Nomine Singers Concert (rehearsing from 2.30 to 5.30 pm)
10	<b>Lent 1</b> 10.00 to 11.00 am Traidcraft stall in church hall 4.00 pm Launch Service for Lent Course at Love Lane Methodist Church
11	8.00 pm Christianity for Life in hall rooms PAC Lent Groups start
12	7.15 pm PAC Praying Together at Love Lane Methodist Church 8.45 pm Bell Ringers' AGM in vestry
16	10.00 am to 4.00 pm Quiet Day 8.00 pm Jazz Concert in church
17	<b>Lent 2</b>
19	12.30 to 2.30 pm PAC Welcome Lunch at Love Lane Methodist Church
21	12.15 pm The Friends' Lunch with speaker Copy date for March Review
24	<b>Lent 3</b>
25	Fair Trade Fortnight begins 8.00 pm Christianity for Life in hall rooms
27	8.00 pm Three Faith Dialogue at St Andrew's URC

*Please take a look at our re-styled church website:*

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