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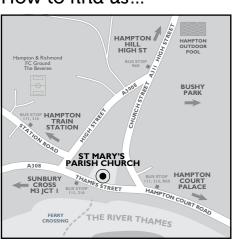
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HARVEST FESTIVAL AT ST MARY'S

THIS YEAR HARVEST FESTIVAL IS ON **SUNDAY 7 OCTOBER** SO THAT THERE'S ROOM FOR EVERYONE, WE'RE HAVING TWO SERVICES ON THIS DAY:

9.30AM TRADITIONAL HARVEST FESTIVAL & HOLY COMMUNION 11AM FAMILY HARVEST FESTIVAL SERVICE

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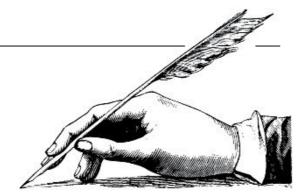
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17 June. Leela Lucy Topsy Charlton
15 July Matilda Star Green
Johnathan Abreu Peti
Philomena Easter Florence Murray
Lucas Emmanuel Benjamin Murray
Felix Reuben William Murray
Jenny Aurelia Almashoor
22 July Sophia Isabel Vickers
12 August Arthur Chebib
9 September Poppy Charlotte Brewer
Evelyn Orli May Young
Rudy William Butler Cutting



Weddings

9 June. Alexander David Ashford Rynn to Hollie Christina Atherton
30 June. Leon-Paul Payne to Hollie Victoria Phillips
26 July Edwin Nii-Adjei Telfer to Zorica Antonia Campbell
4 August Christopher Robert Allen Jee to Stephanie Michelle Haymes

Funerals

Interment of Ashes

7 July Fay Dorothy Turpin

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IN ALL THINGS GIVE THANKS...

WRITTEN BY BEN LOVELL

I have two young children.

Having young children is something that continually surprises me. I'm astounded by how the larger, seemingly miraculous observations that come from having children are awesome: the miracle of a new life, seeing your child grow and learn, and the love that wells up in one's heart.

However, some of the more surprising elements of parenthood have been found in the more mundane. I didn't realise how much of parenting was shaped by teaching the everyday habits we take for granted; that routines from the brushing of teeth to hand washing need to be constantly reminded.

We are at a stage in our house where every single request is prefaced with "and say P-P-P-Please" and every interaction ends with "and what do you say now...'thank you'." Like many elements of parenting it has made me very aware of how much I obey what I'm trying to teach: the times I say 'thank you' and sometimes it highlights those times that I neglect it.

Thankfulness helps us remember our interdependence.

In a world that cries "you can do it" and "look after number one" crafting a habit of thankfulness means that we are continually reminded that we are all dependent on each other. Whether it be the emotional support a friend gives you, the help of a stranger or even the vast network of infrastructure we are dependent on.

Thanking a shop assistant is a reminder that my food is dependent on so many others. The staples of my life are not things that I am sole master over. I am reliant on the hard work, the enterprise and diligence of so many others.

Thankfulness helps us see embers when all seems dark.

A friend of ours was sat at her mum's hospital bedside; broken and devastated. Unable to see anything other than the person who had loved her most, seriously ill. She tells of running her hands over the crisp linen being thankful for how clean it was. Then thanking God for the fresh flowers someone

had put on the cabinet, thankful for the sunshine, thankful for all the good years, thankful for the influence of her parents, thankful for the things she had been taught and how her mum had passed on life skills to shape who she was and the life she now had.

Her grief was no less. The situation had not changed but her perspective had shifted. We all have seasons of darkness in life, for some of us this seems unending. It can become all encompassing but it is never the only thing.



Thankfulness grounds us in the present and also whispers of the impermanence of that which feels all encompassing now. Today's problem is not the only thing in the world. Even though it may be the most pressing, genuinely problematic and deleterious thing in one's life at this time. Tomorrow can be shaped by other things other than the problems of today.

Thankfulness allows us to usher into focus the small, almost hidden glimpses of a hopeful future.

Thankfulness shapes our future

The reason that I teach my children to say 'thank you' and be thankful is because it shapes who they are becoming and the lens through which they see the world. When I remember to be thankful I see the good in a bad situation. When this becomes a habit my life is shaped more by the good than the bad.

At Harvest we are called to be thankful. Our gratitude reminds us not to be focused on ourselves and the problems that surround us. Appreciation for what we have, however small, compels us to be generous. To live a life that looks beyond ourselves, that gives, that heals, that brings life to those around us.

World War One on Our Door Step 1918-2018

ampton's War Memorial can be found inside St Mary's Church. It is a memorial to the men of Hampton who fell in the Great War, 1914-19. The names of those who fell in the Second World War were added subsequently in 1946. The 22 November 1919 issue of the Surrey Comet describes the War Memorial as 'a handsome oak screen erected in the parish church'. It is indeed very handsome and is adorned with carvings of our four national saints:

George, Andrew, Patrick and David. The carved inscription reads: These screens were erected to the glory of God and in grateful memory of the men of Hampton who fell in the War 1914-1919.

The list of names engraved on the screen is detailed below. Among the 136 names are three sons of the King family of Plevna Road. Frank King was killed in Arras on 11 April 1917, but it was not until 1996 that

THESE SCREENS WERE ERECTED TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN GRATEFUL

LEFT HAND SCREEN:

RICHARD ABNETT SIDNEY ABNETT JOHN ANDREWS RICHARD ANTHONY **GEORGE ASLIN** WILLIAM ADAMS VALENTINE ALEXANDER BERTIE BARTON ALBERT BIRD JACK BLANDFORD THOMAS J BLOXHAM FREDERICK BOURNE WILLIAM S BOUTCHER ROBERT BOWELL GEORGE BROWNLEES ARTHUR BULLEY

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WILLIAM GLAZIER JOHN GOUGH WILLIAM GREY BERNARD GURNET JOHN BELL HUGHES **CECIL HALE** WALTER HAYES JAMES HEALEY STEPHEN HEDGES GEORGE E HEWETT ALBERT W HOLLOWAY **HUGH B HEATHER ERNEST HAZELBY** JACK HUMPHRIES JOHN IRVINE PERCY T KETCHER HARRY B KENT

his remains were found in the course of an archaeological survey of the area. Much effort was put into tracing his relatives and on 15 April 1998 - 81 years after his death his remains were buried in a war cemetery close to the site of the battle. This is just one story behind one name on our War Memorial.

2018 has seen renewed interest in the memorial and the Parish Office has received many enquiries from people trying to trace where their ancestors are remembered. If you wish to come and see it, please contact us on 020 8941 7221 or email parish.manager@hampton-church.org.uk

REMEMBRANCE **SUNDAY SERVICE** 11 November 2018 10.50am St Mary's Church, Hampton Two minutes' silence will be observed at 11am 1918-2018 100 YEARS

MEMORY OF THE MEN OF HAMPTON WHO FELL IN THE WAR 1914-1919.

RIGHT HAND SCREEN:

FREDERICK J KETCHER ALBERT R KETCHER NOEL G KIBBLE **GEORGE W KING** ALBERT S KING FRANK H KING FRED KNOX LEONARD A LINWOOD FREDERICK MARTIN ROBERT MASON JAMES MCDONALD RICHARD A MITCHELL HARRY A NOBBS THOMAS OAKEY DAVID OSBORNE ARTHUR PARKER CHARLES F BAILEY

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SERVICE TIMES AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAYS

FRANK A ALLEN

9.30am Holy Communion A choral service with traditional hymns

11am Sunday Praise A family friendly contemporary service with youth and children's groups and crèche

6.30pm Prayer Book Evensong A gentle, traditional service

6.30pm Refresh Informal Service (4th Sunday)

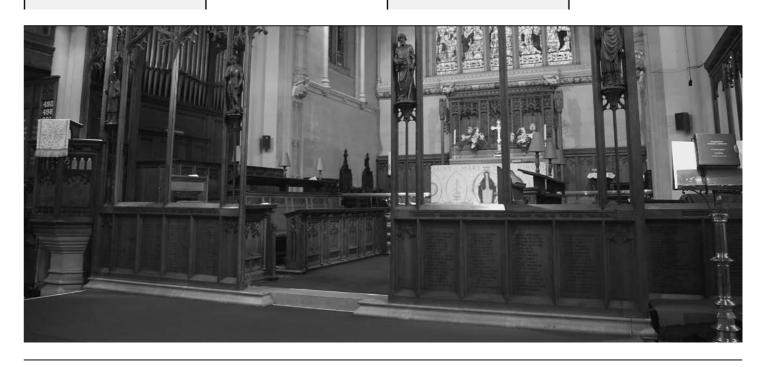


WEEKDAYS

9am Morning Prayer (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday)

9am Holy Communion (Wednesday)

10am First Steps Toddler Praise (Wednesday) A service for pre-school children with craft, games and refreshments.



There must be more to life than this

Alpha is an opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian faith. It's relaxed, low key, friendly and fun. It's a place where people can come and ask questions, delve into issues and look for answers together.

Alpha is for everyone; no question is out of bounds and you are free to discuss as much or as little as you wish. We don't assume any background knowledge of or belief in Christianity and everyone is welcome and will receive a hot meal.

You don't have to come for the whole term - just pop along for the first session and see what you think. No pressure, no follow up and no charge.



PROJECT

Out next Alpha Course starts on Wednesday 3 October, 7.30-9.30pm in St Mary's Church. Visit our website for more information www.hampton-church.org.uk/alpha

Do you have an unwanted bicycle?

It can have a new life and be put to good use by The Bike Project (TBP).

They restore donated bikes, both adult's and children's to a high standard, and give them to asylum seekers and refugees to help them save money on fares.

They also sell refurbished bikes to the general public and any profit goes to helping refugees.

As part of their outreach, Hampton Methodist Church has recently become a Bike Hub, which means they securely store donated cycles until they have 10, which are then collected by TBP and taken to

their Deptford workshop for renovation. If you would like to donate a bike, or for more information. contact Wendy Salmon 020 8286 1992 or wig_6534@hotmail.com or Liz Chadwick at ec1000@virginmedia.com or 07743 161 303.

TBP has a comprehensive website www.

thebikeproject.co.uk well worth looking at. Among other things they offer tuition on bike maintenance and also how to volunteer to renovate bikes etc.

A FAB new name...

Our group for young people of secondary school age meets most Sunday mornings at 10.45am in the 'Old Vicarage' at 5 Church Street and it's undergoing a bit of a revamp. From this term their new name is... drumroll... Number 5. Sometimes the simplest ideas are the best! So next time your teenagers say they're off to number 5, you know where they're going.

For further details of Number 5 and what they're up to, contact our Youth Pastor, Nick Neilan, on 07469 147 137 or email him at nick. neilan@hampton-church.org.uk



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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, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month during our I lam service.

We come back in time for a blessing in the service.



FIRST'STEPS

BABY & TODDLER PRAISE

An opportunity for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups to get together for singing, stories, crafts and Jesus.

> Every Wednesday during term time at 10am.

St Mary's Church, Thames Street, Hampton TW12 2EB

Contact Cara Lovell for further details: Telephone: 07879 404 201 cara.lovell@hampton-church.org.uk

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FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & THEIR GROWN-UPS

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Our weekly activities include craft, singing and story-telling. If your baby is still too young to join in with some of these activities then we have baby mats so your baby can still enjoy watching the older toddlers play.

> We are here every Monday during term time, 1.30-3pm

St Mary's Community Hall, Church St, Hampton TW12 2EB

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The Hampton Mandimba Partnership

Plans are underway for a group of four members of St Mary's, led by Ben, to visit Mandimba in October in order to see first hand what the Hampton Mandimba Partnership has achieved and where funds are needed going forward. More importantly it's a good opportunity to strengthen our bond with our brothers and sisters in Mozambique.

We currently fund nursing training for two students and send funds to facilitate travel to both local hospitals and hospitals over the border in Malawi.

The Good Seeds Project continues to thrive. Since its launch in 2006 The Project has ensured that literally hundreds of young people have not had to drop out of school simply because they were poor. In Mozambique there is a small charge for secondary education - this is based on the principle that people appreciate what they have to pay for better than something that is free. However there are a great number of secondary schoolaged children who are orphans and finding money for fees, a (compulsory) school uniform and stationery is just too much. St Mary's provides a modest amount for each Good Seed but it is adequate to keep them in school.

If you would like to know more about the Good Seeds Project or our partnership with our friends in Mandimba, then please contact the Parish Office.



Bishop Vicente's Visit to Hampton

During the summer the Rt Rev Vincente Msosa, Bishop of Niasa, came to St Mary's and shared Evening Prayer with us. At the end of the service he talked about his ministry in Niasa Province, and in particular in Mandimba, our sister parish.

Bishop Vicente talked about the challenges of life in his diocese. These included a lack of Bibles (in local dialects as well as Portuguese) and a lack of priests to serve their community, which is vast. In Mandimba Father Austin serves six congregations but it is not unknown for some priests to look after as many as fifty congregations.

He was truly thankful for the friendship that Sao Paulo's Parish has with us at St Mary's and talked from the heart about what a difference our gifts made to our friends in Mandimba.











Our First Full Immersion Holy

Baptisms in The River Thames



"I love the fact we are using the beautiful river banks of the Thames for such a special occasion." Matthew Green, father of Matild, aged 7 months

The sun certainly shone on us on Sunday 15 July when Ben led us across the road to the River Thames to conduct our first full-immersion baptisms. The service saw six of our church congregation, three young people, two adults and a baby, baptised and welcomed into the family of God.

On what was one of the hottest days of the year, hundreds of people congregated by the riverbank at the bottom of Benn's Alley to watch. They were a mixture of members of the church, the congregation and friends and family of the baptism candidates.

Ben was assisted by our Associate Priest, Reverend Alan Jackson in the baptisms, and John Soones, safety officer from the RNLI, was on hand to ensure the river was a safe place for the ceremony. Since his arrival at St Mary's in June 2017, Ben has done much to grow the church into a young and vibrant place to worship at the heart of the local community and he commented, "Today sees our young adults and children follow in the footsteps of Jesus who was baptised in the river Jordan by John the Baptist. Baptism symbolises cleansing, reviving and is the symbol of new life, not just to the candidates but also for those who are present. It is also a way for the teenagers and adults to declare their beliefs publicly."

Baptism is a sacramental rite, in which a person pledges their allegiance to God through Jesus Christ and rejects everything which is not of God. If you are considering baptism for either yourself or your chid, then either call Ben or the Parish Office or contact us via our website. Full details can be found inside the front cover.

"I've chosen to declare my faith as I've just finished my first year at university and it's a challenge to be a Christian in that environment sometimes. However, I've got through the year and my relationship with God is stronger. I wanted to say thank you." Felix Murray, aged 18

"I've grown up in the church family and wanted to continue my journey with God helping me through life." Philomena Murray, aged 13





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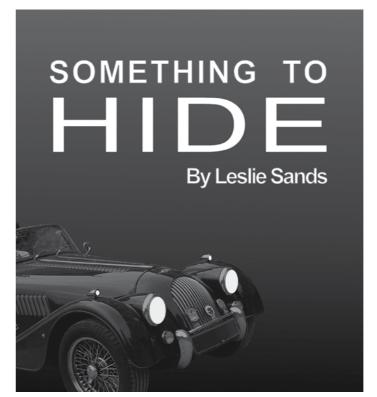


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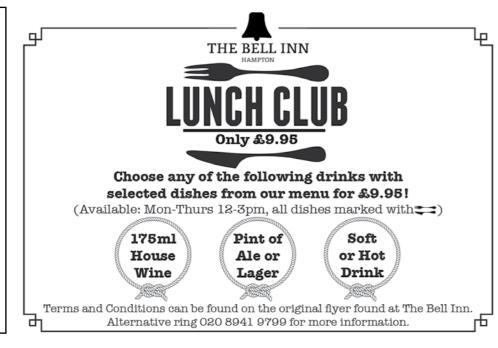
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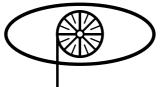
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