

It was hot and dusty in St. James's Road. The smells mingled; freshly brewed coffee, cardamoms and spices from the stall, the donkey, the little tractor collecting the refuse. We amused ourselves by taking a photograph of the Leathard family underneath the beautiful enamel street sign, St. James' Road, Jerusalem. That St. James's Road was an alley in our terms, but none-the-less important for that, because it led, up steps and round a few corners to the Cathedral of St. James. This cathedral is the most important building in the Armenian Quarter of the Old City of Jerusalem. A thick carpet hangs over the entrance to the church from the shady cloister. Inside the coolness and halflight after the glaring sunshine makes one wait a moment to re-adjust one's vision. Slowly a new perspective takes over; the sanctuary lit by candle, boys and men dressed in black habits, centuries of incense, representing centuries of prayers, seem to have soaked into the very stone. And in the chapel to the left of the entrance is the supposed site where James, the Apostle and friend of Jesus, Son of Zebedee and brother of John, was murdered on the orders of King Herod Agrippa I in 44 A.D. Legend has it that James visited Spain to spread the Gospel and so remains were taken to Spain and were laid to rest at Santiago de Compostella. The shrine at Compostella became one of Europe's greatest places of Pilgrimage in the Middle Ages and even today hundreds of thousands of pilgrims make their way to this shrine each year.

You don't have to go either to Jerusalem or Santiago de Compostella to celebrate St. James' Day (25 July) in a church dedicated to the first of the Apostles to have been martyred. Join us in Hampton Hill in your own Parish Church. This year we are delighted that the last weekend of July will be marked by a three day celebration, a Flower Festival, Open Days, Exhibitions, Trips up the Spire, Music in Church, a Barbecue and much else. On Sunday July 28 the whole Parish worships together at 11 am and we continue our celebrations with a shared lunch. You are most welcome to any of these events and we look forward to welcoming you.

What was clear at St. James', Jerusalem, what is clear in making the pilgrimage to the shrine of St. James in Santiago de Compostella is that one is not alone. We are part of a community, from which we receive much and to which we also give much. The same was true for James, he belonged to a group of friends gathered around Jesus of Nazareth. In that group he broke out of himself and formed a community that discovered a new vision, a new dimension a whole new pattern of living, but it cost him his life.

We celebrate St. James' Day because we align ourselves with him. We join into that community, the family of Christ throughout the world, we bring our community in Hampton Hill to be fashioned in the pattern of that first community of the friends of Jesus of Nazareth. We celebrate St. James' Day fired with the vision and the values of God's kingdom for his world today. Please join us!

What St. James's Means To Me

"The Church is the people" I hear so often. When I came to Hampton Hill I thought I must look around and visit local churches to find which one was for me, so I'd start with the one with the lovely spire to which I could easily walk I got no further and as the years go by I love St. James more and more.

"The Church is the people". Even empty churches have a great fascination for me and I have sat quietly in village churches and cathedrals at home and abroad, to absorb the atmosphere of devotion left by many generations.

But yes "The Church is the people" and nowhere is this more widely demonstrated than in St. James, Hampton Hill. For if love is the centre of Christianity then here it is in strength warmth for those who are unhappy, help for those in need, companionship for the lonely and encouragement for self expression for all ages and all talents. Brian is my third Vicar here, each in their different ways developing this theme "The Church is the people". Thanks be to God.

Alison Thompson

When we moved into the area, St. James's Church was to begin with a beautiful white spire, and the chime of the clock every quarter of an hour. It has become our family place of worship, and for me the Sunday service offers a quiet haven for a little peace and reflection in the middle of a busy week at work or at home. But coming to St. James has also meant much more - it has served as our introduction to the Hampton Hill community, and helped us to feel that we belong. The people that we have met here have always been very friendly and welcoming, keen to sweep us up into many of the activities going on both in the church and in the parish. Very important and valuable has been the acceptance and welcome for our children - never a hint of disapproval and many opportunities for them to be involved in the services. I am very pleased that our four year old son looks forward eagerly to the service on a Sunday and things of going to church as a natural part of everyday life.

And so as we greet our friends from church around Hampton Hill, and as the clock chimes constantly remind us, we appreciate how St. James's Church has become part of our lives.

Rachel & Andrew Craig



ST JAMES'S CHURCH, HAMPTON HILL



FLOWER FESTIVAL



AND

OPEN DAYS

**SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY
27TH 28TH 29TH JULY, 1991**



- ★ FLOWER DISPLAYS BY HAMPTON HILL FLORAL ART CLUB
- ★ SPIRE TOURS AND BELL RINGING
- ★ EXHIBITIONS OF LOCAL HISTORY, LINEN & PLATE
- ★ MUSIC RECITALS – INSTRUMENTAL & CHORAL
- ★ GIFTS AND SOUVENIRS
- ★ LIGHT REFRESHMENTS

OPEN EACH DAY: 10.00a.m. – 5.30p.m.

(PARISH COMMUNION 11.00 SUNDAY FOLLOWED BY LUNCH)



BARBECUE ON SAT. 27TH at 7.30p.m.

LICENCED BAR:

ADMISSION: £3.00 (CHILDREN £1.50)

Joy to the World

This St. James's tide we look forward to joyous celebrations which prompted me to think about the word 'joy'. A small unimposing, insignificant word in length but in breadth immeasurable, cumulative, infectious and far reaching. From the beginning of time humanity has faced both joy and sadness. Joy and sadness enhance personal growth, without them life would have no peaks or troughs and we would not develop into maturity as whole human beings as God intended. Joy and sadness then give life to the world.

The beauty of the first delicate snowdrop, the dainty yellow primrose and the vivid colour of the retiring violet strikes us with joy anew each year. Could we but hold on to that moment and treasure the joy we feel. Could we but share our joy with those around us, not only our joy in nature but our joy in everything, needs to be shared. How deeply I remember the joyful experience of bringing a new baby to church for the first time and sharing my joy with God's family. Let us then at this St. James's tide take time to share the things that fill us with joy - our new baby, some special achievement, good news, above all the spiritual joys of our faith and may we be receptive to the joys of each other. Enter into living joyously with a joyous spirit and a joyous hope and the fleeting shadows of sadness will disappear.

The desert and the parched land will be glad,
The wilderness will rejoice and blossom
Like the crocus, it will burst into bloom;
It will rejoice greatly and shout for joy
and a highway will be there!
It will be called the way of gladness.

Isaiah 35
Janet Jefferies

Christian Aid 1991

So many disasters have occurred recently and so many appeals for help have been made that I wondered how one more collection would fare compassion fatigue or great generosity? However both collectors and givers made a splendid response, reflected in the total £1775; last year we collected £1100, so our delight at the increase is considerable! Thank you to all the collectors, whose sacrifice of time and willingness to knock on doors made possible this very much larger donation. Thank you too, all those who opened doors and filled the envelopes, in many cases with quite amazing generosity. The 'bread and soup' lunch at the Vicarage not only raised £175 but was also a very happy occasion, much enjoyed by all.

Christian Aid Week 1991 - £1775; Christian Aid Week 1992 will again need all our efforts. What about a target of £2225.

Margaret Taylor

Single

Persons

Emergency Accommodation in Richmond

(SPEAR)



SPEAR is a small charitable housing association run by a committee of local people who run a twelve bedded night shelter for men and women who have nowhere else to stay. The shelter has now been open for twenty months and in the first year over eighty young people under twenty-one stayed there, three over sixty-five and forty-six women. About seventy per cent of the people who stayed moved on to permanent accommodation. A wide range of counselling services are also available for those who need it. SPEAR's main aim is to provide a home - a relaxed atmosphere to help people out of the despair of homelessness.

Gamal Shoukry is SPEAR's Resettlement Officer, based in the Council Housing Department at the Civic Centre in Twickenham and he is concentrating on developing a lodging scheme. The idea is to find lodgings for people who are capable of looking after themselves and to offer support to both parties and to guarantee initial payment for the room if the lodger is receiving Benefit. Anyone interested in the scheme should telephone Gamal on 081 891 1411 Ext. 4480.

Anyone who goes up to Town these days is aware of the increase in homelessness, people in shop doorways and in the Underground tunnels abound so anything that can be done to help people in this situation is to be encouraged. SPEAR is also glad of donations of money, food stuffs, cleaning materials and toiletries. One of their most pressing needs, however is volunteers to help run the centre's coffee-bar in the evenings and chat to the residents so that the place feels more like home, duties come round about once a month. There are only two night shelters in the whole of Surrey so this is valuable work. If you would like to become a Friend of Richmond Hostel Group or would like to help in the evenings please write or telephone:

SPEAR, 24 Kew Road, Richmond, Surrey TW9 2NA.

Tel: 081 948 5564.

Homelessness is something that can happen to anyone, we all know of people in just this situation, and while SPEAR doesn't claim a one hundred per cent success rate at least they are trying in some small measure to alleviate the suffering which homelessness brings.

The Mother's Union Ecumenical Service

On Wednesday July 3rd at 2.30 pm the Mother's Union is holding an Ecumenical Service to which members of all the local Churches have been invited. The service will take the form of shortened Evensong and the speaker will be Mrs. Lesley Mortimer. Afternoon tea will be served after the service, hopefully in the garden. We extend a warm welcome to anyone who would like to come and enjoy our service, fellowship and refreshments.

There will be a Women's World Day of Prayer coffee morning at 12 Nightingale Road, Hampton on Thursday 11th July from 10.30 - 12 noon in aid of the Princess Alice Hospice. Please come and support this very worthy cause, everyone welcome.

Update

Behind an impressive screen hoarding, work on the conversion of our old Parish Hall in School Road into a new centre for the Community Care Group is now well under way. Plans for the proposed new Hall, which were unveiled at the Annual Church Meeting in April, and which are still on view in the Church, have (with some slight modifications) now been submitted to the Council for planning permission. As part of the statutory planning processes they will also be available for inspection in the local Public Library.

Estimates have been obtained for the re-decoration, stonework cleaning and modernisation of the lighting system in the Church for which a Faculty was recently granted by the Diocese. At the time of going to press, many matters, including the appointment of the Contractor, and the details of the colour schemes, have still to be finalised. However it is likely that the work will be carried out during August/September. There will be more details in the next issue of this magazine.

Jack Gostling

WEDNESDAY JULY 24th 7.30pm
HAMPTON HILL JUNIOR SCHOOL SUMMER CONCERT
IN ST. JAMES' CHURCH

JOSEPH AND HIS
AMAZING TECHNICOLOUR
DREAMCOAT

A MUSICAL
JOURNEY ALONG
THE THAMES

Around the Spire

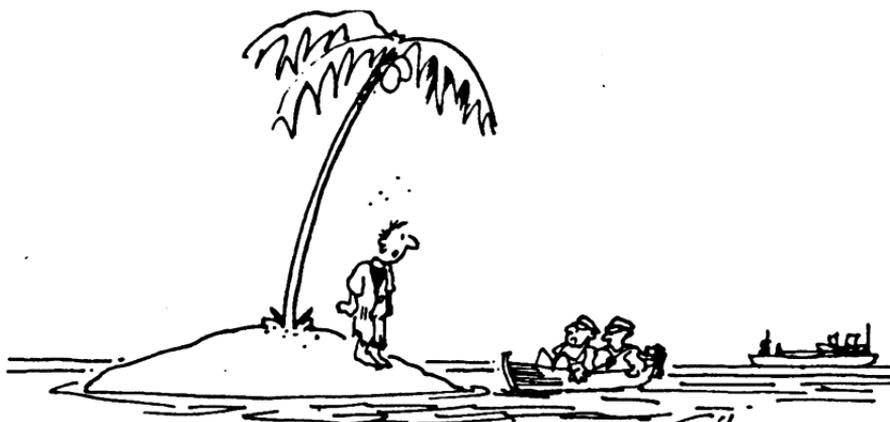
After many years association with the Jays, Gill Gostling has decided to take more of a back seat to leave more time for other things. We would like to thank Gill for her long and enthusiastic service and we are glad that she will still be around for us should we need her. Gill has agreed to continue to run the financial side of things which will be a great help. Thank you Gill, our love and best wishes to you.

Congratulations to Jamie Mortimer, husband of Lesley Mortimer, on his promotion from the Treasury to be an Under Secretary at the Overseas Development Administration. Trying to spend money will make quite a change from always looking for ways of saving it, no doubt it won't take long to find ways of doing just that.

Thank you to all the people who have so far contributed to the cost of the flowers for the Flower Festival. If you would like to make a donation please give it to me, it's not too late!

Helen Taylor

Very many thanks to Emily Ormerod for her donation of £68.00 to our Lenten Appeal for the School in Nazareth. It was half of the sponsor money she raised from running a half-marathon. Well done!



'Can you rescue me tomorrow - it's my day off today!'

Churchspeak for Beginners

A glossary of churchspeak terms for those people new to our churches who do not understand the churchspeak in which we talk.

CHURCHSPEAK

ENGLISH

Conversational

I want to share

My vision

I feel it is right

We feel it is right

I believe that God wants us to

There is a sense in which

There is a very real sense in which

My dear brother

I hear what you say

I'll take it on board

I want to tell you

My idea

I want

I really want

And I'll have a tantrum if I don't get

That is half true

This is a quarter true

The chap I can't stand

You're wrong

Forget it

PCC minutes

A wide-ranging discussion

A full and frank discussion

Helpful comment

Interesting view

Respectfully suggested

There was a general consensus

A lot of waffle

A punch-up

Unhelpful comment

Daft idea

Disrespectfully suggested

None of those still awake could be bothered to argue

Unimportant matter

There was no chance of any agreement

. and civil war was about to break out

Important matter

It was agreed to defer consideration of the matter

. and set up a sub-committee to look at the issue

Theology

Deep

Modernist view

Liberal theology

The Church has long accepted the view that

Based on a detailed study and careful examination

The idea is complex and difficult to express in words

Thick

Atheist view

Make-it-up-as-you-go-along theology

This is my new idea

I had this idea while cleaning my teeth

I don't know what I'm talking about

From the Registers

Baptisms

May	5	Nicola Jane Easton	4 Longford Close
		Kathryn Emma Thompson	Albert Road

Marriages

May	11	Gareth Probert-Lewis and Nicola Jane Gow	
	18	John Charles Armes and Nicola Aberdeen	

Funerals

May	7	Ian Angus Ritchie	230 Thameside, Laleham	Aged 65
	23	Audrey Wright	43 Dean Road	Aged 58

Parish Registers: St. James, Hampton Hill

The following series of registers has been deposited in the Greater London Record Office:

Registers of Baptisms	1864 - 1961
Registers of Marriages	1864 - 1968
Registers of Burials	1864 - 1948

The Search Room of the Greater London Record Office is at 40 Northampton Road, Clerkenwell, London EC1R 0HB, telephone 071 606 3030 ext. 3820. It is open on Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.30 am to 4.45 pm. and Tuesdays except those following public holidays, from 4.45 pm to 7.30 pm. (Before planning a Tuesday evening visit searchers are advised to consult the Search Room Staff). It is not closed at lunch time although there are some restrictions on service. The Search Room will be closed during the third and fourth weeks in October.

It is regretted that the staff of the Record Office cannot do genealogical searches, however brief, nor check entries in registers. If you are unable to attend the office personally you may care to engage the services of a professional record agent. Lists of names and addresses of record agents have been prepared by the staff of the Public Records Office, Chancery Lane, London WC2, the Institute of Heraldic and Genealogical Studies, Northgate, Canterbury, Kent, the Society of Genealogists, 14 Charterhouse Buildings, London EC1M 7BA and the Association of Genealogists and Record Agents, c/o Mrs P.A. Berner, AGRA, 15 Dover Close, Hill Head, Fareham, Hants PO14 3SU.

Dates to Note

June	29	10.00	Parish Outing to Beautlieu
	30	15.00	Children's Society Box Opening and Garden Teas, 68 Park Road followed by
		18.30	Service in Church
July	3	14.30	M.U. Ecumenical Service in Church
	9	20.00	Tuesday Club: Harry Burlton, Chaplain at Heathrow
	11		Women's World Day of Prayer Coffee Morning 12 Nightingale Road, Hampton
	22		St. Mary Magdalen
	23	20.00	P.C.C., Vestry
	24	20.00	Tuesday Club: Buffet Supper, Wayside
		19.30	Hampton Hill Junior School Concert in Church 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat'
	25		St. James's Day
July 27, 28, 29	10.00-17.30		St. James's Flower Festival and Gift Days
August	6		Transfiguration of Our Lord

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Life is fragile

— *Handle*

with prayer