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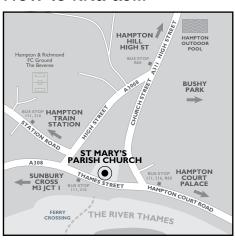
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## From the Registers

#### **Baptisms**

3 April.....Toby Lachlan Urquhart

...... Clementina Maja Rubesheka Jayarajan

24 April.....Otis Riley Sangster

.....Beatrice Eva Allen

.....Jessica Evie Wanji Coleman

22 May . . . . . Zachary Ethan Jude Robinson

.....Isabelle Muriel Jocelyn



#### **Funerals**

3 March . . . . . . Doris Alma Tisdale, aged 93 years, of Martin House, Swift Road, Southall,

to South West Middlesex Crematorium

18 March . . . . . . . . . . Charles Leo Martin, aged 92 years, of St Mary's House, Ormond Avenue,

to South West Middlesex Crematorium

7 April......Audrey Georgette Gower, aged 84 years, from Ealing, to Mortlake Crematorium

14 April. . . . . . . . . . . . Joan Whittaker, aged 89 years, of Stuart Road, Ham to South West Middlesex Crematorium

29 April. . . . . . . . . . . Jean Anne Gaunt, aged 78 years, of Huntington House Nursing Home, Hindhead,

to South West Middlesex Crematorium

11 May . . . . . . Graham Patrick Barker, aged 64 years, of Hampton Care Home,

to South West Middlesex Crematorium

# 'Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places....'

# During the summer months we have two more full choral evensongs at 6.30pm on:

#### Sunday 12 June and Sunday 17 July

In the midst of busy lives, evensong, led by our expanded Parish Choir, can provide a wonderful moment of peaceful, prayerful meditation on the word of God, following the order set out in English by Thomas Cranmer in the Book of Common Prayer. Sunday 12 June will be a little more boisterous as we celebrate the Queen's formal 90th birthday preceded by tea and scones at 5.30pm, in the church gardens if weather permits.

Music will include anthems from the Queen's coronation on 12 June, Bainton's 'And I saw a new heaven' on 17 July and Noble's Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in B minor.

Do join us to praise God in music and words that point us towards our God and to His word and that help us to 'Rejoice in the Lord Always'.



# The Richness of Prayer Written by Derek Winterburn

was intrigued to hear on the radio about how people now seem to find it easier to ask for others to pray for them on social media, than face to face. The case of the footballer Fabrice Muamba, who collapsed on the pitch, was quoted as an illustration about how Twitter (#pray4muamba) could be used to stir up prayer. But perhaps the remarkable thing is that despite the expectation of the secularists, praying has not died out in the 21st century.

Controversialists argue about the statistics – but it is a matter of simple observation that the number of people who pray is larger than the count of religious people. Prayer might be expressed any number of ways, from lighting a candle in an empty church to leaving flowers at a road-crash site; there are moments when many people reach out in their own way.

Often folk expect prayer to look like just one thing – someone reading 'prayers' in church – asking for impossible things, like 'world peace'. Two definitions I use for prayer are 'talking to God about the things we are doing together' and 'the Transforming Friendship'. Neither of these prescribe how prayer might be conducted. There are innumerable ways we connect with God. In the past few weeks I have been involved in two 'kaleidoscopic' prayer events (one at St Mary's School and one at church). There were dozens of prayer activities, e.g.

- Writing prayers of thankfulness on a tablecloth
- Wondering about God, while looking at a Plasma Ball
- Writing the name of someone to pray for on a stone, to carry around
- Sitting still in a tent
- Asking God a 'big question'
- Colouring part of a bigger picture
- Praying for healing, by writing someone's name on a paper 'healing hand'

So there are many forms of prayer and some of these might be used by anyone as a 'mindfulness' exercise. But for them to be Christian prayer I think there has to be a growing connection with the God that Jesus taught us to call 'Our Father in heaven.' That long-term conversation really is 'the Transforming Friendship.'



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celebrating the Queen's 90th birthday. She is perhaps one of the most prayed for people in the country. Prayer for the Queen has been a regular part of the Church of England's worship all her life. And she appreciates this. In her first Christmas Broadcast in 1952 she asked for prayer. Then much later she said that other people and their 'prayers.... have sustained me all these years.' She is known to be a devout but private worshipper. The value of prayer she put this way 'For Christians, as for all people of faith, reflection, meditation and prayer help us to renew ourselves in God's love, as we strive to become better people.'

There is a great depth to be explored in prayer. We will learn all our lives about prayer, because we are learning more about God, and ourselves. But for most of us praying as such isn't difficult – what's hard is starting to pray regularly. There are few better places to start than with the prayer that Jesus taught his disciples (Our Father...) – to use those words frequently and weave them into our daily life. Give it a go – talk to God about what you are doing together.

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# Rejoice in the Lord always: a personal perspective

#### from our organist and choir director, David Pimm

ne of the anthems sung at the Queen's coronation was 'Rejoice in the Lord alway', words from the bible set to music by an unknown Tudor England composer (previously thought to have been John Redford, organist and choirmaster at St Paul's Cathedral from about 1525 to 1547). The choir at St Mary's often sings this anthem which will therefore be well known to many of us.

The bible tells us to 'Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!' Great words of exhortation on which to embark on being monarch. But one imagines that the Queen's and our own experience means that we do not always feel like rejoicing. The exhortation is, however, intended for all circumstances. It leads on to encouraging us to pray and 'present your requests to God' with thanksgiving, and then leads to a promise that 'the peace of

God, which transcends all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus'.

As a Christian, I believe in a great and powerful God who not only brought everything that we know into being, but stepped into human history, sharing in our experience of joy and pain, elation and frustration, and

cares about our every circumstance and our every feeling today. And in the bible He has left us with words of truth and a guide to living our lives. Recently, I have been reading the book of Job in the bible, which recounts how God allowed a really quite good man to be tested through the most awful of circumstances.

His response: 'The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away; may the name of the Lord be praised'.

Whatever our circumstances, God is still all powerful and loving beyond what we can imagine, so he deserves our praise and our rejoicing in Him. Of course, as we focus on praising Him, it puts our

> difficulties into a different perspective and, miraculously, brings an inner peace which transient pleasures cannot.

So one of the great joys of the Christian life, in which I and other musicians are privileged to provide something of a lead is in praising that great God through music. The bible is full of encouragement to praise God, such as Psalm 147:

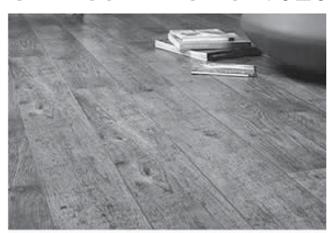
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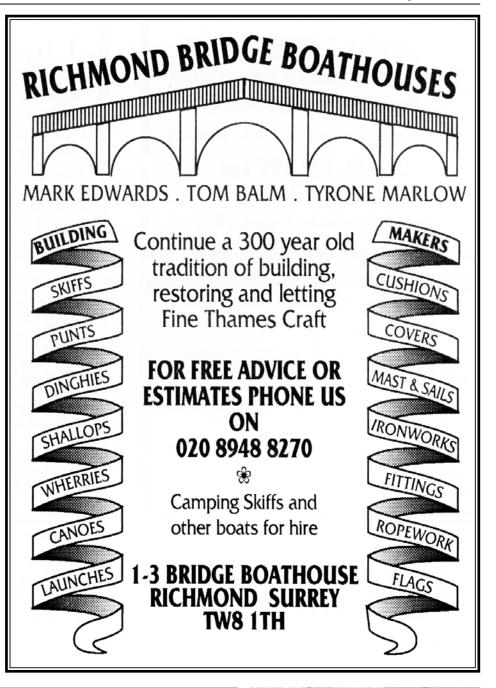
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Something else I have been reading recently is Sir John Eliot Gardiner's 2013 book 'Music in the Castle of Heaven' – a biography of |S Bach by one of today's great choral directors of Bach's music. It is fascinating to see how IS Bach got the importance of praising God. He is one of a handful of people who might, from the standpoint of the 21st Century, be seen as the best composer who ever lived. So much of his music was written for the local Christian community to praise God, but even where it was not church music, he signed off the majority of his works with the Latin words Soli Deo Gloria (or SDG for short!) which translates: 'To God alone be glory'. He wrote 'the aim and final end of all music should be none other than the glory of God and the refreshment of the soul' passionate words that we might all take to heart as we seek to praise God week by week at St Mary's.

My prayer is that we may all come to a faith in that great God, that we might indeed rejoice in Him always, and that we might know the peace of God that 'transcends all understanding', so that we may increasingly live our lives to the sole glory of God.



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# Capability! Written by Keith Wait

1756, the 'omnipotent magician' Lancelot Brown advises the famous actor David Garrick on landscaping. The inexhaustibly frenetic Brown

fires his imagination. The result: a sylvan scene, Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, that Dr Johnson describes as 'a place that makes dying so unbearable' ... but where now does; Capability; himself lie?

SMDG brings to life the story of Capability Brown in Hampton at its annual summer event at 3pm on Saturday 11th June at Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare, Hampton Court Road, Hampton (on the riverside just across the road from St. Mary's Church).

One of a series of historically short plays by local writer, Keith Wait, it will be presented as a dramatised rehearsed reading in the Temple. The play is part of wide celebrations of the 300th Anniversary of the birth of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown (1716-1783). Admission is free and no advanced booking is required. Afterwards, from about 4pm, afternoon tea will be available at the Loggia in the gardens, which will include

Jean Wood's famously delicious cakes.

In the 1750's fashionable society was drawing to its bosom a host of talented newcomers. They were born without the silver spoon in their mouths, but by a mixture of their own extraordinary skills, persistence, good luck, and what we would nowadays call 'networking', they became sought-after in society. Three such were David Garrick, actor and theatre manager; Dr Samuel Johnson, man of letters; and Lancelot 'Capability' Brown, the landscape architect who changed the face of England.

In 1754 Garrick bought the house in Hampton, where he had been living with his wife Eva Veigel, the Viennese dancer 'La Violette', whom he had married five years earlier. He set about turning it into a smaller version of the idyllic parkland estates of the aristocracy,



with Robert Adam refashioning the front of the house, and Lancelot Brown advising on building the Temple to Shakespeare, part of the creation of new gardens that Brown was supervising. These were on both sides of the main road and linked by a grotto.

Capability Brown already had designed and created parklands, gardens and whole new landscapes in grand houses across the country and was to go on to be responsible for the creation of over 250 such landscapes. In 1764 he was appointed Master Gardener to the King at Hampton Court Palace and moved from Hammersmith to live at Hampton Court.

Capabaility! examines Brown's life at Hampton, but he was of course a man of the whole country, and of all people, as he was popular with all walks of life. Genial, amusing, addicted to punning, he was also scrupulously honest, pious, and a loving family man.

Lancelot Brown's life at Hampton is seen within the context of those 250 monuments to his genius, and within that, a life that saw him come out wildest soil of Northumberland, to be absorbed in creating a whole new culture from the soil, a new picture of England, and finally to be absorbed into the soil somewhere in the fens of Cambridgeshire. For ironically, for a man with a restless life, no one knows precisely where he was finally laid to rest.



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# Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity Written by Hilary Hart

supports individuals and families in need through its grant making programmes, directly supporting individuals and the charitable sector. The charity was founded in 1811, when land owned by King George III in the ancient town of Hampton was donated to the parish of St Mary's Church. Originally income from the letting of this land was used to buy fuel for the poor of the parish. The sale of the land in 1989 to J Sainsbury's yielded £21.6m and meant that the charity could widen its scope.

The charity is now able to help both individuals and the charitable sector. Families on low incomes or in receipt of benefits can apply for a fuel grant up to the value of £520. The money is paid direct to the fuel companies. Individuals can also be provided with essential household items. This is particularly useful for people who are offered an unfurnished tenancy for the first time and need to move in right away.

Community Grants are available for charities, voluntary sector organisations and community groups. These grants may be for children and young people, carers, community groups, disability, older people and various other groups. Last year St Mary's Church received a grant to remove the Community Hall stage and refurbish the hall. This year the church has been awarded a further grant to help enlarge and refurbish the hall kitchen and toilets.

In 2015 the charity provided 1,615 fuel grants to homes in its area of benefit to the value of £827,000. It also awarded 58 community grants to the value of £973,200.

The charity at present has
I I trustees who have a wide range
of expertise. The three Hampton
Anglican churches, St Mary's, St
James's and All Saints', all nominate
one trustee and the vicar of St
Mary's is automatically a trustee.
Other trustees are nominated by
the Council or are co-opted trustees
from the local community.

I have been St Mary's nominated trustee for the last 3 years. It has been extremely interesting and I have learnt a lot about how the charitable sector operates and the wide

and the wide range of need that exists even in the relatively affluent area of Hampton.

#### A Comfortable Church Written by Nigel Francis (Chairman of the Friends of St Mary's)

oming to church is comforting ■ but not comfortable – up to now! By the time you read this St Mary's will have pew cushions on all its downstairs pews and if you really feel the need to sit on a hard pew you will need to escape to the back of the galleries. This dramatic increase in comfort is thanks to the Friends of St Mary's who have bought 47 pew cushions of various lengths with the longest being 10' long. They have paid for this from subscriptions that have been built up over the last few years. Not that pew cushions are completely new to St Mary's because the clergy choir and churchwardens have benefitted from this degree of comfort since 2003 again courtesy of the Friends. The Friends have also paid for the new notice boards which went up in May continuing the Friends commitment to helping the Parochial Church Council in maintaining and enhancing the church building and its environs. Membership of the Friends is open to those of any faith or none who wish to care for this iconic part of Hampton's heritage. If you wish to join us or would like further information please contact me nlfrancis@btinternet.com or 020 8941 1467. There is no minimum subscription!

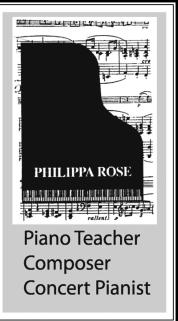
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# For infants 3 to 7 years

Mini-COSMOS begins in the church service and then the children leave for their own activities in the church hall.

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd, 5th (and some 4th) Sundays of the month during our I I am service.



# For children of junior school age

COSMOS meets in the hall during our I I am service for activity, craft and fun.

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# Prayer Spaces Written by Derek Winterburn

For two days St Mary's School hosted a 'Prayer Space'. The idea of a Prayer Space is to create an environment in which children (or young people) can experience a 'spiritual time', at their own pace, in their own words. Prior to the Prayer Spaces opening I spoke to the children at Collective Worship, to tell them about how Samuel (when he was a young child) heard God speak to him quietly.

Meanwhile a team of volunteers from St Mary's church decked out a classroom with curtains, lamps, and various special things including a tent! Children visited in groups of about 10 for half an hour. The volunteers were there to help the children explore, not to tell them the answers.

It was remarkable how different groups gathered around the activities. Some children were happiest modelling playdough into shapes of things that they could be thankful for, others were absorbed in drawing and/or writing big questions to God. My favourite was 'I go to the seaside with nanny and grandad and throw stones into the water and I wonder where does my stone go?' There were opportunities to talk to God about places in the world, to pray for people who were sick, or just to be in the tent quietly. The bubble tube visibly showed our prayers 'ascending to heaven.' Gratitude for nature, wonder at creation and concern for others were very common themes: 'Dear God, thank you for are werld (sic) and thank you for my sisters.'

The children were very engaged in the opportunities to think and pray: their openness to questioning and reflecting was very notable. I think everyone, adult or child was enriched by the experience.





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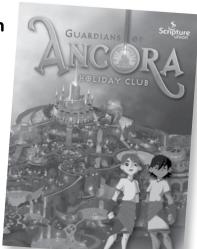
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and treasure hunts. The cost is a £5 contribution per family which covers the whole week. We would encourage children to do all four days but, if this is not possible, please feel free to book only the days your child is able to do. This year's theme is 'Guardians of Ancora.' The Guardians (the children at the club), have to find the lost treasure, return it to the Hall of Memory and explore the story that it represents. As the Hall of Memory fills up, the Guardians will discover how each story fits together to reveal more about who Jesus is and how they might develop their own relationship with him. Pretty exciting! If you wish to book a place/s, please contact Samuel, the children and families work leader by email sam.waako@hampton-church.org or my phone on 07923 331108. A registration and consent form will then be sent to you, to be returned at least a couple of weeks before the event.



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## A Food Bank in Hampton?

#### Written by Penny Cavan

ampton Food Bank is part of the Richmond network, which has four distribution centres in Richmond, Isleworth, Barnes and, since November last year, in Hampton, based at the YMCA White House Community Centre. It is open on Tuesdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm and Wednesdays from 2pm to 5pm.

We rely on donations of goods from individuals, companies and churches and the sessions are manned by volunteers. Most come from local churches, but this morning I had the pleasure to meet a young lady with no church affiliation but had a desire

to volunteer on her day off from her full time job.

We meet a great variety of people who for one reason or another find themselves at the end of the line, having fallen on hard times through no fault of their own. Many have said it was difficult to come and admit they needed help. It is a privilege to greet them and invite them to coffee and sandwich in the cafe and listen to their stories - as much or as little as they want to tell. It is such a pleasure to load them up with the goods they need; they are often overwhelmed and always so grateful.



Hampton Food Bank is becoming better known, after a slow start, and in the last two months we have helped 30 families a month and this is bound to gather momentum over time.

People have access to a Food Bank on receipt of a voucher from a recognised organisation such as a medical practice, school or nursery, social worker, women's refuge, church, NSPCC and the Citizens' Advice Bureau. Any such organisation can apply to the Richmond Food Bank (facilitated by the Vineyard Community Centre) to be a voucher holder, so as the net is spread wider we can help more families. Indeed people have walked into the White House without a voucher but obviously in need, in such cases we refer them immediately to the CAB office in the White House who can issue a voucher and then we can jump into action!

We provide tinned meat, fish, pies, fruit, potatoes, vegetables, milk, powdered or UHT, fruit juice, cereals, biscuits, toiletries, baby food, nappies etc etc At the moment we have plenty of baked beans, pasta and rice, but are low on tinned custard, rice pudding and baby milk. Donations may be taken to the Food Bank when it is open or to churches. We are so grateful for all we are given as are the people who receive the gifts.

Families or individuals are referred from a wide area, not only Hampton. We have seen people from Hounslow, Teddington, Whitton and Hanworth. You may have had doubts as to the necessity of such a provision here, but be assured there are pockets of great need in our communities and with your support we can meet them.

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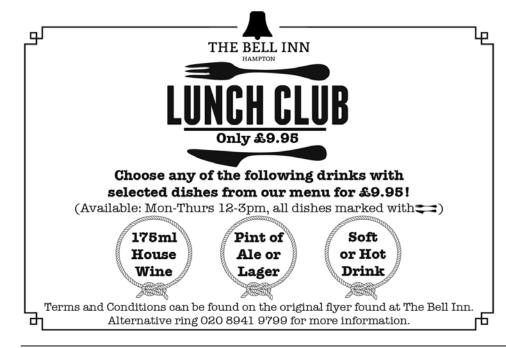
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be a really open-air-open studio at Hampton Ferry. It is too late to take part officially but you can join Nicky Browne for all or part of the time to display anything that you make. If you would like to join her to display art or craft work informally at the Ferry – it's enormous fun! (less so if it rains, but we hope!) – contact nicky.browne@btinternet.com or 07557 024949 to chat!





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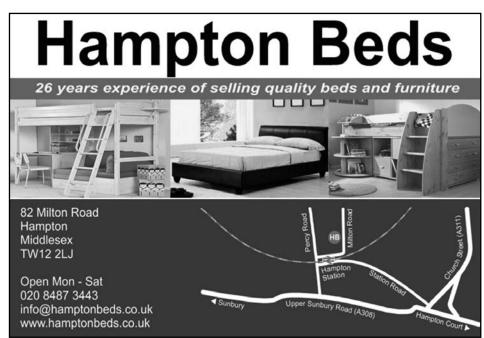
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## Hall Renewal Again?

Written by Nigel Francis

es! Last summer the main Hall was completely refurbished much to everyone's delight. This summer phase 2 of the redevelopment is planned when we transfer our attention to the kitchen and upstairs toilets. The present kitchen is so small that when three people are at work in there it is really crowded. So it is to be extended and completely refurbished and at the same time a new universal toilet is to be built and the remaining two toilets are to be refurbished. The doors on the landing are going to be upgraded and new flooring put down. When all this is complete not only will this area look very much smarter but the larger, better equipped kitchen will enable meals to be cooked on the premises.

Also we plan to install a data projector, screen and speakers into the main Hall so that really high quality visual presentations will be possible. The days of fixing up a portable projector, a portable screen and finding a portable amplifier and making sure that an extension lead is not forgotten will be over. (I, for one, will be very grateful for that!)

The Hall Management Team hope that all this work, which has been made possible by a matching grant from the Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity, will provide a new community resource enabling hirers to put on functions involving cooked meals or to give 21st century presentations.

Bookings can be made by contacting the Hall Booking Secretary, Pat Lewis hall-booking@hampton-church.org.uk or 020 8979 2615.

## Going Silver to Go Green!

Written by Derek Winterburn

t Mary's has been awarded a Visit http://ecochurch.arocha.org.uk/



bronze award by the Eco-Church scheme. This national church scheme encourages churches to think about their impact on the environment. This has been something we have regularly given attention to under the banner of 'Care for Creation' so we were in a good position to take a few actions and quickly win a bronze award – one of the first churches in the country to do so. Now we are going for silver. These are the first initiatives – twinning our toilets with ones in the developing world, adopting a policy that food cooked on the premises should (where reasonable) be fairly traded, locally sourced and animal friendly, offering weekly tips on sustainable living and asking for an environmental audit. We will celebrate 'Care for Creation' on Sunday 3 July.





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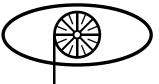
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