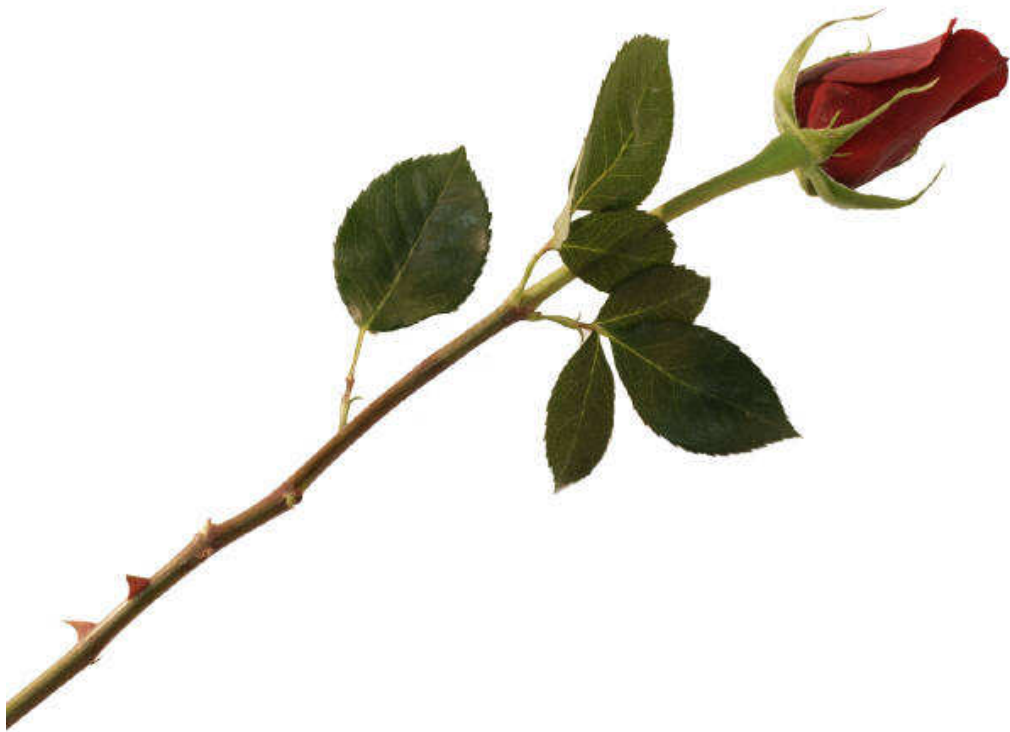


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

# PINNER PARISH REVIEW



January/February 2012

## *Welcome to the Pinner Parish Review*

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### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Towards the end of January as I write we are almost exactly half-way between New Year Resolutions and Lent, which starts at Ash Wednesday on 22 February. On the face of it not a particularly cheering time of year! Although the disciplines we take on at each season are different, with one secular and one spiritual, it can be tempting to approach them both in the same way, through gritted teeth, taking pride in our rare accomplishments, but much more often beating ourselves up when we fall short. That's my experience of New Year Resolutions, anyway.

But of course you will know that the disciplines we adopt during Lent are nothing to do with losing a few pounds before the summer, or taking the opportunity to save some cash after a heavy Christmas. Christian discipline reminds us of Christ's sacrifice for us. It follows Christ's example, and is something we offer to God.

We are now at that tricky stage where we may be thinking about what we want to give up for Lent. It can't be something we don't do that often, otherwise it won't "count"; but equally it can't be so demanding that we don't stand a chance of sticking to it for forty days. For example, there would be no spiritual or any other advantage to my giving up chocolate, since I very rarely eat the stuff. Cheese, now, is another matter; but then life would just be miserable without cheese...

I've always thought that asking people what they're giving up for Lent is a very personal question. It's like asking someone how they've prayed today – it's a good question to ask, but it's a serious question, and has more to do with someone's spiritual life than whether they can drink coffee or have a glass of wine if they come over for a meal. The discipline, whatever it is, and prayer should be two sides of the same coin.

But a Lenten discipline doesn't necessarily have to mean giving something up. Perhaps this Lent might be the time to take something on instead. So I'm going to ask you another very personal question – how is your prayer life? Perhaps this Lent might be an opportunity to approach God in a different way, and to refresh the way you pray by trying something new.

For myself, I'm very keen on silence, particularly in prayer. That doesn't mean I don't also enjoy a good chat, but I've found that increasingly when I pray aloud I keep making suggestions to God about what God might want to do next, as if there might be something that hadn't occurred to him, or as if I might know better. Whereas when I sit in silence, I find it easier to hear what's coming in the other direction.

I know silent prayer isn't right for everyone, and it can be daunting, especially if you're trying it for the first time. There are all sorts of practical considerations about where you sit or stand or walk, and your mind inevitably wanders. But if you want to give it a go, we produce each month a Prayer Diary – there should be one in the porch or on the little table as you go into the Lady Chapel, and if you can't find one, let me know. That leaflet offers one way of silent prayer, based on a Jesuit tradition, using a different Bible passage each day, and takes you through it step by step.

Alternatively, if you want to take on something that might feel more tangible, the Christian Aid campaign this year recommends that we should count our blessings, which is always a worthwhile thing to do. Christian Aid has produced a calendar, that on every day in Lent, gives a fact about life somewhere in the world, and suggests that we might make a modest donation that day if our own situation is better. For example, on the entry for Monday 19 March, we are told that only 10% of children in South Sudan finish primary school, and are invited to give 5p for every year of education we have had.

Whatever you do this Lent (and I won't be asking; but I'm always interested if you want to tell me), I pray that it may bring you closer to God. I wish you a truly holy Lent.

*Kate Blake*

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R.I.P.

We remember the recently departed, especially Tom Kirkley and Ron Chapman who were long-standing members of our church, also Bob Holness (TV presenter) and Ian Rolph whose funeral services were held here. Our thoughts and prayers are with their families at this sad time.

# SHORT REPORT OF PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

***Wednesday 23 November 2011***

*Matters arising from the minutes not covered on the agenda:-*

Fire evacuation procedures will be tested at the 9.00 and 11.00 am services on Sunday 18 December.

## **Parish financial matters:**

- Ian Trimmer had advised the Treasurer that there was a possibility that a proportion of the total cost of repairing the drains could be reclaimed from the church's insurance cover up to a maximum of £9,500. To enable the work of repairing the drains to start in the New Year it was proposed by David Poole and seconded by Carolyn White that the PCC approve the proposal to repair the drains up to a maximum expenditure of £18,000. Within this figure there is a sum of £500 to prove the outfall of the collapsed south west drain to the south east side of the church. This proposal was agreed unanimously by all those present.
- *2012 1% School levy:* Carolyn explained that it has been brought to attention of the Vicar by the Diocese that since 2009 the PCC should have been invited to pay, as well as our contribution towards the Common Fund (CF), an additional 1% of the CF contribution to cover the school levy. No retrospective adjustments are required for 2010 and 2011. Accordingly it was proposed by Carolyn White and seconded by Dorothy Natrass that *as part of our pledge for 2012 the PCC approve a payment of £1,000 "School Levy" to the London Board of Diocesan Schools.* 13 members of the PCC voted for the proposal and 1 against with 6 declaring an interest and not voting.

## **Parish Youth Ministry:**

- Elise had taken part in a "Chaplaincy House Party" with 24 children in Years 7 to 9 plus 3 sixth formers from Bishop Ramsay School.
- Christmas preparations (a) Under 3 year olds story time for mothers and babies (b) Holiday Club day followed by a tea party in the evening (c) Nativity (d) Kids Club party (e) Christingle and (f) Posada.
- Elise is also carrying out "Christmas Roadshows" at ten local schools from 5 December.

- Plans for 2012 include setting up a "Girls Ministry" and initiate a Young Leaders group.
- Helpers for the 9.00 am service crèche are still needed and this will be re-addressed in January.

**Nurture, Education and Training:** Ann Fuller asked that thanks should be given to Andy Taylor for his work in developing the welcome bookmark/leaflet which has now been printed and is ready for distribution.

**Restoration Project and report:** Tony Adamson reported that there had been a slight delay in moving the project forward, as he had anticipated having full DAC approval by the end of November. Unfortunately this is not the case, in the main due to lack of responses from English Heritage, Harrow Planning and the Victorian Society, but Tony is hopeful this problem will be resolved shortly.

*Churchwardens' report:*

**Church Lighting Update:** David Poole reported that Chris Lomax will shortly be preparing a report regarding the options for replacing the lighting system. The church architect is also being consulted as to whether a faculty is required before work can begin. These matters should be finalised by the end of the year and the report be ready for consideration at the January meeting of the PCC.

**Synodical business:** Susan informed the PCC that "Women in the episcopate measure" has been debated by the entire dioceses and 42 out of 44 had approved the proposal for women bishops. The next stage is for the draft legislation to go forward to the "House of Bishops" for further consideration.

*Any Other Business:*

**Christmas Collections:** The Vicar confirmed that all Christmas collections will be donated to the Church Urban Fund except the Christingle service. This collection will be donated to the Children's Society.

*Trevor Mitchell*

# CELEBRATION



A Sung Eucharist took place at St Paul's Cathedral on 30 November 2011 to celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the consecration of the Right Reverend Donald Arden. He grew up in Australia and trained for the priesthood at Mirfield, was ordained priest in 1939, served as a curate in South London during the Blitz and later as chaplain to Charing Cross Hospital.

In 1961 Donald was consecrated Bishop of Nyasaland, later Malawi. Here he worked to encourage the training and development of clergy, welcoming the first Malawian Bishop in 1964. He was a founder of the ecumenical lay training centre and of Malawi Against Polio, which saw the eradication of the disease from Malawi.

Donald spent thirty-eight years in Africa and started a Scout troop for 'Cape Coloured' boys in Pretoria and established St Christopher's Secondary School during his ten years in Swaziland. He served as Archbishop of the Province of Central Africa (Botswana, Malawi, Zambia and Zimbabwe) from 1971 to 1980 and was made CBE for his work in Africa.

It was in 1981 that Donald returned to England to become Priest-in-Charge of St Margaret's, Uxbridge and Warden of the Friends of USPG (United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel).

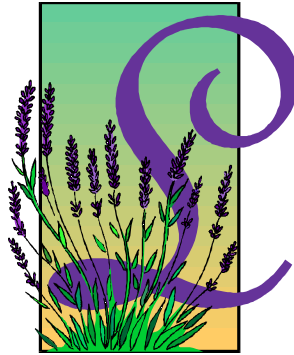
On retirement at 70, Donald became Assistant Curate in St Alban's North Harrow and led several group visits to Malawi and Mozambique. As a member of the Diocesan World Church Group he played an active role in the formation of ALMA (Angola, London, Mozambique Association), assisted with confirmation and ordinations in the diocese and was privileged to be one of the bishops ordaining the first women priests in London.

Currently Donald and Jane are living in Hampshire – they were married in 1962 and have two married sons plus four grand-daughters.

*We give thanks for Donald Arden's fifty years of ministry as Bishop*

# SALES OF

## *Lavender Bags and Notelets*



Our thanks to all our customers; some £345 was raised from the sale of 133 lavender bags and 66 packets of notelets towards the Restoration.

Ron Haslam was again champion lavender bag customer (well middle man) buying 38 bags. For the first year we exhausted our supply of lavender and had disappointed customers. Customer confidentiality prevents the release of names, but one couple puts a lavender bag between their pillows to induce sleep and a male customer puts one in with his underwear (anyway, that was what they told us).

As for the notelets, many customers were to use them as Christmas cards.

*Gill & Doug Yates*

*PS These have now all sold out*

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## CHRISTMAS CHARITY COLLECTIONS

The Christingle service raised £694 and with gift aid the Children's Society will receive £748. Collections from other Christmas services for the Church Urban Fund amounted to £1472 including gift aid.

*Many thanks*

# A CHRISTMAS CATCH-UP

Throughout December I was part of a team of Youth Ministers, Pastors and Vicars who went into ten primary schools across Harrow with a Christmas Roadshow Assembly. The assembly told the story of Jesus' birth with a Strictly Come Dancing twist! So I spent most mornings in December dressed as a star taking part in a dance off with the Angel Gabriell! By the end of the Roadshow we worked out that we had told the story to around 2200 children!

Pinner Parish Church played host to several Christmas Carol Services including the Scouts, Reddiford Prep and Pre Prep Departments and a special Messy Christingle for the Pinner Parish Pre-School. Kidz Klub also had its Nativity Service, this year imagining how modern technology would have helped or hindered those in the Christmas Story, including a technically challenged King, Joseph using lastminute.com, some iPad-using Shepherds, Angels all on Twitter and a hotel that had just gone through a million pound restoration appeal!



First Pinner Rainbows enjoyed a fabulous Christmas party with pin the nose on the snowman (which our Rainbows made!), party games and lots of cake! I hosted our very first Mums and Babies Christmas story time. Everyone had a great afternoon hearing stories, making angels, singing songs and playing tambourines. Many thanks to Elizabeth Metivier and Carolyn MacDonald for help with refreshments, to Kate Blake and Brenda Allanson for running the event with me and to Heather Brassey for some delicious, sparkly cakes!

Our annual Christmas Holiday Club morning was a success with over 70 children in attendance for a morning of craft, stories, games, singing and dancing followed by mince pies and tea with their mums and dads. Later that day our Christmas Teen Party saw 18 teenagers design their own t-shirts and make their own pizzas in an evening of fun and games.

The church was full to bursting for our Christingle Service on Christmas Eve. A big thank you to the team of young people (and a few not so young!) who made the 250 Christingles and ate the left over sweets – your hard work is invaluable! As well as blessing the crib, singing Christmas hymns, hearing the Christmas Story and talking about bus stops and doors (listen online if you're intrigued!) we launched our Text Giving for The Restoration Appeal. For more information on this please look in the Bulletin.



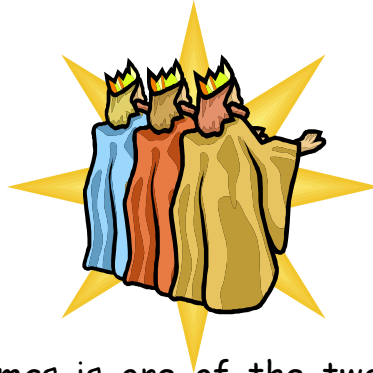
And finally Posada! Another successful Advent "tour" for Mary and Joseph, staying with lots of different families in the Parish. Mary and Joseph were excited to get involved with the busy run up to Christmas although they still managed to make it to the Christingle Service and even had a seat! (On a window sill!) Keep your eyes peeled for extracts of their journal that will appear in the next Review.

So, onwards to 2012. What will it have in store for the Youth Ministry of Pinner? Well, two new girls' groups are being set up: Arise, for girls aged 12-15 and Shine, for 16-18 year olds. Pinner Parish Church has also launched a brand new role called Young Leaders. This role is offered to one sixth form student (aged 16+) for either two or three years. The role is to be a young leader to the children and young people of Pinner Parish Church in the same way that the Head Chorister is a leader to the younger members of the choir. As this is a new venture for the church, it will be a bit of a work in progress and there are lots of areas our Young Leader might want to get involved with, including helping design and manage the youth section of the church website, running football matches at SNIP, planning SNIP's timetable, running tech at Holiday Clubs, being part of the Youth and Children's committee, helping organise activities on the Choir Tour, planning Youth and SPACE services and lots more! Our first Young Leader was commissioned in church on Sunday 29 January but in case you weren't there I am delighted to tell you that he is Jonty Ashton. Find out more about him in next month's Review.

*Elise Allanson*

# THE CHRISTIAN YEAR

## *Christmas and Epiphany*



The celebration of Christmas is one of the two main festivals, along with Easter, of the Christian year. It celebrates the Incarnation, the birth of the Son of God and second person of the Holy Trinity, Jesus Christ. God dwells among us - Emmanuel, for whom we have waited throughout the season of Advent.

However, it isn't just about birth. The Christmas season lasts precisely twelve days, and also encompasses themes whereby we recall and reconcile our own lives to that of the Word made Flesh and who dwelt among us. So, as well as the infancy narrative from Matthew, Mark and Luke, the Prologue from John's Gospel is always read at Midnight Mass to remind us not just of story and imagery, but of the profoundest truths personified in the Word made Flesh.

Christmas is surrounded with so many customs, some religious and many not. The tradition of the Crib was founded by Francis of Assisi at his church in Greccio in 1223. Carols are, essentially, a mediaeval tradition, one which gained a resurgence in the C19th, culminating the tradition of the Nine Lessons and Carols, made famous by Kings College, Cambridge, although first written for use at Truro Cathedral.

Christmas ends on the eve of the Epiphany, "twelfth night", and the liturgical colour is gold or white, with the Church fully decorated after the austerity of Advent. During the Season, in the days immediately after Christmas, there are several important Saints to be celebrated. Stephen, the first Martyr on 26 December, John the Evangelist on the 27, and the Holy Innocents (the children killed by King Herod) on the 28 December.

On the twelfth night the church moves to Epiphany, translated from the Greek "*Manifestation*". In the Western churches this has developed into a season, ending on 2 February at Candlemas, to celebrate one element in the infancy narratives, namely the visit of the Magi or "Wise Men" to the stable, understood to be Christ's manifestation to the Gentiles. Matthew writes of three such travellers, makes them Kings and gives them gifts.

In the Eastern (Orthodox) Churches, where Christmas is (usually) celebrated on 7 January, the Epiphany season is a celebration of Christ's Baptism at the hands of John, which we celebrate on the first Sunday after the Epiphany. This is the recognition by the Father of the Divinity of the Son, and is closely followed by the first of Jesus' miracles at the wedding at Cana, where Jesus' glory is first manifested.

Epiphany ends with the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas), where Simeon and Anna recognise the infant for who he is when he comes to be presented in the Temple according to the Laws of Israel. He is that "light to lighten the Gentiles" in the Nunc Dimmitis, and also the "glory of thy people Israel". As such the church remains decorated, but the colour changes to white.

As we prepare to close the Epiphany season, Lent may not be far around the corner, dependent on the date of Easter Sunday. There is never more than five weeks between Candlemas and Ash Wednesday, and if Easter is early it can be that Candlemas is on the Sunday and Ash Wednesday comes later in the week, as it was a couple of years ago. So our thought change as approach a short period of Common Time, and we know that the redemption brought by Christ is gained through suffering and pain: Simeon's final words direct our attention away from the child and onto the adult:

*"A Light to reveal you to the nations  
And the glory of your people Israel".*

*Fr Paul*

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*Easter Day this year is Sunday 8 April*

# PINNER PAST

*c.1925*

The photograph below shows a Sainsbury's delivery man chatting with a fellow horse-and-cart driver outside St John's Pinner on a wintry day.



*Sent to the editor by Margaret Hay*

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## CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Revision of the Church Electoral Roll takes place between Sunday 11 March and Sunday 8 April. If you are new to the parish we warmly invite you to have your name included on the Roll. Application forms will be available in church. You should be baptized and over 16 years of age. If you live outside the parish boundary, you should have attended public worship at St John the Baptist Church for six months prior to enrolment.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is to be held after the 9.00 am Combined Eucharist on Sunday 29 April and everyone on the Electoral Roll will be eligible to vote, and to stand for election to the Parochial Church Council.

*Janet Huszczo, Electoral Roll Officer*

# MUSICAL MATTERS

## *Venables Awards*

Venables Awards were started in 1984 to act as a continuing memorial to Vaughan Venables from a donation Bettie made. Vaughan was churchwarden for some years and co-founder of The Friends and he had a great love of English choral music, and in particular music associated with the church. By the time you read this the Awards for this year will have happened and the Trophies distributed. I hope and trust that Vaughan would feel that these annual tests and auditions have helped to nurture this music in Pinner.



## *Pinner Music Festival*

The Music Festival is fast approaching and Nicholas Yates of VOCE fame has asked for suggestions of musical items with a royal connection which the ensemble could sing and open the Festival with on Saturday 9 June, bearing in mind it is Jubilee Year. It might even be that someone would like to sponsor a particular item, especially as the Festival is supporting our own Restoration Appeal. Please channel any thoughts via me, preferably within a fortnight.

*Michael Turvey*

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## CHURCH RAMBLES 2012

The rambles are a group of church members and friends who generally walk between 4 to 6 miles once a month (hopefully in good weather!), either on a Saturday or Sunday. Everyone is welcome to join us and do hope that families will be free to come along for the sponsored walk on Easter Monday this year. All arrangements will be confirmed in the weekly bulletin, or please telephone:

*Eileen Ormandy 8248 3863*

# WHAT DOES LOVE MEAN?



A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds. The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think:

'When my grandmother got arthritis,  
she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails any more.  
So my grandfather does it for her all the time,  
even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love.'

*Rebecca, age 8*

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.  
You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.'

*Billy, age 4*

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries  
without making them give you any of theirs.'

*Chris, age 6*

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

*Terri, age 4*

'Love is when my mummy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip  
before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'

*Danny, age 7*

'If you want to learn to love better,  
you should start with a friend who you hate,'

*Nicola, age 6*

'Love is when you tell someone you like their shirt,  
then they wear it every day.'

*Noel, age 7*

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends  
even after they know each other so well.'

*Tom, age 6*

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the  
people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling.  
He was the only one doing that. I wasn't scared anymore.'

*Lucinda, age 8*

'My mummy loves me more than anybody.  
You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.'

*Clare, age 6*

'Love is when Mummy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.'

*Elaine, age 5*

'Love is when Mummy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty  
and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

*Christopher, age 7*

'Love is when your puppy licks your face  
even after you left him alone all day.'

*Mary, age 4*

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes  
and has to go out and buy new ones.'

*Lauren, age 4*

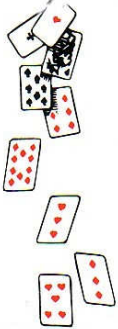
'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it.  
But if you mean it, you should say it a lot.

People forget.'

*Jessica, age 8*

# BETWEEN FRIENDS

The Friends first event of 2012 will be a lunch on Thursday 16 February at 12.15 pm. Our speaker is Anne Clifford who will entertain us with stories of her life as a Bluebell Girl and bring photographs. Tickets are on sale, price £7, after the 9.00 and 11.00 am services or from committee members at any time.



If Bridge is your cup of Tea then the Friends can offer you both bridge and tea on Friday 30 March 2.00 to 4.00pm. To book a table price £32 phone Liz Hillman 8866 2987. Cheques should be made payable to "The Friends of Pinner Parish Church" and sent to Mrs E. Hillman, 13, Cuckoo Hill Drive, HA5 3PG.

Whilst on the subject of teas, once again our thanks go to all those who helped raise £910 during the 2011 Summer season under the encouragement of Paddy Haslam. If you are able to bake a cake, either large or small, and enjoy a peaceful and quiet Sunday afternoon, Paddy would love to hear from you. The season runs from May to October.



For those of you who are of a more energetic nature, on Easter Monday why not join "The Friends" on their sponsored walk. Details from Eileen Ormandy 8248 3863 or Hilary Holloway 3114 4010.

On Saturday 19 May we ask "How Promising Are You?" More later!!



Once again The Friends are looking for raffle prizes. Please help by donating suitable gifts to any committee member or telephone Isabel 8866 3475.

By providing a lunch, a tea, a supper and a walk, we hope we have catered for all tastes. There will be some music too later in the year.

*Isabel Beddison*

# RESTORATION APPEAL

Saturday 3 December – the day of the Restoration Appeal Quiz Supper dawns! If you weren't there you missed a great evening. I don't think another table could have been fitted into the Hall and, as you might expect, the atmosphere, though friendly, was very competitive – people were in it to win it! Master salesman Ross had persuaded around 140 people to buy tickets, Mastermind Gideon had come up with a range of questions to suit all tastes (I'm sure we'll all pay much more attention to the shipping forecast from now on) and Grand Master Andy, despite hints to the contrary from his teammates, had project-managed to perfection! And you know what they say: behind every successful man . . . so thanks, too, to Lucy, Teri and Kath for the invaluable behind-the-scenes and in-the-kitchen support they provided.

The range of raffle prizes on display was dazzling (including a much sought-after nail spa) and the team rose to the challenge of serving fish/sausage/spring roll and chips to over 140 people. So, a great evening, much fun, good company; the Vicar's team won and a very impressive £1,652 was raised for the Restoration Appeal! Start swotting, Father Paul and team, if you want to retain your crown – the date of the next quiz will be announced shortly!

As you know, our target for the Restoration Appeal is £1m and we have already made a tremendous start by raising over £100k since the Appeal was launched. That's a magnificent sum in less than three months and a huge thank you to everyone who has contributed in any way. Please continue to support the many and varied Restoration Appeal events that are taking place this year, whether by organising, helping or attending.

On 26 February we will be organising a fundraising event of a different kind when we hold a Gift Day. At every service that day gifts to the Restoration Appeal will be brought to the altar and blessed. If you have not yet made a gift – whether a lump sum or a regular commitment – please consider doing so on 26 February. Raising over £100k in less than three months is a fantastic achievement but we still have a long way to go. On 26 February could we double or treble that £100k? Could we get halfway to our ultimate £1m target? Our beautiful church needs your help, please consider what part you can play in reaching our target.

*Brenda Allanson 8429 2417  
brenda\_allanson@hotmail.com*

# RESTORATION PROJECT

## *Project Manager's Report*

### **1. Pre Construction Phase**

Activities over the past quarter period have been:-

a) Consultation Process with the Diocesan Advisory Council (DAC), English Heritage and the London Borough of Harrow, leading up to the formal grant of a Certificate from the DAC (Planning Approval) to undertake works to a Grade II Place of Worship.

b) Discussion with The Insurance Appointed Contractor following their CCTV verification survey on drainage 27 December 2011.

A simplified method has been proposed by Auger at a considerably reduced sum, £2226 plus VAT. There is a potential saving of £12000 with simply jetting and re-lining the collapsed and root-blocked drains.

If this proposal is accepted by the PCC then a contingency of £3500 plus VAT should be held in case the jetting and re-lining fails, and excavation and re-laying pipework to the collapsed area of drain is necessary. The insurance policy covers the problem drain which is blocked by roots and so whatever the outcome in cost terms, the Insurers will respond.

Drainspec, the previous drainage contractor, have been stood down following receipt of the Auger report on behalf of the Insurers. There is no financial obligation to Drainspec.

### **2. Design**

Harrap Architects concluded the Stage D proposals and costing in early September and have since progressed the designs in consultation with the DAC.

Drawing details of the incorporation of insulation are due to be dispatched to the Consultees by week ending 20 January.

Approval by DAC in the form of a Certificate and Petition for a Faculty is expected by end of January.

Following this the Design team will press on with tender drawings and information to obtain competitive pricing for the PCC to approve.

### **4. Approvals**

The First Stage DAC approval was achieved by 26 October by the full Committee of the DAC.

The Architect is now working with the plans committee of the DAC on finer details so that a certificate and petition for a Faculty can be issued.

The Faculty Petition is likely to be heard and approved in February 2012, following which the PCC in March/April will be asked to approve tenders for the work.

## **5. Programme**

The progress is now four weeks behind programme due to the protracted consultation with third parties exacerbated by the Christmas and New Year break.

Tender action will be March/April and, subject to final PCC approval, work will start on site in May 2012, completing in October.

Re-roofing will be the priority over summer.

## **6. Costs**

There is no change in the cost plan or cash flow at this early stage.

The revised Stage D cost Plan dated September 2011 and called revision A, will be available showing the total cost of £496,497 [ex VAT and fees]. The additional figure of £4000 is to allow protective screens within the church for contractors' welfare facilities.

This sum includes contractor's preliminaries, overheads and profit, and inflation to start on site date, and a 10% contingency.

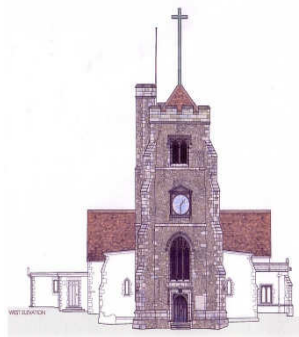
This sum is unlikely to change until tender returns are available in March/April.

## **7. Decisions Required**

a) The PCC to formally approve the revised proposal to repair drains with Auger (Contractors to the Ecclesiastical Insurers) at a sum of £2226 plus VAT, plus contingency.

b) No further PCC decisions will be required until the Faculty is granted.

*A Adamson*



# SOUNDSCAPES

## *Chamber Music Series*



Another series of performances by talented young professional musicians will be taking place as follows:

- **25 March**                      THE KERTESZ QUARTET  
The Kertész Quartet, specialists in the Classical music tradition, will be performing two quartets by Haydn - Op.20 No.5 and Op.103, and Mozart's Quartet in E flat major K.428. A great opportunity to hear three famous Classical masterpieces!
- **22 April**                         VIOLIN RECITAL  
Violinist Catherine Lindley will be returning to Soundscapes to present a concert of violin recital favourites from across the centuries, including Bach's G minor Sonata, Tartini's 'Devil's Trill' Sonata, Sarasate's Zigunerweisen and Heifetz's arrangement of Gershwin's 'Three Preludes'.
- **27 May**                          TRUMPET RECITAL  
Award-winning trumpeter Ellie Lovegrove has performed in numerous professional ensembles as well as on BBC television, in West End shows and tours, and for the Queen! She will be playing a variety of different trumpets in a varied programme including pieces by Enescu and Gershwin.
- **24 June**                         RACHMANINOV RECITAL  
Internationally acclaimed pianist Masayuki Tayama returns to Soundscapes by popular demand to perform an all-Rachmaninov programme including 'Variations on a Theme by Chopin' and 'Morceaux de Fantasia'. Masayuki made his Wigmore Hall debut in 2007 to a sell-out audience, and has performed many concertos and recitals across Europe and Japan.

All these Sunday concerts begin at 3.00 pm in church and will last for approximately one hour. Tickets are £5 each, available on the door (school children half price, under 10s free). The church will be open for the audience from half an hour before each performance so please arrive early if you wish to find the best seats.

*Catherine Lindley*

# THE DISAPPEARING CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOPS



In the last year, to my dismay, the Christian bookshops in Wealdstone and Ruislip have closed.

I also visit one in Uxbridge. I get there by Underground to Uxbridge, then walking across the road past St Margaret's church, and down Windsor Street to No 22. Here Maranatha is a well stocked shop with sections for Christian cards and children's materials. I can also get a coffee there while I assess my purchases.

A new one I have found is in Watford, called Storehouse. This is at 15-17 The Parade, which is an extension road to High Street going north from the Harlequin Shopping Mall before you reach the inner ring road flyover. Here there is a full coffee shop service.

Internet book sales are generally undermining bookshop businesses, and as consumers we can all buy books cheaply on the Internet. However, it is also good to browse the shelves to see what is available, which we might not have thought of unless we saw it.

If like me you would like to see Christian bookshops flourish locally, do call in and see one when you are nearby.

*Jill Canvin*

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The greatest of all inventors is accident.  
*Mark Twain 1835-1910 (American Humorist, Writer)*

# DIGITAL TV SWITCHOVER

## *Help is at Hand*



Switchover is coming and analogue television will be switched off across the area soon and if you don't have digital TV by the time of switchover, you will lose your TV channels.

If you are still watching analogue TV (five channels or fewer) on any of your sets, you need to convert them to digital. Virtually any existing TV can be converted using a Freeview box, a digital satellite service, or digital cable.

Almost everyone will be able to watch Freeview after switchover – even homes currently out of coverage. You can check the options for going digital in your area, and what channels will be available through an aerial, using the postcode checker at [digitaluk.co.uk](http://digitaluk.co.uk).

For older and disabled viewers who may find making the switch difficult, the BBC-run Switchover Help Scheme is at hand to provide everything you need to switch one TV set to digital. Most eligible people will be asked to pay £40 towards the standard option of help. For eligible people on income-related benefits, it's free. This includes easy to use equipment, an approved installer to supply and install the equipment, and a 12 month aftercare service including a free helpline. If you're 75 and over or disabled, the Help Scheme will write to you directly, and in plenty of time to ask if you want help.

If you have any questions about switchover, you can call the Digital UK advice line on 08456 50 50 50 or visit [digitaluk.co.uk](http://digitaluk.co.uk). There will also be roadshows around. For further information on the Switchover Help Scheme visit:

*[helpscheme.co.uk](http://helpscheme.co.uk) or call free on 0800 40 85 900*

# EDITOR'S NOTE

*The following interesting email was received relating to the Christmas Quiz:*

Joy – a little addendum to the answer to one of your questions – 'Jacob Marley' is the name given in 'A Christmas Carol' by Dickens to his friend, of whom he said, "Before the year is out, your name will be a household word." The friend was, in fact one Dr Miles Marley, my great great grandfather who practised in Cork Street, London. I actually have some of his certificates (dated 1820) of training courses completed! 'A Christmas Carol' lives on, the name Marley survives in Australia from another of Miles' many children.

*Nick Ridge*



Articles for the magazine, art work and text are always welcome, but accepted on the understanding that they are written by or are the property of the contributor. Please send to the editor, preferably by email: [chittleborough@btinternet.com](mailto:chittleborough@btinternet.com) or hand into the church office before Wednesday 22 February. The address for any correspondence is Church Lane, Pinner, HA5 3AA.

*Joy Chittleborough*

## BAPTISMS

22 January                      Janine Green (adult)

## DEATHS

27 November                  Rosamund Mercie Page

8 December                    Jack Malcom Fraser

16 December                  Beryl Elizabeth Wilson

22 December                  Ronald Harold Chapman

22 December                  Edward Walter Crofts

6 January                        Robert Wentworth John Holness

17 January                        Ian Richard Rolph



## INFORMATION

**Christians in Pinner working together**

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### *Three Faith Dialogue*

8.00 pm, Wednesday 15 February  
at Pinner Methodist Church  
'Hajj: Journey to the Heart of Islam'  
Talk by Quaisra Khan

### *Welcome Lunch*

12.15 to 2.15 pm, Tuesday 21 February  
at Pinner 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)

### *PAC Lent Study Groups begin*

Monday 27 February

### *Women's World Day of Prayer*

2.00 pm, Friday 2 March  
at St Thomas Moore RC Church, Eastcote

The service has been written by the women of Malaysia.  
If anyone would like to volunteer to read or take part in  
the choir, please contact Annie Grace on 8866 5100.

### *Christian Aid Quiz Evening*

7.15 pm, Thursday 22 March  
at Cannon Lane Methodist Church

# DIARY DATES

FEB	
5	<b>Third Sunday before Lent</b> 11.00 am Baptism 6.30 pm Evensong for Eve of Queen's Accession January/February Review published
6	8.00 pm Christianity for Life course in hall rooms
11	8.00 pm Jazz Concert in Church
12	<b>Second Sunday before Lent</b> 10.00 to 11.00 am Traidcraft Stall
14	2.00 pm Burial of Ashes
15	8.00 pm Three Faith Dialogue at Pinner Methodist Church
16	12.15 pm The Friends Lunch with Speaker
19	<b>Sunday next before Lent</b> 2.00 to 5.00 pm Strictly Tea Dance and Ballroom Workshop
20	8.00 pm Christianity for Life course in hall rooms
21	12.15 to 2.15 pm PAC Welcome Lunch at Pinner Methodist Church
22	<b>Ash Wednesday</b> 10.00 am Said Eucharist with Ashing 8.00 pm Sung Eucharist with Ashing Copy date for March Review
26	<b>Lent 1</b>
27	8.00 pm Christianity for Life course in hall rooms PAC Lent Study Groups begin
29	9.00 pm Compline

Studies show that those who participate in volunteer activities have lower mortality rates, are less depressed and are able to function better than those who do not. The physician, theologian and musician Albert Schweitzer said, "I don't know what your destiny will be, but one thing I know, the only ones among you who will be truly happy will be those who have sought and found how to serve".

*Nobel peace prize 1952*

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