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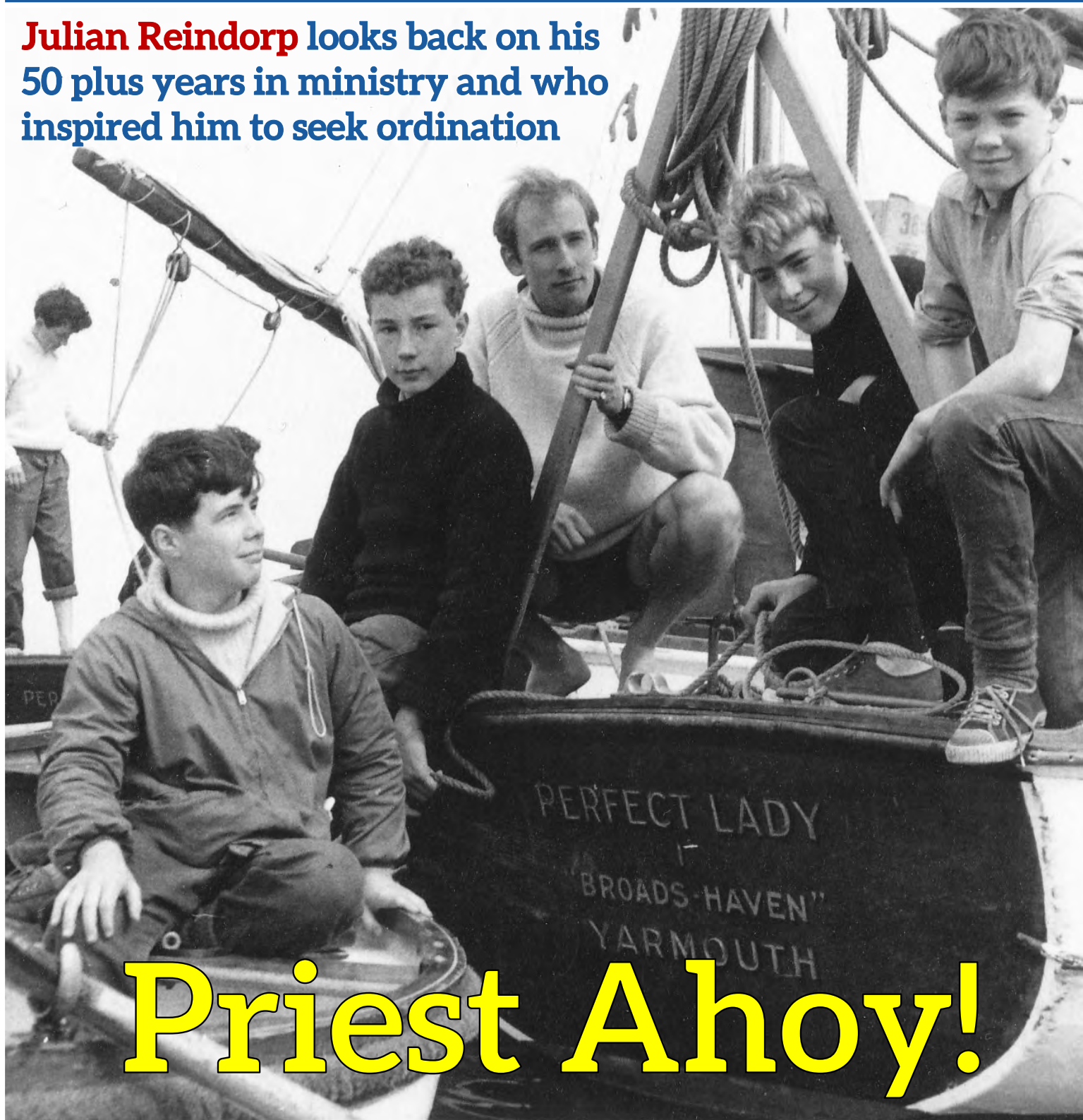
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Julian Reindorp looks back on his 50 plus years in ministry and who inspired him to seek ordination



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FROM THE EDITOR...

We are now in holiday season and many readers will have been able to enjoy breaks postponed from last year, perhaps in the UK if not abroad. This issue features life history of our Assistant Priest, Julian Reindorp. He has served in very diverse parishes, but his commitment to whatever he does continues to inspire people of all ages and backgrounds.

I remember having a light-bulb moment, before I really knew Julian, when I was in Guildford Cathedral and saw George Reindorp's name etched into the stonework. I realised that Julian's father was bishop for many years.

Our favourites this issue feature Olympic champions, marking the Games taking place in Japan, cancelled last year and now taking place without spectators.

Although most sports are resuming, players have said how much they miss supporters to cheer them on to victory, just as much as we miss being there.

Let's hope we are all cheered on as our lives begin to return to normal.

Best Wishes

Janet

Janet Nunn



Cover photo: A young Julian taking Poplar boys on a boating holiday on the Norfolk Broads

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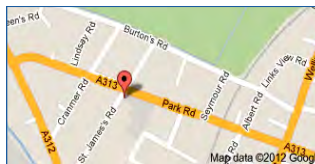
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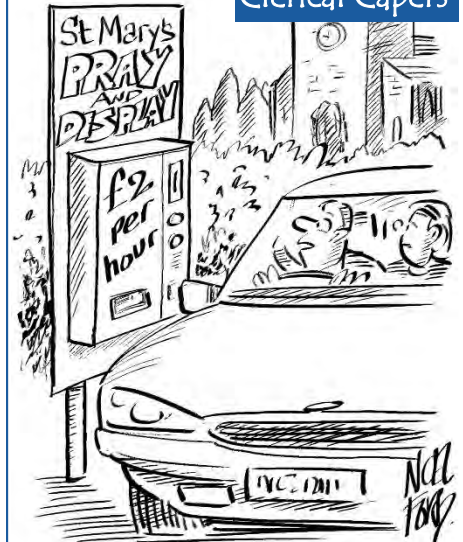
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Clerical Capers



'While the vicar's away...the wardens make us pay!'

Pride and humility: and the winner is...



**DEREK
WINTERBURN**

'pride', as a word. Once, when I preached about the seventh sin, I was quizzed: 'But I thought we should take pride in ourselves?' So it needs qualification, we are not talking about self-respect, but selfish-pride, arrogant-pride, or excessive-pride.

Pride before a fall...

There is a word that might help us: hubris. Originally it was a Greek word for insult; this is the sense in which it is used in the New Testament. However, it particularly referred to insulting the gods by claiming to be as great as they were, provoking their ire, with the result that the goddess Nemesis would be commissioned to bring down the haughty mortal.

So the word hubris stands for being overly proud and contains within it the idea that there will be an inevitable reckoning. The Bible teaches that too: 'Pride goes before destruction, and a haughty spirit before a fall.' *Proverbs 16:18*.

There are many instances of hubris in history and literature, from the Roman Emperor Caligula to the Charge of the Light Brigade, from Satan in *Paradise Lost* to Mr Darcy in *Pride and Prejudice*, from the hare (not the tortoise) to *Thomas the Tank Engine*.

Then there's Jeremy Clarkson!

There are people who know how to make hubris pay. Jeremy Clarkson has made a career out of being bombastic and arrogant. In his latest series, *Clarkson's Farm*, he swaggeringly takes on one ill-judged project after another with next-to-no experience or knowledge and regularly comes a cropper. However his TV contract with Amazon seems to be funding all the improvements to his farm!

The worst of sins

But really this is not a laughing matter. Hubris / Pride has been traditionally understood as the worst of all sins. It is said to be the one vice which we are most frequently unaware of in ourselves. It is a block to living out Jesus's summary of the Law: 'Loving God' and 'Loving our neighbour as ourself'. CS Lewis wrote, 'Pride leads to every other vice; it is the complete anti-God state of mind.'

The antidote to pride is humility. Coming out of lockdown, it would be good to still be humble before the awful destructive power of the coronaviruses. And in our own lives, we can learn to be humble from Jesus, who 'though he was in the form of God... took the form of a slave'. Serving others is a powerful way of putting our prideful self in its place.

There are many things in Rev W Awdry's *Railway Stories* that are difficult in the contemporary world. But he had this right: so many of his engines had to learn about hubris. They become too self-important and then come unstuck. What really fulfils them is the approval of Sir Topham Hat: 'You're a Really Useful Engine.' That's another remedy for pride, not to compare ourselves to others, but to offer our achievements to God.

*Lord Jesus Christ,
you humbled yourself in taking the form of a servant,
and in obedience died on the cross for our salvation:
give us the mind to follow you
and to proclaim you as Lord and King,
to the glory of God the Father.*

(Collect for Palm Sunday)

Andrew Marr said he felt almost 'King of the World' after receiving his second vaccination against COVID-19. Unfortunately at the G7 summit in Cornwall he was unlucky enough to contract the virus — and feel 'pretty bloody' for a week after. In conversation with Marr, Sir Peter Horby, Professor of Emerging Infectious Diseases and Global Health at the University of Oxford, warned that there will come a time when most of those who suffer from COVID-19 will have been double-jabbed. There is no total immunity.

Clear message for everyone

Although there is clear relevance to public health education here, I think that we can see that there is a wider application. Understandably, Marr, buoyed by the astonishing success of scientific research and effective deployment of the vaccination, believed he was triumphant over the bug — but he wasn't. It did seem that the leaders at the summit (and perhaps the journalists) were not as scrupulous over social distancing as they might have been. Wasn't there a trace of arrogance or pride?

Classically pride has been classed as one of the seven deadly sins. However, contemporary usage has rather redeemed



Holy Communion (said) 8am

Parish Communion 9:30am 

Come to church or watch live or later on our Facebook and YouTube pages. No booking required and singing is back, but please continue to wear a mask. Special Sundays include:

5 September **Back to Church Sunday**
19 September **Climate Change Sunday**

Together 11:15am

Our shorter, all-age service, including a story, singing and crafts. All ages are welcome!

Mon-Fri (but not Thu)

Morning Prayer 9am

A short service of daily prayer in church

Thursdays

Holy Communion (said) 9:30am

In Concert

Alistair Griffin

Saturday 14 August 7:30pm

Tickets £22

Alistair's last concert at St James's was a sell-out Christmas show in 2019. The singer-songwriter returns with his band for a summer concert packed with original songs and covers. He is probably the only pop star who also sells his own award-winning lemon curd! TICKETS eventbrite.co.uk <https://tinyurl.com/eeppyucl> or via his Facebook page.



Pop-up Cinema

Judy 

Saturday 18 September

6:30pm **FREE ENTRY**

Winter 1968 and showbiz legend Judy Garland arrives in London to a sell-out run at The Talk of the Town. If her voice has weakened, its dramatic intensity has only grown. Starring Renée Zellweger in the title role, the film features some of Garland's best-known songs, including *Over the Rainbow*. The multi-award-winning film will have you laughing and crying. Doors open at 6pm.



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Stirring the soul and



JULIAN REINDORP

A star is born! Julian, back left, making his stage debut in a panto to bring laughter to the toughest of parishes — Poplar.



was born in South Africa in 1944. My dad, George, a naval chaplain (later Bishop of Guildford, and Salisbury) met my mother, a GP, in Durban. Although I grew up in the UK, I went back to South Africa in 1963, my gap year. Arriving at Johannesburg airport, I saw the toilet doors *Blanke* and *Nie Blanke* (white and non-white), my first picture of apartheid — the separation of the races.

Apartheid and Black Lives Matter



Once to every man and nation is a 19th century hymn expressing the 20th century challenge of apartheid, and today's Black Lives Matter movement. '*Once to every man and nation comes the moment to decide, In the strife between truth and falsehood for the good or evil side...*' with the choice of darkness or light.

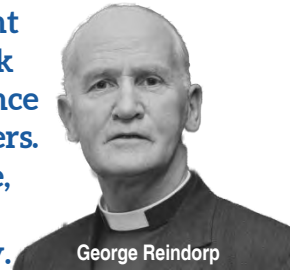
South Africa illustrated racial discrimination, but it was time in the United States, and reading James Baldwin's novels, in particular *The Fire Next Time*, that educated me.

At 15, the visiting preacher during Holy Week was Father Trevor Huddleston. After 13 years in South Africa, his book about apartheid, *Naught for your Comfort*, had touched the conscience of the world.

Listening to his sermons I realised that to live out the themes of social justice at the heart of his preaching I needed to be ordained.

Until that moment it was something

Following his father into the church might have seemed natural for Julian, but it took the words of Trevor Huddleston to convince him that he should serve God in holy orders. Here, he describes key moments in his life, the music that connects to them, and how they have shaped his 50+ years of ministry.



George Reindorp

working lives, and understanding people from many different Christian traditions and different world faiths.

The real *Call the Midwife*

Ralph McTell's haunting song *Streets of London* takes me back to the five years I spent in Poplar. It laments: '*Then how can you tell me you're lonely, Or say for you that the sun don't shine? Let me take you by the hand and lead you through the streets of London, I'll show you something to make you change your mind.*'

I was ordained in 1969 in the Poplar Team Ministry, East London, the parish of the BBC drama series *Call the Midwife*. Three of our children were born there, our premature identical twins delivered at Mile End Hospital by one of the real-life nuns from the community of nursing sisters in the TV series.

By now I had joined the Labour

Party and saw how important local councillors and local politics could be, but I decided to have



Maundy Thursday A young Julian

friends across the political spectrum.

The hymn, *Tell out, my soul the greatness of the Lord*, from the *Magnificat*, has a key message: *He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat: and hath exalted the humble and meek. He hath filled the hungry with*

I had been wary of, despite my father being a vicar.

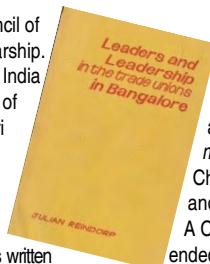
By happy coincidence, some 10 years later it was Trevor, by then Bishop of Stepney, who ordained me. I have a picture of him with Nelson Mandela on my desk.

Christianity and Communism

After five years at university, my last year of training was in India,

on a World Council of Churches scholarship. I travelled round India and had the first of many visits to Sri Lanka.

Three themes from that year influenced me: My first book was written with a Sri Lankan colleague about



the Trade Union leaders of Bangalore. We interviewed 12, of whom 10 were communists. It made me ask the question, 'What were my political views?' What had Christianity to say to communism, and communism to say to me? A Christian trades union leader ended his interview with this: 'Do encourage people to see their working lives as a key focus for their discipleship... there their faith will be tested and developed and

Christ found and followed'.

I picked up this theme and have since interviewed many people during services, asking, 'Where will you be this time tomorrow?'

It also formed part of my 2000 book *Equipping Christians at Work*. Our United Theological college had men and women from four continents and from 23 different Christian denominations.

These themes have influenced my ministry: Politics, people's



Calling It was Trevor Huddleston, pictured with Nelson Mandela, who inspired Julian to seek ordination

ordination



Lakeland holiday Julian, left, with brothers, David and Richard, sister Fiona, and his parents in Cumbria

good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away.'

Here, a moral revolution: scattering the proud; a social revolution: casting down the mighty; an economic revolution: filling the hungry; and a political revolution: sending the rich empty away; all part of God's purposes: a revolutionary and political manifesto.

A growing village

After five years in Poplar, we moved to an Anglican-Methodist Parish in Walderslade, a new area in Chatham. A village in 1900, by 1974 there were 19,000 in the parish and 10 years later when we left 28,000.

Our first church centre, St William's, Walderslade, was part of one of the very early ecumenical projects with Anglican and Methodist colleagues and worshippers.

The concrete cows

In 1984 we moved to Stantonbury Ecumenical team in north-east Milton Keynes, a city of trees, endless roundabouts and the famous concrete cows. And red routes so you could cycle right across the city. As a family we all became Milton Keenies and our children hugely enjoyed their

teenage years there.

The parish had 65,000 people. Our seven congregations had Anglican, Baptist, Methodist and URC members and my ministerial colleagues represented all four denominations with very good relationships with St Augustine's Roman Catholic Church.

Cardinal John Newman's hymn, *Lead kindly light*, has been an inspiration. *'Amidst the encircling gloom, lead thou me on. The night is dark, and I am far from home... I do not ask to see the distant scene; one step enough for me...'* If it was good enough for Cardinal Newman, it is good enough for me.

Richmond's local Orthodox synagogue. Each year a liberal rabbi preached and on one Sunday, a woman Imam. We also dialogued with Kingston Mosque, guided by its president, Rashid Laher, and his wife, Zuleika.

My final hymn takes me back in time, and also round the world. The song based on the call of Isaiah in the Temple: *'I the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry... Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send? Here I am Lord... will go Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.'*

Key have been the themes of my gap year and my year in India.

I am still a patron of Rainbow Charity in Cape Town, started in memory of Margaret Legum from the Richmond Team. It supports a church centre in Guguleto, the area where my mother did her medical training in the 1930s.

And for 35 years I was a trustee, 10 years as chair, of Hope Outreach, wound up in 2020. A Milton Keynes charity, we supported people and projects throughout the 25-year Sri Lankan civil war, and raised £1.5 m.

Now I'm very grateful to be fit enough to continue my ministry as assistant priest at St James's.



Sri Lanka Hope Outreach

Multifaith engagement

In 1991 we moved to Richmond Team Ministry, and the churches of St John's, St Mathias, and St Mary Magdalene. Here, we engaged with people of other faiths. Our first communion children visited

Green and pleasant St Andrews: Milton Keynes is not all grid roads and roundabouts!



Around the Spire

The Festival Weekend returns

We opened, you came!

IT WAS A JOY to hold our festival weekend again this year after last year's cancellation due to Covid. Despite a gloomy weather forecast, the sun shone for our open day on 3 July and people came in great numbers to explore the church. Outside, there were plant and book stalls, and a bottle tombola, and visitors also enjoyed tea and cake. Younger visitors took part in a churchyard treasure hunt.



In the church, freshly polished and with lovely displays of flowers, visitors enjoyed Thom's organ recital and many took an audio-tour of the church. Tours up the tower, to ring the bells and to admire the view from the spire, were fully booked.

The following day we held our St James's Day service. The preacher (via video from Florida) was Scott Robertson.

Afterwards, some of the congregation opened their gardens for us to enjoy picnic lunches together.



NEWS IN BRIEF

- The 3rd Hampton Hill Scouts have now recruited four additional leaders for their Cub packs, securing the future of this section — but they still need people to help with Beavers, so that they can re-open their second colony. For information, please telephone Paul Fitchett on 077 7764 6958.
- Thank you if you have supported our *Spire Appeal*. It's not too late to make a donation if you haven't. The details are in the panel on page 2.

Sylvie appointed curate

WE SAID GOODBYE to Sylvie Collins-Mayo on Sunday 20 June after two years at St James's Church.

She joined us as a Licensed Lay Minister while continuing to prepare for ordination.

Happily, on 26 June, Sylvie became a deacon at a service at Southwark Cathedral.

She now starts work as curate at All Saints, East Sheen, while continuing her paid job as Professor of Sociology, and Head of the Department of Criminology and Sociology at Kingston University.

We wish her every success.



Separate, yet together



PRILL HINCKLEY

God is the beginning and the end of everything. There are various corbels (carved stone supports) on the choir walls, including the heads of the Virgin Mary, on the north side, and St James, on the south.

The Organ

The organ is also situated on the north side of the choir. Originally built by Bishops for St Peter's, Eaton Square, in the 1830s, it was bought for £150 by our first vicar, Rev Fitzroy Fitz Wygram.

It is now a three manual and pedal organ and contains hundreds of wooden and metal pipes of different sizes.

The interior of the instrument, where the pipes are situated, is hidden behind the console.

There are two clergy chairs, sometimes called bishops chairs, at the front of the choir and also two in the sanctuary. They are made of wood and IHS is carved on the backs of three, with another chair having the carving *Whatsoever thy hand / findeth to do / do it with all / thy might* (Ecclesiastes 9:10). IHS stands for the first three letters of the Greek for Jesus (ΙΗΣΟΥΣ) - perhaps this was intended for the bishop when he visited. There are also two litany or prayer desks for the clergy in the choir, also made of carved wood. Originally, they were where the minister knelt, while reciting the litany.

There is only one stained glass window in the choir, on the north side. Dating from 1921, it commemorates a past vicar, Rev Charles Job, and represents St John the Evangelist.



John the Evangelist

In church architecture, the chancel is at the east end of a church building and comprises the choir and sanctuary. The word chancel comes from the Latin *cancellus* meaning lattice, describing the screen that during some eras of church history divided the chancel from the nave.

It is the part of the church, where the service is conducted, as distinct from the nave, where the congregation sits. This article covers the choir, and a future issue will cover the sanctuary.

The choir, also sometimes called quire, is at the start of the chancel (looking from the nave), before reaching the sanctuary.

It begins at the eastern side of the central crossing, under an extra-large arch supporting the crossing and the roof.

Written on the arch (seen above) is: *O Come, Let Us Worship And Fall Down And Kneel Before The Lord Our Maker.*

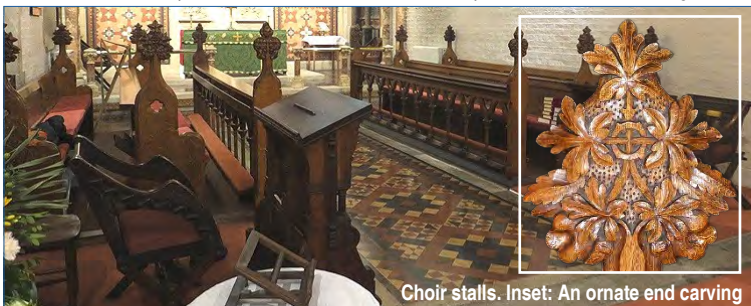
As an architectural term *choir* remains distinct from the actual location of any singing choir, but at St James's members of the singing choir do sit here. This area also provides seating for clergy and servers.

Choir stalls

The choir was lengthened by eight feet in 1877, with new stalls providing extra seats for the singers, and the chancel was repaved.

The stalls are the fixed seats arranged in two rows on each side. They are made of wood and the ends are beautifully carved.

The choir roof beams, in the shape of an A and O, Alpha and Omega, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, remind us that



Choir stalls. Inset: An ornate end carving

Cultivating gardeners!



ROS DALY

porch, plus keeping the car park free of leaves, in particular during autumn to clear the copious falling sweet chestnut husks, which, sadly, never seem to contain any fully ripened nuts, but are a slipping and tripping hazard! Several dedicated individuals also tend to planting, watering, weeding, pruning and feeding on an on-going basis in the new garden created on the north-west side after the mature copper beech there became fungal infected and had to be felled in 2017.

New garden area

This new garden was created from scratch over a two-year period with group sessions from the Gardening Club rotating and then repeatedly digging over and deep weeding, before creating the raised flower beds, mapping out and laying the new lawn and installing a donated bench into a fixed base.

The new lawn here requires regular watering and mowing during the summer and the new shrubbery, meticulously planned and planted after the scaffolding along the west front was removed following restoration work to the clock on the tower, requires regular weeding, water, pruning and feeding.

War Memorial and War Graves

The Garden of Remembrance, where ashes are interred, is regularly tended, weeded, raked and tidied. On the days approaching Remembrance Sunday the Grade II listed war memorial is thoroughly brushed to remove moss, dust and weeds, the pots for individual crosses are dressed with fresh sand and Continental Landscapes cut and edge the circular lawn there.

Memorial crosses are laid on all the War Graves throughout the churchyard, the surrounding paths are swept clear and any

St James's Church grounds cover some 1.6 acres, which include the actual church building. Although the local council have been responsible for the churchyard's overall maintenance since 1991, in recent years a dedicated team of volunteers under the umbrella of a *Gardening Club*, (open to all), have worked closely with the council's sub-contractors, Continental Landscapes, to help care for the churchyard's ecosystems.

The sub-contractors undertake the main grass cutting, which is extensive and is tempered to protect the seasonal wild flowers, plus the major brush, bramble and hedge cutting. However, there is always an ongoing amount of more detailed care and tending needed and it is this that the church volunteers provide.

Pruning, weeding, litter collecting

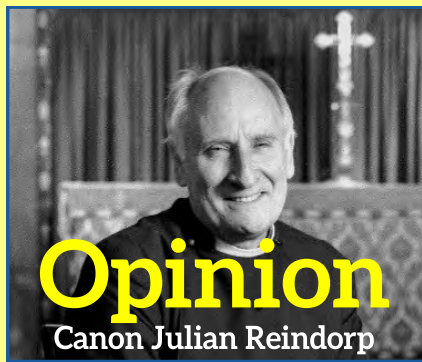
As well as meeting some four times a year to remove unwanted saplings, ivy on gravestones, fallen branches, bramble spread, leaf debris and cut grass, the volunteers prune roses and bushes, weed flower beds and water vulnerable younger trees and plants during dry weather, which is often an on-going and time-consuming but rewarding task.

Weekly litter picking is another job undertaken, as is the regular sweeping of the inner courtyard beyond the church's south



overhanging branches and shrubbery pruned back to enable people to gather safely for the Remembrance Sunday Service there.

Since the first Covid lockdown in March 2020 essential tasks have been done by individuals only, but it is hoped the group sessions will be able to resume later this year and more volunteers will always be most welcome.



Opinion

Canon Julian Reindorp

MAN MADE DISASTER BET

Four years ago two eminent scientists bet £400 on the likelihood of a man-made global biological disaster. Lord Martin Rees, UK Astronomer Royal, author of *On the Future Prospects of Humanity*, bet there would be a 'bio-terror or bio-error' leading to more than a million casualties in a single event within a six-month period, starting no later than 31 Dec 2020 — a bet he hoped to lose. Professor Steven Pinker, of Harvard University, author of *Enlightenment Now: The case for reason, science, humanism and progress*, took him on. In January, they conferred by email and agreed to defer settling the debt until the scientific evidence is clearer. They did agree that the development of vaccines within a single year was 'surely one of our greatest scientific achievements. After 40 years there is still no vaccine for AIDS' (*New Statesman* 24.6.21)

SEXUAL HARASSMENT 'NORMAL'

School children recently told OFSTED inspectors that sexual harassment and online abuse were such a routine part of their lives they saw no point in challenging or reporting it. Some 32 state and private schools were visited and 900 young people gave their views. 90% of the girls and 50% of the boys said they were sent unwanted explicit pictures or videos a lot or some of the time. Amanda Spellman, Chief Schools Inspector, was shocked and so was Maria Miller MP, who chaired the government committee when the last grim report came out in 2016. Things had seemingly got worse. The inspectors said the sex education was out of touch with many pupils' lives. Government and other agencies all needed to tackle this issue together.

RICH RICHER & POOR POORER

In the year before lockdown, Barclays investment savings were £119 billion. During lockdown they rose to £319 billion. In the same year children on free school meals increased by 420,000. Now a fifth of all children are on free meals. Frustratingly, Government funding will take a year to catch up on the schools' needs.

SOCIAL MEDIA HARNESSED

In late June, two million vaccine jabs were booked in a day. Social media data suggest that 16-19 year olds have the highest level of vaccine hesitancy, around 13%, despite the virus spreading fastest among this age group. Snapchat, YouTube, Tik Tok & Reddett social networks teamed up with the government to encourage everyone to get a jab. The two largest social networks Facebook and Instagram were not involved.

WHERE WILL YOU MEET?!

A group of 40-year-old girlfriends discussed where they should meet for their annual get together dinner. Finally, they decided on the Ocean View Restaurant because the waiters there were good-looking and had great bodies. Ten years later, at 50, they met again and discussed where to meet. Finally, they agreed on the Ocean View Restaurant because the food was very good and the service pleasant. At 60 they met again and discussed where to meet. Finally, they agreed on the Ocean View Restaurant because it wasn't very noisy and the restaurant had a beautiful view of the ocean. They met again at 70 and discussed where to meet, finally agreeing on the Ocean View Restaurant because it was wheelchair accessible and it even had a lift. Ten years later at 80 they met again and discussed where to meet. Finally, they agreed on the Ocean View Restaurant... because they had never been there before.

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

In a poll of 2,000 people under 30, respondents said the number-one sign that someone is old is ordering a cappuccino. Some 52% said 'only ancient people' did that. (*Daily Mail* 28.4.21.)

On the road to finding a job



DENNIS WILMOT

St James's has supported The Upper Room at Harvest time for many years. In former times The Upper Room served 60 hot meals a day to the homeless and needy from all over London, but the pandemic brought about changes. Eating inside was not possible, so the switch was made to takeaways, but this was bringing people together in an unsafe way, so the food service had to be ended. Since July it has been possible to restart the takeaway service and whilst the numbers are down, they are growing, with an expected build-up towards Christmas. Some of the most vulnerable have been invited indoors to eat. The Upper Room is about much more than food, and Covid-19 has brought about changes which bode well for the future.

Get a licence, get a job...

One of the main projects is teaching ex-offenders to drive and so helping them to get a licence and then hopefully a job. The new 'Upper' upper room has proved big enough to accommodate distanced learners in theory workshops and these have also been run online. An app helps learners to test themselves on the Highway Code on their phones. Counselling has always been an important part of the charity's work, and providing this via Zoom has allowed much more engagement than before on complex issues like mental health, lost jobs and obtaining 'settled status'. There is also help online available for those seeking jobs, including help with writing CVs and with general employability, plus informing the council when accommodation is needed for a homeless person. This initiative, which took place



Getting mobile The Upper Room helps people pass their driving test, making them more attractive to potential employers

earlier this year, saw people sleeping rough moved rapidly into houses in an attempt to prevent coronavirus spreading among them. Nationally, the government housed 37,430 people — nearly nine times the last official estimate of people sleeping rough on streets in England, and the Public Accounts Committee noted that the government still does not have a plan for achieving its 2019 election commitment to end rough sleeping by May 2024.

Positive legacies from past year

The counselling project is now twice the size it used to be and largely because of going online. The Upper Room is set to emerge from the pandemic with positive legacies, thanks to the digital world it is now embracing. ■ Please support our Harvest Festival appeal for food and clothing. Full details are available on our website.

Finding God in sport



ACTIVATE'S PIONEER Sports Minister, Rev Chris Kennedy, right, has been formally licensed by Ven Richard Frank, Archdeacon of Middlesex. Activate, a deanery project based in Teddington, aims to connect with people through sport. Chris said sport had the power to unite, develop and inspire people. 'In lockdown, the blessing of exercising has again accentuated the importance of fitness and wellbeing in helping us overcome challenging circumstances.'

REGISTERS

JUNE

- BAPTISM**
13 Rosie Faye Elizabeth Christie, Hampton
- WEDDING**
28 Patrick Danny Rooney and Bernadette Shannon Rooney, Hampton
- INTERMENT OF ASHES**
24 Patricia Marion Edith Lambert, 88, Hampton Hill



Thrilling champions!

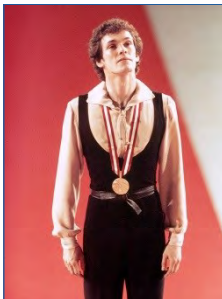


LINDA CARGILL

Singing the National Anthem with thousands of other spectators when Charlotte Dujardin won a gold medal for dressage in Greenwich Park was probably my highlight of the 2012 London Olympic Games. How lucky we were to see the world's best competitors at an Olympics at home. However, to choose only ten of the many incredible athletes has been very difficult.

John Curry (figure skating)

The sheer elegance of John Curry gliding across the ice and making everything look so easy and effortless, made his Olympic gold medal-winning performance in Innsbruck in 1976 a standout moment. He was the first skater to combine the influences of ballet and modern dance into his skating. His performance gained the highest score ever given in figure skating at that time. Sadly, he died at the age of 44.



Sir Steve Redgrave (rowing)



Steve Redgrave is most famous as the winner of an unprecedented five gold medals for rowing in five consecutive Olympic Games, from LA 1984 to Sydney 2000, pictured above, left, with team mate James Cracknell. His accomplishments in the world of rowing are unparalleled. Redgrave famously said in 1996, 'If anyone catches me near a boat again, shoot me!' However, he ate his words and came back to win another gold in 2000. He won the BBC Sports Personality of the Year Lifetime Achievement Award in 2011.

Dame Tanni Grey-Thompson (wheelchair athletics)

Tanni's nickname came from her sister calling her 'Tiny' as a baby. 'Tiny' became 'Tanni' and the name stuck. She began her remarkable career at the Seoul Paralympic Games in 1992, winning bronze in the 400m. In total she has won 16



Paralympic medals, 11 of them gold. Tanni held over 30 world records and won the London Marathon six times between 1992 and 2002. She is now a politician and TV pundit.

Sir Andy Murray (tennis)



I also had a seat for the 2012 Olympic tennis event. Sadly, I didn't see Andy play, but could hear the cheers from the neighbouring court! Andy is the most successful British tennis player ever and his feat of winning gold at both the London 2012 and the 2016 Rio Games is an amazing achievement. He carried the GB flag at the opening ceremony in Rio and will be in our Tokyo team too.

Charlotte Dujardin (equestrian - dressage)



I sang the National Anthem at the top of my voice when Charlotte won the gold in individual freestyle at London 2012, riding her magnificent horse Valegro. Dressage is not a well-known discipline, but Charlotte on her 'dancing horse' caught the nation's imagination. She also won team gold in London, and went on to win another individual gold at the Rio Games in 2016. As part of the GB Equestrian Team, Charlotte will be aiming to repeat this success with her new horse, Gio, in Tokyo.

Sir Chris Hoy (track cyclist)

Chris Hoy is a six-times Olympic champion and eleven-times World Champion. His success raised the profile of cycling and introduced us all to the mysterious names of the many different races, such as Keirin, Omnium and Madison. He was an Ambassador for the London 2012 Games and carried the flag at the Opening Ceremony. Chris was inspired to cycle at the age of six when he saw the film ET!



Now on four wheels, Chris is a successful racing driver.

Sir Ben Ainslee (yachtsman)

To win a gold medal in sailing involves hours of competition, consisting of several races over a number of days, so the



concentration is demanding. Ainslee, the most successful Olympic sailor of all time, won medals at five consecutive Games, including four golds from 2000 to 2012, initially in the Laser class and then transferring to Finns. Now his focus is on winning back the America's Cup for Great Britain.

Jayne Torvill and Christopher Dean (ice dancers)



Skating to Ravel's *Bolero* at the Sarajevo 1984 Winter Olympics, Torvill and Dean caught the attention of the British public. Their performance was watched by 24 million people in the UK. Scoring twelve perfect 6.0s for artistic impression, they secured gold. Their performance was voted No 8 in the BBC list of the *100 Greatest Sporting Moments* and their career was made into a film.

Sir Mo Farah (track athlete)

Some of you may have been lucky enough to have seen Mo running in Bushy Park in the days when he trained at St Mary's University, Twickenham. He has since become the most successful British track athlete in the history of the modern Olympic Games,



winning gold in London 2012 and Rio 2016 in both the 5000m and 10,000m track races. His gold Royal Mail postbox sits on the corner of Broad Street and North Lane in Teddington.

Dame Jessica Ennis-Hill (track and field athlete)

Jessica was the face of the London 2012 Olympic Games. Her greatest success was on *super-Saturday*: the whole stadium erupted when she won gold in the seven-disciplined Heptathlon with an incredible score of 6955. After marrying and having a baby, she returned to the sport competing in the 2016 Games in Rio and winning a silver medal. She has won many accolades and is a GB favourite sporting hero.

