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Welcome June 2011



As I write this, the long spell of good weather is still with us; keen gardeners have started watering very early this year.

A big 'thank you' to everyone who responded to the Spire Appeal in the last edition. This is an ongoing appeal and donations are always very welcome.

It doesn't seem possible that we are already planning for St James's Day in July when we seem to have only just passed Easter. There is a centrespread about the bells, clock and spire this month and an invitation to inspect the inside of the spire on St James's Day. It is worth the trip up to see the wonderful views of the local area.

Coming back along the M3/A316 the spire is the first sign of Hampton Hill as you return home from the west. You also get a lovely view of the spire from The Terrace on Richmond Hill and from Henry's Mound near Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park.

Best wishes

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SERVICES FOR JUNE

Sundays

8am Holy Communion

9.30am Parish Communion

5 June — 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1.6-14

1 Peter 4.12-14; 5.6-11

John 17.1-11

12 June — Pentecost

King James Version Sunday

Both readings will be taken from the KJV of the Bible, and the Book of Common Prayer will be used.

Acts 2.1-11

John 14.15-end

★ Also, at 6pm: Choral Evensong

19 June — Trinity Sunday

Isaiah 40.12-17, 27-end

2 Corinthians 13.11-end

Matthew 28.16-20

26 June — 1st Sunday after Trinity

Jeremiah 28.5-9

Romans 6.12-end

Matthew 10.40-end

Mondays-Fridays

(but not Tuesdays AND excluding 2 June)

9.15am Morning Prayer

Tuesdays

9.30am Holy Communion

1st Wednesday in month

1 June

7am Holy Communion

1st Thursday in month

2 June — Ascension Day

★ Also, at 9.30am: Holy Communion

2pm Holy Communion

Leader Column

THE SPIRE IS AVAILABLE ONLINE, PLUS AN EXTENSIVE ARCHIVE

A little encouragement can give all of us the right result



One of the things that can make a huge difference during the time a person spends at school is an inspirational teacher. I was fortunate enough to have such a teacher at secondary school. What was it that made him seem so good to me? Somehow he got me passionately interested in his subject, History. This interest has remained with me.

What was it that did this? Perhaps it was his evident enthusiasm, commitment, and breadth of knowledge. I am sure it was all these. This teacher was also, though, a great source of encouragement. This encouraging attitude was one that made me feel that I could do well in this subject. There was challenge — 'You can do better than this' — and this was good: not just an uncritical patting of my head.

This teacher came back to me as I looked at the Church of England calendar of saints for June. Some of the people celebrated are found in the calendars of other parts of the Christian Church, shared with the Roman Catholic Church and others parts of the Anglican Communion. Others are particular to the Church of England. *In Thought and Prayer* on this page features two saints from these islands: Alban and Columba

One person commemorated by Christians throughout the world — and by most on 11 June — is Barnabas. Barnabas appears in the Acts of the Apostles — part two of the story of Jesus and then the Church told by St. Luke; part one being the gospel that bears Luke's name.

In chapter four of Acts we hear of the early Christian Church. Believers share their possessions, and no one is needy within the community. One man, Joseph, sells a field, and then brings the proceeds to the apostles. They re-name him *Barnabas*, which means *son of encouragement*.

Barnabas next appears in chapter nine of Acts. There, the newly-converted Saul — soon to be Paul, and writer of letters found in the New Testament — is brought by



Peter Vannozzi

Barnabas to frightened apostles. They are understandably cautious about welcoming their recent persecutor. Paul and Barnabas work together, but then separate after they disagree over the treatment of one John Mark in Acts chapter 15. This Mark had deserted Paul and Barnabas. Paul appears stubborn in refusing to give him another chance; Barnabas takes the opposite view. Paul and Barnabas go their separate ways, John Mark travelling with Barnabas to Cyprus. That is the last we hear of them.

It is striking how consistent Barnabas is. He is the encourager all the way through — for the apostles and Christian community by supporting them financially; for Paul, by being his advocate when he needed it; and again with John Mark, giving him another chance. It is as if Barnabas can see another side to the people he is dealing with, and sees situations differently. This is not to excuse the past of both Paul and John Mark, but it is to see beyond it, and to recognise what was possible for both men.

On a daily basis, I wonder what you and I might do to be *sons (and daughters!) of encouragement*? How would we feel if we were given a name that reflected our good dealings with people? Perhaps to be re-named *patience* or *hope* or *loyal* or *brave* or *loving*? Barnabas was re-named after a quality of character he displayed. Perhaps my inspirational teacher should have been nicknamed *Barnabas*!

Whatever our situation in life, how might we be sources of encouragement to others? This cannot be underestimated as it can give so much to a person — it can make all the difference between feeling worth something and worth nothing.

A person may have little more they can offer other than a smile or kind word, but these things can stick in the mind and affect the heart.

So as we remember an encourager on 11 June, ask: *Am I Barnabas, too?*

In Thought and Prayer

June is a month rich in saints in the Church of England calendar. There are two men remembered this month who both ministered in the British Isles: **Columba** (June 9) and **Alban** (June 22).



Alban was the first martyr of Britain. Tradition has it that he was a Roman soldier, who converted to Christianity, and took the place of a Christian priest, whom he saved from death though he lost his own life. His shrine at St. Albans Abbey is still a place of pilgrimage today. Alban reminds us that persecution of Christians is still alive today and that many others suffer as a result of narrowness and prejudice. He died around 250.

The Alban Prayer from St. Alban's Abbey
Almighty God,

we thank you for this place built to your glory and in memory of Alban, our first martyr. Following his example in the fellowship of the saints, may we worship and adore the true and living God, and be faithful witnesses to the Christ, who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. Amen.

Columba was a monk from Ireland. A dispute with another monk led to a bloody battle, costing many lives. In penitence, Columba left Ireland for missionary work in Scotland. His base was the island of Iona where he founded a monastery that became a centre of learning, prayer and evangelism.



There is still today a Christian community on the island. Columba is seen as representative of *Celtic Christianity*, a rigorous form of expression with a great emphasis on God's majesty, as seen in creation. It was also very orthodox with its sense of God as Trinity, and the importance of Christ. This is a prayer reflecting the tradition:

A prayer at rising

Bless to me, O God,
Each thing mine eye sees;
Bless to me, O God,
Each sound mine ear hears;
Bless to me, O God,
Each odour that goes to my nostrils;
Bless to me, O God,
Each taste that goes to my lips;
Each note that goes to my song,
Each ray that guides my way,
Each thing that I pursue.
Each lure that tempts my will,
The zeal that seeks my living soul.
The Three that seek my heart,
The zeal that seeks my living soul,
The Three that seek my heart.

New and familiar faces join the PCC

ST JAMES'S has a new Churchwarden. Nick Bagge (pictured, centre) was elected to replace Richard Melville (left), who has stood down after three years. Carole Greville-Giddings (right) was returned for a second year.



The Annual Parochial Church Meeting also elected the following people so serve: **Deanery Synod:** Jacky Cammidge, Gwynneth Lloyd, Lesley Mortimer and Ann Peterken. Members serve for three years and are automatically members of the Parochial Church Council

PCC: Clive Beaumont, Mike Brett, Alan Cammidge, Jenny Clay, Stuart Richardson and Linda Webb were newly elected. Ros Daly, Jane Gibson, David and Nicky Hetling and Richard Winder were re-elected.

NEWLY ELECTED TO THE PCC



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Our thanks go to Richard Melville for his hard work as a Churchwarden; to Pip Rowett, for his time on the Deanery Synod; and to Margaret Hobbs and Betty Rainbow for their contributions to the PCC. We also thank Kirstie Hird, who was Secretary to the PCC 2010-11.



Wholewheat digestives Be sure to try this new addition to the biscuit range. Perfect with your fair trade cuppa or even as a tasty complement with a slice of your favourite cheese. Just 80p a packet from our Traidcraft stall.



Freda's church rises from ashes

WORK HAS finally started on the £3.8m rebuilding of St. Barnabas Church, Erdington, where our former curate, Freda Evans, is vicar. The 150-year-old church, one of Birmingham's oldest, was nearly destroyed in an arson attack in October 2007.



Before work could begin, 43 tons of rubble had to be removed. The original walls, window frames and tower were all that was left. Planning permission took longer as St.

have tried to be both sympathetic to the historic building and to fuse it with a modern structure.

Work will start with restoration of the bell tower. Freda said: 'The roof is going to be of steel, so there's not going to be any lead for people to steal! It is in a striking location in the middle of the high street. I hope it will be a focus for the community, as well as a sacred space.' Work is due to be completed in June 2012.



Registers for March and April



MARCH

Funeral
22 Stephen Leigh Fothergill, Teddington, 38

APRIL

Baptism
24 Sophie Rose O'Connor, Weybridge

Funerals

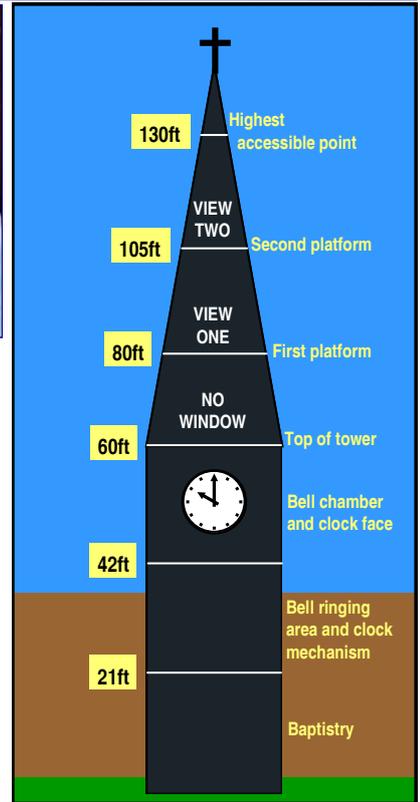
20 Edward Arthur George Brown (Ted), Hampton Hill, 76

27 Baby Ronnie Jenkins, Hampton, 17 days

A familiar sound that has rung out for over a century



The bell chimes of St James's Church may be a familiar sound to many people in Hampton Hill, but few of us know the inner workings of the spire. **Susan Horner** has been ringing the bells for 19 years and reveals the spire's secrets — and discounts a few myths.



The spire really is the symbol of St. James's Church. When asked 'Which is your church?', I tend to say 'St. James's, the one with the spire.' Our magazine takes its name from it and our spire is visible over a wide area. How often have you spotted it unexpectedly - perhaps from Bushy Park, the playing fields of one of the three schools on Hanworth Road, from the top of Richmond Hill or even when flying to or from Heathrow Airport? It is a witness to our faith and to our concern for both the parish and the wider world.

The original church, built in 1863, had no tower or spire. This was added to celebrate the Golden Jubilee of Queen Victoria in 1887. The Vicar, Revd. Henry Vesey Bligh, said that the work was important for two reasons: 'First, it would be taken in hand as an expression of loyalty to the Queen, and secondly, if they had a tower and spire which could be seen for many miles around, attention would be drawn to the place and people would know they were approaching the village of Hampton Hill.'

The pink granite foundation stone was laid by the Vicar's son, Edward, on 20 June 1887, the anniversary of the Queen Victoria's accession. One each of every

coin of the realm, from a farthing to a guinea, was placed behind this stone. After the ceremony, everybody went to the vicarage grounds and 'the rest of the day was spent in general rejoicings'.

Over the next few months, the tower grew. It was made of mellow stock bricks with stone dressings, and has a battlemented parapet, pinnacles and corner buttresses. The spire is made entirely of Portland stone, pierced with brick banding and rising to a height of 157 feet (approximately 48 metres). The opening of the Baptistry below the new tower took place after the

Christmas Eve service in 1887. The spire was completed in the New Year and on 3 January the vicar, his wife, the churchwardens and other parishioners climbed the scaffolding to the top. While the choir sang the *Te Deum* in the new belfry, Mrs. Bligh placed the capstone in position. After the ceremony, she delighted the crowds below by throwing buns out of one of the windows.



Four of St James's younger bell-ringers

When the debt for the building work had finally been paid off in 1891, the tireless committee immediately opened the *Clock and Bells Fund*. In December 1893 the full amount of £375 had been raised and the clock and four bells installed. The clock was dedicated at a special service and set in motion by Revd. Bligh. It is a simple pendulum clock, which was originally driven by three falling weights, each re-wound manually. An electric motor now re-winds the weight driving the central timing mechanism, and the chimes and hour strike bells are now directly driven by two further electric motors.



The ropes used to ring the bells

The central section controls the hour and minute hand of the four dial faces. The other two sections activate the hour and quarter chimes. Two further bells were added in 1902. No record of the weights of the bells exists and the firm which cast them is defunct. The six bells all carry inscriptions:

1. *Coronation of King Edward VII June 26th 1902. Fear God Honour The King (1 Peter 2 v17)*
2. *June 26th 1902 Honour All Men, Love The Brotherhood (1 Peter 2 v 17)*
3. *Glory to God in the Highest (Luke 2 v 14)*
4. *On Earth Peace (Luke 2 v 14)*
5. *Goodwill to all Men (Luke 2 v 14)*
6. *Enter into His Gates with Thanksgiving and into His Courts with Praise (Psalm 100 v4)*

The bells are fixed and cannot be rung by swinging them on their axes, so they are therefore chimed using clappers. All six bells have an inner clapper operated by ropes from the chiming board below. Four of the bells have an additional outer clapper operated by wires from the clock, which automatically chime the hours and the quarters. The separate systems avoid disengaging the clock for chime peals and the obvious difficulties in re-setting.

A few people think that our bells can be switched to ring automatically. On the other hand, I have even been asked if we ring the chimes every quarter hour by hand! Neither of these is true! The chimes every quarter operate automatically; all other ringing is done by real people.

The six ropes hang vertically side by side and are operated by the ringer pulling the ropes out from the wall. Although only one person can ring at a time, we usually have two people 'on duty' on each occasion. Each rings for a couple of minutes and then passes to the other; the changeover should not be noticeable to those listening.

The bells are rung from 9.15-9.30am every Sunday before Parish Communion. There is a pattern to this which has been followed at St.



Five of the six bells at St James's

James's for at least 25 years: tunes for the first ten minutes, then a single bell for three minutes to call the congregation to church, and finally rapid ringing for the last two minutes (indicating that you should hurry?). If you have never noticed this, listen next Sunday.

Most people marrying at St. James's request bells, which are rung as they leave the church after the ceremony. The bells are also rung at New Year; slow, mournful ringing as the old year dies, and single chimes to indicate the old year just before midnight (ten single chimes for 2010). After midnight has struck, there are single chimes to indicate the new year (11 single chimes for 2011) followed by joyful ringing to welcome the New Year.

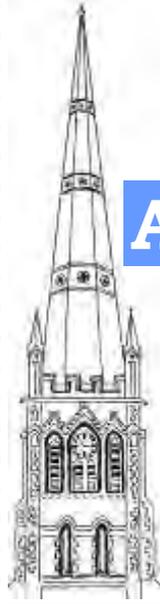
We are sometimes asked to ring for special occasions; we have rung to celebrate the millennium, 50th and 60th wedding anniversaries and a 90th birthday. We have occasionally been asked to ring at funerals to celebrate the life of the deceased.

Ringing is very enjoyable and new ringers are always welcome. Anyone from the age of about ten can learn and training is usually spread over several weeks at times to suit the trainees. Anyone interested should contact me (Get in Touch, page 2).

Do come and see the clock, bells and tower on our Open Day on 3 July, 1-3pm. You can try your hand at ringing the bells and see the wonderful view from the spire. If the weather is good you can see the arch of Wembley Stadium and Windsor Castle.

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Around the Spire



NEWS FROM HAMPTON HILL AND BEYOND

A life of teaching and a keen gardener

We were sorry to hear that **Sylvia Boarder** passed away on 6 March, aged 95. Sylvia dedicated her life to teaching and her first job was at St Peter's, London Docks, in the East End and she continued there all through World War Two, travelling each day from Acton. In 1946 Sylvia moved to Belmont Primary School, Chiswick, and two years later, at the age of 33, was appointed headmistress of Orleans County Infants School, Twickenham. Five years later she became headmistress of the new Chase Bridge School, Twickenham. In 1960 Sylvia moved to St Gabriel's Teaching Training College in Camberwell where she was highly successful.



Sylvia missed the company of young children and when her sister Peg retired from Stanley Road School in 1976, Sylvia retired too. Peg and Sylvia had moved to Bushy Park Gardens in Teddington in the 1950s and enjoyed 25 years together in retirement tending their lovely garden and making trips abroad to members of the family and friends.

Peg passed away in 2003 and in the autumn, at the age of 88, Sylvia went to Australia to visit her nephew and family. Not long after returning Sylvia developed Macular Degeneration, but she always remained good-spirited and, despite now living alone, Bushy Park gardens continued to be the focal point for social gatherings of her large family and friends and she was still able to enjoy her garden.

Even though her sight was poor and she couldn't read, Sylvia took a keen interest in all her friends and family and loved to talk on the phone and have visitors and especially to reminisce about her teaching years and her family history. She will be sadly missed by all who knew her.

Robinsons mark 40 years



■ Congratulations to Coryn and Ian Robinson, who celebrated their Ruby Wedding anniversary on Palm Sunday. They are pictured cutting the cake at a party attended by all their local extended family, a nephew from Chester, and their elder son, Duncan, who flew over from Singapore.

Granddaughter for Nuns



■ There was another happy family occasion a week later, when Debbie and John Nunn's granddaughter, Sophie Rose, was baptised on Easter Sunday. She is pictured with her parents, Suzie and Dan, who were married at St. James's Church in 2008.



Join our Sunday School and explore the world!

Young Spire



Let your clothes do the talking...

Summer's here!

Does your T-shirt

have the right label?

COTTON ON TO FAIRTRADE

Summer is here and the warmer weather can mean only one thing. It is time to get out your shorts and T-shirts! If it also means a trip to the shops to buy something new, then read on. It is now six years since the introduction of Fairtrade cotton into the UK market and with an ever-growing number of High Street stores signing up it is easier than ever for you to help make fashion fairer.



Fairtrade cotton farmer Ibrahim Keita, in Kita, Mali

Fairtrade cotton is now used in all sorts of spring and summer clothes, including roll-up trousers, leggings, T-shirts, blouses and camisoles — but while sales of Fairtrade tea, chocolate and bananas have grown rapidly, those of Fairtrade cotton have slowed. We owe it to the nations we have encouraged to switch to Fairtrade cotton, and who are now dependant on it for their survival, not to abandon them.

The Fairtrade Foundation now works with over 100 brands, retailers and companies who use the FAIRTRADE Mark on cotton products, meaning that cotton farmers in the developing world are getting a better deal: receiving a fair and stable price for their cotton in addition to the Fairtrade premium.

One country to benefit in a big way from Fairtrade cotton is the landlocked West African country of Mali, one of the poorest nations in the world, but one that has experienced rapid economic growth since the 1990s thanks, in part, to Fairtrade cotton.

There are now three co-operatives, the first of which was founded in 1996. Five years ago most farmers were poor, lacked basic agricultural equipment, had access to little or no clean water, and virtually no health centres or schools. In fact, 30% of parents couldn't afford to send their children to school.

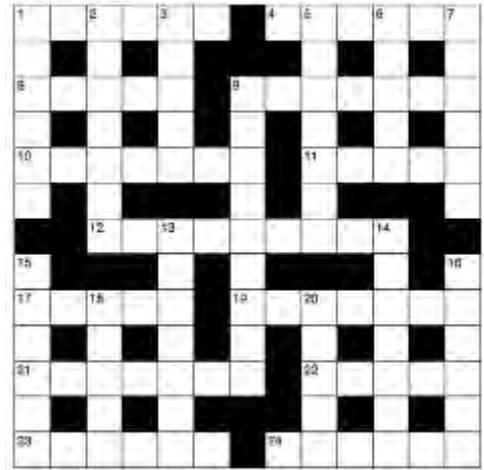
The benefits that come from belonging to



co-ops has meant a rapid growth in the number of participating farms. The minimum price paid to producers covers production and living costs and the additional Fairtrade premium is for investment in agreed community development projects, the first of which included building several schools, drilling wells to provide clean water, a health centre, and a soap factory making the area less dependent on one product.

Buying Fairtrade cotton clothes can and does make a difference to the lives of thousands of people. Look for the label in the High Street at shops such as M&S, or check out Fairtrade cotton clothing on the web.

Crossword



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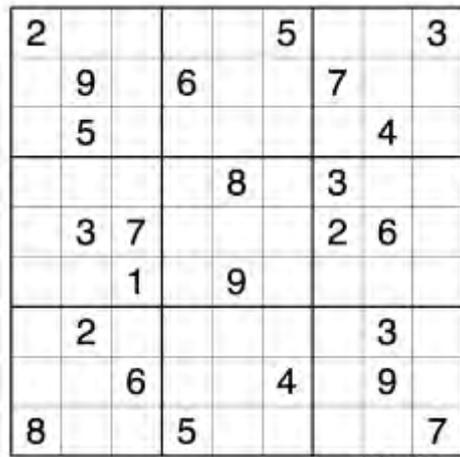
- 1 Military tactic used by Joshua to attack and destroy the city of Ai (Joshua 8:2) (6)
- 4 Place of learning (6)
- 8 'When Moses' hands grew —, they took a stone and put it under him and he sat on it' (Exodus 17:12) (5)
- 9 Unpleasant auguries of end of the age, as forecast by Jesus (Matthew 24:7) (7)
- 10 Stronghold to which girls in King Xerxes' harem (including Esther) were taken (Esther 2:8) (7)
- 11 Where Saul went to consult a medium before fighting the Philistines (1 Samuel 28:7) (5)
- 12 Propitiation (Hebrews 2:17) (9)
- 17 Turn away (Jeremiah 11:15) (5)
- 19 So clear (anag.) (7)
- 21 'I have just got —, so I can't come': one excuse to be absent from the great banquet (Luke 14:20) (7)
- 22 Long weapon with a pointed head used by horsemen (Job 39:23) (5)
- 23 Musical beat (6)
- 24 What the Israelites were told to use to daub blood on their door-frames at the first Passover (Exodus 12:22) (6)

Down

- 1 Fasten (Exodus 28:37) (6)
- 2 Art bite (anag.) (7)
- 3 'The people of the city were divided; some — with the Jews, others with the apostles' (Acts 14:4) (5)
- 5 Contend (Jeremiah 12:5) (7)
- 6 Possessed (Job 1:3) (5)
- 7 Sheen (Lamentations 4:1) (6)
- 9 'You love evil rather than good, — rather than speaking the truth' (Psalm 52:3) (9)
- 13 Large flightless bird (Job 39:13) (7)
- 14 They were worth several hundred pounds each (Matthew 25:15) (7)
- 15 'A — went out to sow his seed' (Matthew 13:3) (6)
- 16 How Jesus described Jairus' daughter when he went into the room where she lay (Mark 5:39) (6)
- 18 The part of the day when the women went to the tomb on first Easter morning (John 20:1) (5)
- 20 Narrow passageway between buildings (Luke 14:21) (5)

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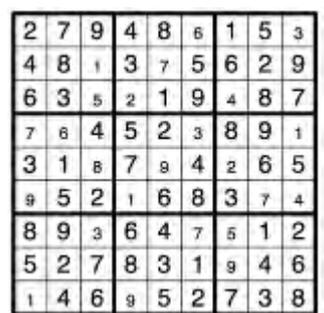
Sudoku



Complete the grid so that every row, column, and each 3 x 3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9 once.

Solutions to both puzzles will appear in the next issue

Solutions to April/May puzzles



What's On



opinion
Canon Julian Reindorp

NHS FOR ALL?

The NHS faces many challenges, particularly of an ageing population, so some measure of reform seems widely agreed. The public's present approval rating of the third largest employer in the world is at an all-time high and public examination of the proposed changes is vital.

Three areas are clearly concerning people. First, how accountable will the NHS remain to the Health Secretary, to its employees with all their medical skills and experience, and to the general and local public? Second, how will the cherry picking by private providers of the easiest and cheapest treatments be avoided? Third, how will the cherry picking by GPs' consortiums of the more affluent areas of the country be avoided? In South-west London we are incredibly fortunate with our NHS provision, but what about our inner city areas, and our very rural areas? These are questions for all of us if it is to remain *our* NHS.

FAIR SALARIES?

In Communist Russia there was a guideline that the highest paid official or employer was paid no more than six times the lowest paid person.

In a recent salary review it was revealed that in Traidcraft, the fair trade organization, the pay differential between highest and lowest paid is one to six. In John Lewis, the High Street retailer, where all employees are partners, the agreed differential is one to seventy-five (the national average in large companies is 1 to over 100); in Tesco the pay differential is 1 to 750.

Do these huge differentials matter? A book *The Spirit Level: Why Equality is Better for Everyone* by Richard Wilkinson and Kate Pickett (Penguin £10.99), reveals that in countries with the greatest gap between rich and poor, such as the US and the UK, there is the greatest social dislocation.

Everything from life expectancy to mental illness, violence to illiteracy, is affected not by how wealthy a society is, but how equal it is. The societies with a bigger gap between rich and poor are bad for everyone in them — including the well-off.

THE MIDDLE EAST

In a recent remarkable book called *Son of Hamas*, by Mosab Hassan Yousef, the eldest son of one of the founders of Hamas describes his journey from admiring his father and his Islamic faith to the pressure of imprisonment by Israel, becoming a secret agent for Shin Bet, the Israeli secret service organization, and finally to becoming a Christian.

What finally 'set him free' were the words of Jesus about loving our enemies. 'It no longer mattered who my friends were or who my enemies were,' he says. 'I was supposed to love them all. And I could have a loving relationship with a God who would help me love others.'

Perhaps most crucial of all is what he goes on to say: 'As long as we continue to search for enemies anywhere but inside ourselves there will always be a Middle East problem...'

It's a cliché, but it's still true: hurt people, unless they are healed, hurt people.

NEW St James's Day

Sunday 3 July, from 11am, St James's Church, Hampton Hill and from 12noon in the Vicarage Gardens

Our annual celebrations begin with an all-age service.

Please note that Parish Communion begins at 11am.

The preacher at this service is the Venerable

Martin Poll QHC,

Principal Anglican Chaplain and Archdeacon for the Royal Navy and Honorary Chaplain to the Queen. Martin joined the Royal Navy in 1990 and saw active service in the Gulf and also in operations in the former Yugoslavia. He has worked on board aircraft carriers including *HMS Invincible* and *HMS Illustrious*. 'It's just like being a vicar in any parish,' he says, 'but your church is the ship.'

The service will be followed by a **bring and share lunch** in the Vicarage garden. There is no charge for lunch, but please add your name to the list on the board in the south



aisle so we know numbers for the day.

There are also lists for food donations and volunteers to help on the day.

If you would like any further information

please telephone Liz Wilmot

on 020 8977 9434 or email

elizabethwilmot@talktalk.net

or see her after church on Sundays.



There will be tours of the tower from 1-3pm with the chance to ring the bells and admire the views.



Last year

NEW Hampton and Hampton Hill Carnival

Saturday 11 June, from 12 noon, St James's Road, and from 12.30pm Nursery Green, The Avenue, Hampton

The parade leaves St. James's Road at 12 noon and travels down Hampton Hill High Street before turning into Ormond Drive, where there is a short break, over the railway bridge and into Ashley Road before the final stretch down Percy Road, passing the fairground and finishing in Buckingham Road.

The Fair, on Nursery Green, opens at 12.30pm. Don't forget to visit the St James's Church Adopt-a-Teddy Stall. The White House building is open for refreshments and toilets and hosts displays of dancing, music, model railway and other activities.

St James's Theatre Group

Tuesday 14 June, 7.45pm,

Yes, Prime Minister,

Richmond Theatre, The Green,

Richmond TW9 1QU

The writers of the classic BBC Two series, Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn, have

reunited for this anniversary production. **Richard McCabe** plays the role of Jim Hacker and **Simon Williams** is Sir Humphrey Appleby. The tickets are £16 (a big discount on the full price of £24.50).

To join us please add your name to the lists on the church notice board or telephone Ria Beaumont 020 8943 4336. Transport can be arranged.



Cantanti Camerati Concert

Saturday 25 June, 7.30pm, Summer Concert, St Mary's Church, Green Street, Sunbury on Thames TW16 6RN

Tickets available from Albert's Music Shop, Heath Road, Twickenham TW1 4BN; and ABC Music, 9 Royal Parade, Kew Gardens TW9 3QD.

Teddington Choral Society

Saturday 2 July, Summer Soirée — Music on Holiday, 2pm and 7pm, St Mary's Parish Church Hall, Langham Road, Teddington TW11 9HF

The programme will include *From the Bavarian Highlands* by Sir Edward Elgar. Cakes and refreshments available for 2pm concert. For 7pm performance do bring a picnic. Tickets on door, or by telephoning 020 8977 5986.

Concordia Voices Summer Concert

Sunday 3 July, 7pm (time to be confirmed),

St John the Divine, Kew Road, Richmond TW9 2PE

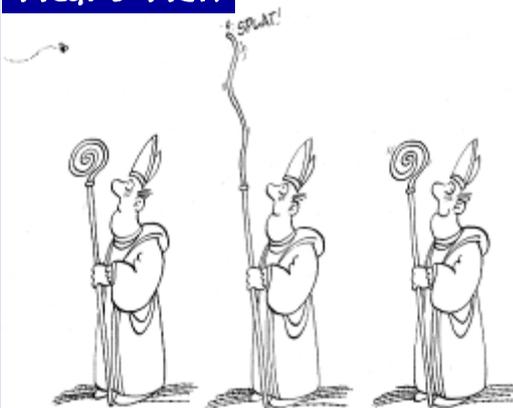
For more details see pew sheets / flyers in church soon!

Hampton Hill Summer Festival

Saturday 16 July, 12-7pm, High Street and elsewhere

The Hampton Hill Traders' Association hope to make the second year of this event even more successful, while raising money for local charities. We need entertainers, musicians, singers, dancers, bands, artists, pavement artists, face painters, clowns and volunteers. Email Jayne Jackson: tomhamptonhill@btconnect.com. For more information go to: www.hamptonhillguide.co.uk.

Vicar's View



NEWS IN BRIEF ... NEWS IN BRIEF ...

■ Thank you to all those who collected or donated money during Christian Aid Week, and to organiser Liz Wilmot. We will publish the total amount raised in the next issue.



■ Parishes stand to save £10m a year thanks to lessons learnt responding to floods and earthquakes. 2buy2, a procurement service for churches, has been appointed to save parishes money when buying supplies.

■ The Church Commissioners have announced a 15.2% return on investments during 2010. Despite economic woes they contributed £200m towards the cost of maintaining the mission of the Church of England, particularly in poorer dioceses. Most of the rest comes from the generosity of worshippers.

Time to embrace everybody



This year there will be vitally important discussions in parishes, deaneries and dioceses on proposed legislation which may enable women to be admitted to the episcopate of the Church of England. By November 2011 all 44 dioceses must have voted either in favour of this or not. A 50% 'yes' vote from the dioceses is needed to pass the Measure at this level. Then, in July 2012 the final vote will take place in the General Synod, needing a two-thirds majority in each of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity. If the Measure is passed by the General Synod, parliament must then consider and approve the legislation. If it does so, the first women bishops could be appointed after 2014.

Background

These new discussions and voting follow many years of debate, and since 2005 the General Synod has voted five times in favour of the principle. In 2010 no one spoke against the first clause in the proposed legislation that says: 'Women can be bishops'. The key issues are related to the many provisions in the draft legislation which protect those who are opposed. The questions being asked are:

- How can women bishops be appointed while maintaining the traditional understanding of the role of bishops?
- Are the provisions made for those who cannot accept women as bishops sufficient?
- How can discrimination against women bishops leading to a two-tier episcopate be avoided?

In 2009 a Revision Committee of bishops, clergy and lay people of differing opinions was appointed by the General Synod to draw up proposals for admission of women to the episcopate while making provision for those opposed to the proposal. The Committee took evidence from both sides and explored the proposals of those opposed to try to find a way to help them stay within the Church of England. Although those in favour of women bishops would have preferred a measure saying simply: 'women will be bishops', in a spirit of conciliation to those opposed to the ordination of women to the episcopate, provisions were drawn up broadly stating:

- Every diocesan bishop must draw up and publish a scheme whereby a male bishop is delegated to the oversight of parishes which request it and allow for the appointment of male clergy.
- A Code of Practice will be drawn up by a committee appointed by the House of Bishops giving guidance on these matters to diocesan bishops.
- Parishes wishing for oversight from only male bishops and clergy will be required to write a 'Letter of Request' to the diocesan bishop giving their reasons.
- The former 'flying bishops' will no longer be in place, but

other male bishops will be available to any parishes requiring them.

Discussion

This last provision causes some difficulties. Although most Anglo-Catholics support women priests and bishops, one group, referred to as the Traditional Catholics, reject not only women bishops, but also male bishops if they have been ordained by a woman, or have ordained a woman themselves, or even taken part in such a ceremony. The problem of direct-line apostolic succession also troubles this group. Another group within the evangelical tradition are against women priests and bishops since they believe in 'Headship'. This means that women should not hold authority over men or teach in public.

Those who support women bishops feel that these arguments contradict the essential Christian teaching that 'in Christ we are all One'. In his ministry Christ treated women and men as equals. At his resurrection Christ first appeared to a woman, Mary Magdalene, and He entrusted her with the task of telling the apostles that He had Risen. Because of this, in the Church it is the tradition to regard Mary Magdalene as 'the apostle to the apostles'. There are examples of St Paul sending new converts to be taught by women. Further, we should not be bound by a static tradition. Traditions change and develop over time, as does society. Biblical scholarship continues to increase our understanding of the Bible. We believe that changes, prayerfully considered and guided by the Holy Spirit, are to be accepted as part of the evolution of tradition.

It is to be hoped that the proposed legislation will be passed by all dioceses by November without controversial amendment. The Church of England needs to embrace the whole ministry and priesthood of women at every level, signalling to our society as a whole the joyful acceptance that in Christ there is no male and female, we are indeed all 'One in Him'.

Numbers of Ordained Women

There are 3,000 women priests in England, 29% of the whole. They minister in parishes, chaplaincies and in cathedrals as canons, deans and archdeacons. They work in equality with male priests, contributing their spiritual and pastoral gifts to further an understanding of the Good News of the gospels.

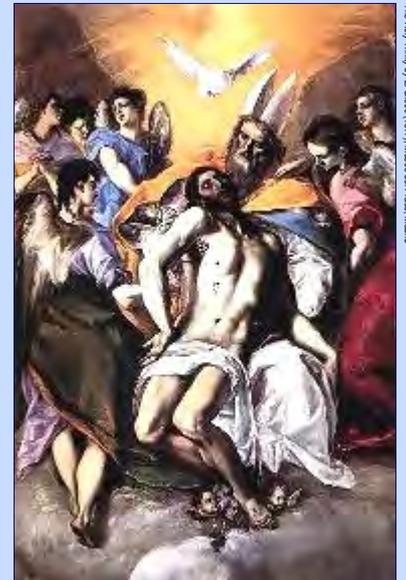
In the Anglican Communion 25 of the 38 provinces have women priests, 15 having women bishops. At present there are altogether 25 women bishops in Australia, Canada, Cuba, New Zealand and the USA. No provinces have legal provision for those opposed to women bishops.

- Sally Barnes is London branch secretary of Women and the Church (WATCH) <http://womenandthechurch.org>



The story behind the hymn

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!



The Holy Trinity by El Greco (1577) Museo del Prado, Madrid

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who was, and is, and evermore shall be.

Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky,
and sea;
Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Written especially for a festival of the Christian Church, **Trinity Sunday**, this hymn will be sung on that day at St. James's — 19 June 2011. This day is one which celebrates the basic Christian understanding of God as Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The complexity of this understanding has led to much dispute and debate over 2,000 years. The lyrics of this hymn do not attempt to resolve it, but rather encourage worship in the face of the mystery of God.

Based on Isaiah 6.1-5, where the prophet Isaiah experiences the majesty of God and receives his call to be a prophet, the lyrics simply praise God rather than asking him to do anything.

The composer of the lyrics, Reginald Heber (1783-1826) was Rector of Hodney, Shropshire, and then in 1824 became Bishop of Calcutta. He died in 1826, and was buried in India, in Tamil Nadu. The tune, written especially for this hymn, is called *Nicaea*, which was the location for a great council of the Church in 325.

The Council tried to define the understanding of God as Trinity, and drew up what came to be known as the *Nicene Creed*. This creed is still said — in an amended form — as the basic statement of Christian belief, right across the different parts of the Christian Church.