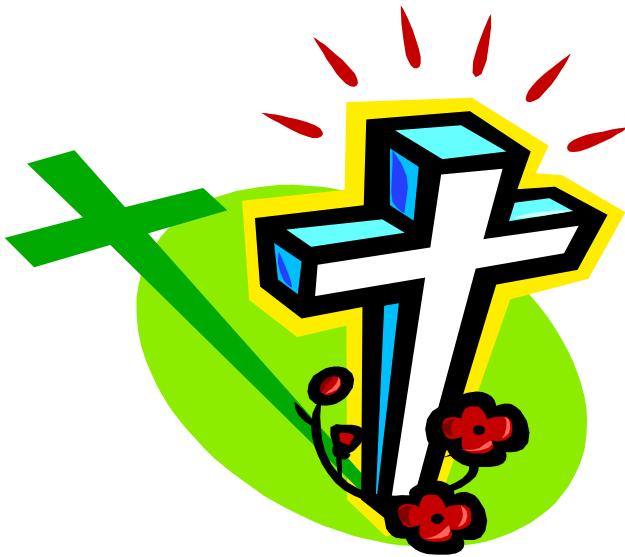


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN THE BAPTIST, PINNER

# PINNER PARISH REVIEW



November 2008

## EDITORIAL

Welcome to the Pinner Parish Review.

We hope that you will enjoy reading this issue which includes:

- Short Parish Church Council Report
- 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of Vera Churchman
- Youth Page
- An Encounter with Susan Cooper
- Bell Ringers'/Friends' Outing
- Financial Matters
- Dates for the diary

Copy date for the December issue is Thursday 27 November. Please email contributions to: [chittleborough@btinternet.com](mailto:chittleborough@btinternet.com) or the church office.

*Joy*



### DEATHS

2 October  
16 October  
21 October  
24 October

Peggy Elizabeth Boote  
Arthur Philip Reuben Pressman  
Frank Leonard Giles  
Julia Rosemary Caprara

### BURIAL OF ASHES

4 October

Violet Winifred Burrell

## FROM THE VICARAGE

### *Perspective*

Often, in a world fractured by the poverty of our ability to communicate, and the paucity of our language, relationships become dismembered. There is a tendency to believe that to break something is only a transitory loss, because to replace it is almost immediate. So, often we break with little thought to the consequences, both personally and corporately.

One of the hardest parts of human existence is to "re-member"; to put back together. Remembrance is very much a thought at this time of the year, with All Souls', our Memorial Service, and Remembrance Sunday, and yet it's not only the recollection of things past; of a place where they do things differently. To voyage back into our memory can be an unsettling and emotional experience, and can take us totally unawares. Watching a group of the Lower 6<sup>th</sup> working their way through some Rugby warm-up exercises recently and noting their behaviour and mannerisms, I was unexpectedly transported back some 25 years as I suddenly recognised myself, and I felt within myself a dreadful pang of nostalgia, so powerful that I had to walk away.

The concept of dismembering and then "re-membering" is matched in our faith by cross and resurrection, where that which is broken is once again made whole. As Christians it is our duty to encourage peace and reconciliation wherever and whenever possible, and to put back together that which others have broken. It means that we are not tied to the ways of the stubborn or cold-hearted; that we strive to recognise Christ in others, and more importantly, continually ask ourselves what others see in us.

With memory so much a part of our liturgy this month, it is for us not only to remember the past, but also to build for the future.

*With love and prayers,*

*Paul*

## COMPLINE IN ADVENT

The Office of Compline is traditionally the final hour of the Monastic Day, and takes its name from the Latin *Completorium* meaning "completed". It is the last of the Canonical "day hours", the nine ancient monastic Daily Offices of the Church. The corresponding service in the Churches of the East (the Orthodox Church) is *Apodeipnon*, meaning literally "after Supper".

The earliest example of a Compline Liturgy is that formulated by St. Basil the Great (c.330-79 AD), and St. Benedict also provided for its usage within his Monastic Rule. The custom of saying prayers at the end of the day is ancient, and has its roots in the Christian injunction to "pray without ceasing".

The service itself is a mixture of Versicles and responses, Psalms, the Nunc Dimittis, and final prayers, as well as the ancient hymn the *Te Lucis ante Terminum*, "Before the ending of the day". It lasts for about twenty minutes, includes a reading from the Church Fathers, and traditionally, those taking part leave in silence and go to bed.

Compline will be said in Church at 9.00 pm on the four Mondays of Advent (1, 8, 15 and 22 December). It will be said in candlelight in the Choir stalls and all are welcome to join in this ancient daily office as we journey through Advent towards Christmas.

*Paul Hullyer*

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## WILL AID

Will Aid offers the opportunity to write or update your will for a reasonable donation to charity instead of a payment to a solicitor. During November participating solicitors waive their fees to draw up a basic Will and instead ask their clients to make a donation to the Will Aid Charities. For further information please see the poster on the notice board in church or go to:

[www.willaid.org.uk](http://www.willaid.org.uk)

## SHORT REPORT OF PCC MEETING

*Wednesday 1 October*

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

*Youth Ministry*

Holiday Club was very successful with 88 children attending and this has brought about an increase in those attending Kidz Klub. SNIP is also flourishing.

*PAC*

Wendy Myers is to be the new chairman of PAC following the AGM on 23 November.

*Energy Group*

It was confirmed that both the South door and West porch will continue to be used for entry and exit from the church. The Energy Group are to give their recommendations for maintaining a suitable temperature in the church which is comfortable to the congregation as well as not being detrimental to the condition of the church's fixtures and fittings.

*Nurture, Education & Training*

Revd Paul Hullyer confirmed that Compline will be said on the four Mondays of Advent.



- It was confirmed that the brown and blue bins are to be retained but only for the sole use of the church. It was recommended that BIFFA should be contracted to supply and empty a lockable metal wheeled bin to replace the existing green bin.
- An amount exceeding £2,000 had been raised for the Oxfam Appeal for East Africa from the Harvest Festival and Harvest Lunch.
- The replacement of the lead roof is progressing well. CCTV is now in place.

*Audrey Taylor*  
*PCC Secretary*

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

### *Vera Churchman 100*

For as long as I can remember my mum was adamant that she would not make a hundred. Happily she was proved wrong and Friday 3 October was the start of several days' celebration.

It all began well when I went to Waitrose to collect her birthday cake and was given a complimentary bottle of champagne to mark the occasion. Meanwhile the postman had delivered a large number of cards, including one from the Queen who was dressed in a fetching shade of yellow.



At 12 o'clock one of my mum's lifelong wishes came true. She had always wanted to ride in a Rolls-Royce, and Richard, Frances and Roberto (grandson, granddaughter and husband) had arranged for a gleaming white car, complete with chauffeur, to pick her up for an hour's drive. After a glass or two of fizz, we set off. Unfortunately, from my mum's point of view, she didn't see anyone she knew so that she could wave regally at them, but she thoroughly enjoyed her sixty minutes of VIP treatment.

The trip ended at a pub where my husband was waiting. The licensees had reserved a specially decorated table for us, and also presented her with a large portion of chocolate cake, adorned with candles, to the accompaniment of a chorus of Happy Birthday.

Saturday was her surprise lunch party in the church hall with about forty-five guests, some of whom she hadn't seen for thirty years (I'd borrowed/stolen her address book and made a list of all the people we wanted to invite). One of the highlights of the day was the speech made by my brother, chronicling some of the events of her earlier life.

You wouldn't think, looking at her now, that Vera once locked a gym mistress in the loo, or that she and one of her four brothers swapped bacon prices in a shop to benefit the less well-off. She worked for many years before her marriage at the Bank of England, and on one occasion sold a Remembrance Day poppy to the Governor.



And on Sunday 12 October was the huge family get-together. Forty-two members of the Hamilton clan (her maiden name) met in a country hotel in Hampshire, owned by one of my cousins. There were children, grandchildren, nephews and nieces, great-nephews and great-nieces, and even five great, great-nieces, the youngest of whom was only one. This was a really special day, marked by laughter and chatter, as we all caught up on family news and gossip.

I would like to finish by saying how much Vera has appreciated the friendship of so many people at Pinner Parish Church, and to convey her thanks for all the birthday cards and good wishes she received.

*Liz Hillman*

# UNIVERSAL DECLARATION

## *of Human Rights*

Sixty years ago, in the wake of the atrocities of the Second World War, the General Assembly of the United Nations met in Paris and agreed to define human rights. The Declaration was adopted by a vote of 48 in favour, 0 against with 8 abstentions (all Soviet bloc states, South Africa and Saudi Arabia).

Thirty articles summarised these rights, which include references to justice, fair trials, privacy, freedom of movement, nationality, peaceful assembly, etc. Some shortened examples are: -

*Article 1:* All human beings are born free and equal.

*Article 3:* Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person.

*Article 5:* No-one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel or degrading punishment.

*Article 18:* Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion.

*Article 29:* Everyone has duties to the community.

Nowadays we know that though much has been achieved; still millions of people do not enjoy all, or even some, of these rights.

On *Sunday 16 November* the Harrow group of *Action by Christians against Torture* will be marking this anniversary with a service at:

*Harrow Baptist Church, College Road at 2.30 pm.*

We hope that as many as possible will join us in praying for those who suffer as a result of the loss of freedom and rights, all over the world. The full text of the Declaration can be found on the internet. The Amnesty web site is:



[amnesty.org.uk](http://amnesty.org.uk)

*Margaret Reed*

# JACK JEEVES RIP

*1919 to 2008*



Jack and his brother Don were great friends of mine, since we first met towards the end of 1930. We lived in Norwood Drive, North Harrow and attended Headstone School (now Nower Hill) and were members of St Albans choir and 4<sup>th</sup> Headstone Scout Troop. Jack and I then attended Harrow County School – where his academic prowess was rather better than mine.

After leaving school Jack was employed by the Daily Mail and for many years was in charge of the Ideal Home Exhibition. His wartime service was with the Royal Signals and he was decorated with the Military Cross for Bravery for laying cables across the Rhine under heavy enemy fire – a feat he was most reluctant to discuss.

He was the best man at the wedding of Mary and myself at St John's in October 1948 and a churchwarden here for some years.

After his marriage to Joyce they lived in Pinner for many years and, having retired, they moved to Sidmouth, Devon, where they were involved with their local church. He enjoyed playing bowls until ill health in recent years prevented him from so doing. He leaves Joyce, son Jeremy (who until recently was a choir member here at St John's) and daughter Judith, to whom I am sure all parishioners here extend their deep sympathy.

*And so farewell old mate, a great friend and a gallant gentleman*

*John Hulse*

## YOUTH PAGE

### *Why is a trip to Top Golf like a trip to church?*

A few weeks ago seventeen SNIP members and five adults took a trip to Top Golf in Watford. Top Golf is a driving range with a difference. You log your balls and aim to hit different targets to get points. (A golf version of bowling if you will!) But what has that got to do with church I hear you cry. Well this has got me thinking over the past few weeks and there are more similarities than you might think...

- Top Golf welcomes everyone, golfers and non golfers, members and non members and people of all ages, colours, shapes and sizes .
- Some people were late so we didn't start on time (reminiscent of Kidz Klub!)
- A lot of people hadn't been before and didn't really know what to expect but came along and gave it a go.
- Others brought a friend to enjoy the experience with.
- Some of the regular golfers guided some of the novices.
- We all found our own different ways of scoring points.
- We cheered each other on and encouraged people to do their best.
- Once we'd hit the ball all we could do is hope!
- Some really enjoyed it and have already gone back for more.
- Others had a good time but aren't quite ready to go back alone so are going with friends.
- Some had such a good time they've told all their friends about it.

So even though this might not be the traditional view of church I believe we have to bring church to a level that young people understand and guide them on a journey as they discover their faith. Who knew you could find it playing golf?

### *SPACE Nativity*



9.00 am, 14 December

An all age worship service with Kidz Klub Nativity

*Elise Allanson*

## BETWEEN FRIENDS

### *'Congratulations' to the following Raffle Prize Winners*

Sheila Bishop:	£10 Children's Book Shop Voucher
Hilary Holloway:	£20 Friends Restaurant Voucher
Dorothy Edwards:	Tin of Biscuits
Len & Margaret Reed:	Bottle of Wine
Elizabeth & Forbes Catto:	Chrysanthemum Plant
Margaret Birkinshaw:	Bottle of Cassis Liqueur

*The Coffee Morning on 11 October  
raised £473 towards the church roof fund*



### *Supper in the Church Hall with Speaker*

*7.30 pm, Saturday 22 November*



David Williams will give an illustrated talk  
*'Celebrating 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Nelson's Birth'*

David (who was married at St John's) has been responsible for arranging exhibitions of Nelson memorabilia both in St Paul's Cathedral and All Saints Church at Burnham Thorpe in Norfolk, Nelson's birthplace

*Tickets (£12) available from all committee members*

## AN ENCOUNTER WITH ...

### *This month we encounter Susan Cooper*

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

22 years but I was baptised here over 60 years ago

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

People have got busier



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

David Tuck's back trouble; Stuart's preaching; being challenged by a Stewardship campaign

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

I am an Actuary and I advise overseas insurance regulators and supervisors. In my spare time, I represent the laity of the Diocese of London on General Synod, I am a Reader in the parish, also treasurer of CHRISM – Christians in Secular Ministry

**Tell us about your family**

I live on my own. My brother and sister-in-law live in a very beautiful part of the north of Scotland. My nieces live in Edinburgh, as does my great nephew, Finlay, who delights us all and is now enjoying the challenge of learning to walk. My nephew, Jamie, joined the army recently and that has challenged my views on matters of war and peace. I have two aunts of 93 and various cousins who are sources of delight and concern

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

The News Quiz

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

Strezza in Italy – Lake Maggiore is very beautiful

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

People trying to sell me something over the phone

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

❖ **books would you take with you?**

*(the Bible and Shakespeare are already there)*

Pride and Prejudice by Jane Austen (I'm a romantic and still waiting for my Mr Darcy to come along)

I heard the Owl call my name – Margaret Craven

❖ **pieces of music would you take with you?**

*(we have provided a clockwork CD player!)*

Sortie in Eb major by Léfébure-Wély

The Creation by Haydn

Marriage of Figaro by Mozart

St Matthew Passion by Bach

❖ **luxury items would you take?**

A church organ and Michael Turvey so that he can play the Léfébure-Wély for me (then I wouldn't need the CD)

**Have you any hobbies and interests?**

I like networking and finding connections between the various strands of my life. I am member of COIN, Christians on the Internet and a member of Harrow Choral Society. I am trying to learn French so that I can participate in an international worker-priests' conference

**What is your favourite Bible passage?**

John 20 1-18 – it affirms a woman as the first apostle of the Resurrection but it also challenges us to realise that things wouldn't continue as before. I am a bit of clinger and need that challenge

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

Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury. He is very spiritual and wise and he has a good sense of humour. I think he is a lovely person

# RING OUT, WILD BELLS, TO THE WILD SKY

## *Bell Ringers'/Friends' Outing to Surrey/Kent 4 October*

The annual coach outings of Pinner Bell Ringers' can be traced back to about 1961, when the late Ken Saunders organised the first one to Cambridgeshire. In over forty years we have visited sixteen counties and our latest, in collaboration with the Friends, took us into Surrey and Kent.

We have fabulous bells in Pinner – sonorous and not difficult to ring – so why do we bother ringing other churches' bells? All peals are different; some are light and are tuned in different keys; Pinner's bells date from the 18<sup>th</sup> century but some peals are new; all have unique idiosyncrasies in how easy or difficult they are to ring. Such differences broaden our experience and deepen our appreciation of our own bells.

For our 'supporters club' the attraction is two-fold. First we visit some lovely parts of the English countryside, often to quaint, little villages. Second, the churches themselves are often historic and contain a wealth of remarkable monuments and artifacts.

Our first stop was SS Peter and Paul, West Clendon, which dates back to the 12<sup>th</sup> century. However not everything was ancient and we admired their new altar frontal designed by a local textile artist. The bells were heavy and gave some problems. However, they have a fine tone and sounded good when rung well.



Mid morning we arrived in Leigh to ring at the 15<sup>th</sup> century church of St. Bartholomew. The six bells were very light but easy to ring. The unique feature was that the ringing chamber was a tiered gallery and we rang among the choir stalls. Ringers of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> bells had a protective netting lest they stepped back too far. Great fun!

Lunch was in the exceptionally pretty Tudor village of Chiddingstone, owned by the National Trust since 1939. Over 40 of us sat down to lunch in the Castle Inn, where the licensee is the churchwarden (bet there's a queue to join PCC). Pre-ordering ensured prompt service and allowed us to ring for an hour at St Mary's across the road.



These lovely bells sounded good and were easy to ring, so we felt we had done them justice, and hope our audience appreciated the music.

Our mid afternoon stop was at St Botolph's, Chevening. The church is located in a beautiful rural setting just outside the estate of the official residence of the Foreign Secretary. Harvest Festival was the following day and the church was decorated in traditional fashion with fruit and flowers. Of the eight bells, six of them are less than ten years old; they are a delightful ring. We were impressed at the hospitality of the local ringers – chocolates in the belfry! Something for consideration at Pinner.



Finally we reached our furthest point east – Otford – where we enjoyed sandwiches, scones and cakes with lashings of tea courtesy of the local WI. After refreshment, we rang the six bells of St Bartholomew's, a new peal dating from the Millennium. We were tired but enjoyed the light and easy-to-ring bells.

The weather had been kind to us all day, with some periods of sunshine. The journey home was wet but we were in the safe hands of our excellent coach driver, Mike, and we arrived back in time for the Jazz concert.

*Chris Lomax*

## PARISH CHURCH HISTORY

### *The Bells*



A new ringing platform was constructed in 1979 at the sill level of the west window and this enables the west doorway to be used while ringing is in progress. To gain access to the ringing platform a doorway had to be cut in the newel staircase. The bells date back to at least 1553. Today there is a ring of eight bells. In 1662 there were five bells plus the Sanctus bell - the number was increased to eight in 1771 with the following inscriptions:

On all the bells: *Pack and Chapman of London Fecit 1771*. In addition on the treble bell: *Although I am both light and small I will be heard above you all*. On the tenor bell: *At proper times our voices we will raise in sounding to our benefactor's praise*. On the tenor bell: *The Rev Walter Williams, Curate; Jeffs Inwood and John Ewer Churchwardens*. The tenor bell, which was cracked, was recast in 1926 when the present steel bell-frame was fitted. The inscription is *Cast 1771, P & C Ldn; Recast 1926 M & S Ldn. CEA Rowland, MA Vicar; John S Hogg, JP, A Townshend Churchwardens*. It weighs 18cwts 1qr 18lbs and is in the key of E flat.



People are funny, they want the front of the bus,  
the middle of the road, and the back of the church!

## THE ALMA SCHOOLS APPEAL

### *Chamber Concert*

Last year the Bishop of London, the Rt. Revd. Richard Chartres, launched an ALMA appeal to the churches in the London Dioceses to raise money to build a school in the Diocese of Angola and in the Dioceses of Miassa and Lebombo in Mozambique. So far the ALMA appeal has raised £92,361.

Some of the churches have raised money through their 2008 Lent Appeal, whilst others have donated one of their Sunday collections. We at St. John's are starting our response to the Bishop's appeal with a Chamber Concert organised by Hilary Holloway which will be held in church (see details below). I do hope that you will be able to attend and enjoy an afternoon of delightful music. There will be a collection at the end of the concert. Tea and biscuits will be served.

*Rose Thompson*  
*ALMA representative*



## MUSIC FOR A WHILE

***3.00 pm, Sunday 23 November***

Concert of music by Handel, Purcell and Crusell  
Performed by

David Gould: Counter tenor  
David Miller: Lute  
Susan Gregory: Clarinet  
Hilary Holloway: Violin  
Ceri Fagg: Viola  
Frances Newbery: Violoncello  
Michael Turvey: Organ  
Andrew West: Organ

*There will be a retiring collection for the Bishop of London's  
ALMA appeal for schools in Mozambique and Angola*

# TREASURER'S COLUMN

## *Financial Matters*



As a precursor to the annual stewardship appeal, I thought that I would try to answer the two questions which repeatedly come up when we make any appeal for money to meet our everyday needs in running our church. These are:-

- Why do we give so much to the Common Fund?
- Is there sufficient control over spending the money which I give?

In 2008 we will have given £94,650 to the Common Fund, about one third of our annual income or expenditure. The PCC has agreed to give £96,000 in 2009, although the Diocese asked if we would be able to give more.

The Diocese provides a significant amount of information on its accounts and budgets. For a parish with a vicar and a house the 2009 budget is:-

Stipend	£20,880
National Insurance	1,220
Pension	7,770
Grants	630
Housing	<u>10,820</u>
<i>Sub-total</i>	<i>41,320</i>
Training new clergy	7,220
Education – schools, chaplaincy	2,170
Area/Deanery + grants to parishes	3,700
Other diocesan support	5,030
National Church	<u>2,970</u>
<i>Total</i>	<i><u>62,410</u></i>

This, by the way, is an average across the diocese so takes into account interregnums.

Further breakdowns are provided, e.g. other diocesan support includes financial advice, property and rents advice, financial planning and audit, care of churches group and inspections, office support, Causton Street building and maintenance, human resources, trust administration and Synod Councils and committee support.

The most asked question is not why the vicar is paid such a low wage with consequential effects on ultimate pension. It is why, when it costs £62k, do we give £96k? The answer is to support less wealthy parishes in the diocese. Without it there would be fewer operating churches and fewer clergy.

But this additional donation is up to you all. If you do not want to give it please ask that an item be put onto the agenda at the next Annual Parochial Church Meeting. Please do not restrict your stewardship giving because of it.

Secondly is there sufficient control over spending the money which I give?

In terms of actual control each person responsible for income and/or expenditure is asked to submit a budget for the coming year. That budget is reviewed and agreed by the PCC. If there is any expenditure required in excess of that budget during the year then there is a "Delegation of Authority" document which has been agreed by the PCC, which details who can approve and what they can approve. In addition the PCC has agreed that any commitment over £500, whether in the budget or not, should be submitted to the honorary treasurer. A second signature on all cheques must be either one the vicar, one of the churchwardens or the treasurer.

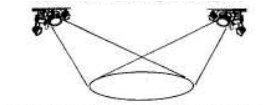
So much of our expenditure for a year is determined by the activities we undertake and by the extent of voluntary-to-paid work in undertaking those activities. We have decided to have and pay an organist/choirmaster and an assistant, a youth minister, a gardener/handyman, a parish administrator and to pay for treasury services when there was no volunteer to undertake the work. All of these people commit more time and energy than we pay them for.

The other big area of expense is the maintenance of the church, the churchyard and the church hall. The cost is dramatically reduced by the extent of voluntary work done by so many people in the church in Pinner. We have however experienced significant bills this year for a number of exceptional items, such as cleaning and sealing of the floors in the church and church hall, emergency lighting, fire detection and alarms, repairs to the church clock, plus we have made a contribution to the redecoration of the vicarage and to work in the vicarage garden. Next year money will have to be spent on the trees in the churchyard.

Once I have the PCC-approved budget for 2009 I will provide you with details. If you disagree with any of the spending then please let me know and I will raise it with the PCC. But please do not restrict your stewardship giving.

*Doug Yates  
Hon Treasurer*

## “FROM POOTER TO POTTER”



“That takes me back” – yes, Centre Stage hopes it will when we present our miscellany of the twentieth century in poetry, prose and song in November. This brief review of the years gone by will be staged on:

*Saturday 29 November at 7.45 pm in the church*

Tickets, price £6, are available from Gill Murray (8866 4133) or from Nick and Valerie Ridge or myself

We hope that everyone, from war-time children to baby boomers to Thatcher tots, and all those in between, will enjoy this literary overview of a well-remembered century.

*Margaret Birkinshaw  
Chairman Centre Stage*

## DIARY DATES

NOV 2	<b>All Saints' Day</b> 9.00 am Space Service November Review published Traidcraft stall from 10.00 to 11.00 am in church hall 3.00 pm Thanksgiving service for the Departed
3	<b>All Souls' Day</b> 9.30 am Holy Eucharist 8.00 pm Holy Eucharist
5	10.00 am Holy Eucharist (1662)
8	10.00 to 1.00 pm Willesden Area Quiet Morning in hall rooms and using church 8.00 pm Jazz Concert
9	<b>Remembrance Sunday</b> 10.45 am Service at Pinner War Memorial 11.15 am Holy Eucharist
11	7.15 pm PAC Praying Together at Pinner United Free Church
13	8.00 pm PCC Meeting in the church hall
16	<b>2 before Advent</b>
19	7.00 pm Quinquennial Relicensing of Readers at St Paul's Cathedral 8.00 pm Three Faith Dialogue at St Luke's RC Church
22	7.30 pm The Friends' Supper in the church hall with speaker
23	<b>Christ the King</b> 3.00 pm Chamber Concert in aid of ALMA appeal 5.00 pm PAC AGM followed by 6.30 pm Worshipping Together at St John's
27	7.00 or 7.30 pm (tbc) PAC Carol Singing for Pinner Pantomime Night Copy date for December Review
28	Ramblers Planning meeting in hall rooms
29	7.45 pm Centre Stage (Pinner) performing 'From Pooter to Potter'
30	<b>Advent Sunday</b> 6.30 pm Advent Procession

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INFORMATION  
Christians in Pinner working together

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*Praying Together*



7.15 pm, Tuesday 11 November  
at Pinner Free Church

*Three Faith Dialogue*

8.00 pm, Wednesday 19 November  
at St Luke's Parish Centre  
'Being an Observant Moslem Woman in Britain Today'

*AGM & Worshipping Together*

5.00 pm, Sunday 23 November  
at St John's

*PAC Carol Singing*



at Pinner Pantomime Night  
7.00 or 7.30 pm (tbc), Thursday 27 November  
High Street, Pinner

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## NEW CHAIR OF PAC

*from St John's*

At the Annual General Meeting on 23 November to be held at 5.00 pm in the church hall, Wendy Myers will be installed as the chairman of the Pinner Association of Churches for 2009. This will be preceded by a short report on PAC activities during the year by Anne Savage (the current chairman).

Tea will be served between 5.30 and 6.30 pm and this will be followed by Worshipping Together in the church, where the new chairman will be inducted. At the beginning of the service there will be a short introduction by the current chairman, representatives of the other churches will then give their welcome to the new Chairman and offer "the right hand of fellowship". The congregation is then invited to share the Peace by the new chairman and the normal service will follow.

As it is the turn of St John's (after four years), to hold the chair of the PAC it would be very supportive to see as many members as possible present at St John's, either at the AGM, the tea, the service or, preferably, at all three!

*NB It is the first time that St John's is providing a non-clerical PAC chairman and we wish Wendy every success in this role*

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## TO SPELL OR NOT TO SPELL

*'Autumn'*



*There's an N at the end of autumn.  
Think of N standing for November,  
when it's the end of autumn and beginning of winter!*

# REMEMBER



Remember; spend some time with your loved ones,  
because they are not going to be around forever.

Remember, say a kind word to someone who looks up to you in awe,  
because that little person will soon grow up and leave your side.

Remember, to give a warm hug to the one next to you,  
because that is the only treasure you can give with your heart  
and it doesn't cost a penny.

Remember, to say, 'I love you' to your partner and your loved ones,  
but most of all mean it.  
A kiss and an embrace will mend hurt  
when it comes from deep inside of you.

Remember to hold hands and cherish the moment  
for someday that person will not be there again.

Give time to love, give time to speak!  
And give time to share the precious thoughts in your mind.

*and always remember:*

Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take,  
but by the moments that take our breath away.