

## Harvest Supper

We celebrated with fun, laughter and lots of companionship the Harvest Festival. June Demont's wonderful home cooking of pumpkin soup, ham, chicken, jacket potatoes and apple pie were such spoiling and, of course, we enjoyed one of June's challenging quizzes. Very many thanks to June and her helpers. £185 was raised for Christian Aid.

*Veronica Baker*

## Parish Registers

**Holy Baptisms** – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*

9 September: Amelia Anne, daughter of David and Nicola Flower.

30 September: Jaden Dallas, son of Wayne and Catherine Martin.

**Funerals** – *We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:*

19 September: John Jones.

25 September: Kate Fern (burial of ashes).



## Confirmation 2008

This will be held here on Sunday February 3rd at 10.00am, which is the Feast of Candlemas. It will be taken by Michael, Bishop of Kensington.

The following are to be confirmed. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

Sarah Cassidy

Nina Dalton

Laura Ramsay

Lesley Alexander

Kate Vickers

Jonathan Bell

Joseph Cassidy

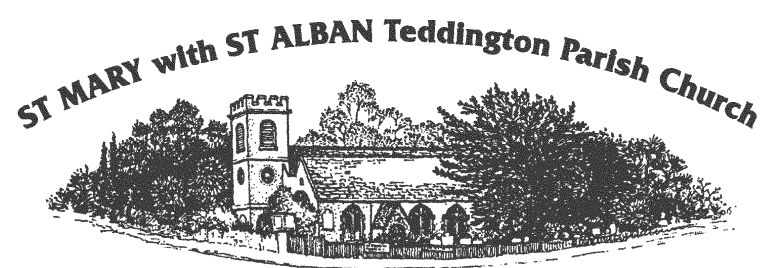
Tom Dalton

Roger Avins

Nawtej Dosanjh

'Heavenly Father, we bring to you in our prayers those who are at this time preparing for Confirmation. So work in their hearts by your Holy Spirit that they may be ready to receive all that you are seeking to teach them, and to dedicate their lives to your service; and by your grace keep them faithful to their promises all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.'

*The Vicar*



# NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2007

## VICAR'S VIEWPOINT

### Remember

Remembrance Sunday this year falls on Armistice Day itself. I, like many others, would like the annual commemoration of remembrance to go back to November 11 whenever in the week this occurs. This is unlikely to happen, more's the pity, but at least once again we can all be silent and still on Remembrance Sunday and think of those who died in two world wars, in the many conflicts since 1945, and those who are still dying today in Iraq and Afghanistan. Remember too the families of the fallen, and the splendid on-going work of the Royal British Legion. Our service in Teddington will be at the War Memorial outside the hospital and will begin prompt at 10.50am.

We remember a lot in November. On the 1<sup>st</sup> we have all Saints' Day and the following day is All Souls' Day. On both days we think of those who we love who have died and those who have helped us on life's way – who we sometimes call our benefactors. Then on the 5th, "Remember remember the fifth of November; gunpowder treason and plot." This is nowadays a legitimate excuse for fireworks and probably the last barbecue of the year.

At the end of the month we remember St Andrew, the patron saint of Scotland and Russia, who is sometimes known as the first missionary because the first thing he did on meeting Jesus was to bring his brother to meet him. That brother was of

course Simon Peter and what results that had for Christendom!

In remembering we call to mind the past in the present to help us in the future. Each week at Holy Communion we do just this in regard to the life of Christ as he bids us all: "Do this in remembrance of me."

Samuel Johnson once said:

"People need to be reminded more than they need to be instructed."

'And so we come, O draw us to our feet  
Most gracious Saviour who dost love us still;

And by this food, so awful and so sweet,  
Deliver us from every touch of ill.

In thine own service make us glad and free  
And grant us nevermore to part with thee.'

It is this act of worship that binds members of the Church throughout the world, and across denominations and traditions it is what binds us to each other. It is, too, the spur and inspiration of our service of God in this world.

### From my scrapbook

Another remembrance this month is St Cecilia's day on the 22nd. She is the patron saint of music so we shall give thanks for all the joy that music gives us in our lives. Aldous Huxley wrote:

"After silence, that which comes nearest to expressing the inexpressible is music."

With best wishes to you all

*John Cleaver*

**SERVICES:** **SUNDAYS:** Holy Communion at 8.00am  
Family Communion and Sunday School at 9.45am  
**WEDNESDAYS & SAINTS DAYS :** Holy Communion at 9.30am

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## WONDERFUL BAZAAR

SATURDAY 24th NOVEMBER

11am – 3pm

IN THE HALL

Please come along to St. Mary's Parish Hall on Langham Road, Teddington and enjoy the warm, festive atmosphere.

Admission is only 50p and children under 5 have free entry.

A variety of stalls will be there, including bric-a-brac, handicrafts, knitted dolls, raffles, refreshments, tombola and also Santa's grotto.

Enclosed with this newsletter is an advert with details of the *Wonderful Bazaar*.

Please leave it out on display to remind you of the event.

I look forward to seeing you all there.

*David Power*  
*Bazaar coordinator*

### Tea Time all over the World

It was Tea Time all over the world on the afternoon of Friday 21st October and nowhere more so than the Church Hall, Teddington, where about 30 tea-and-cake fanciers assembled to eat, drink and gossip for Christian Aid. The cakes were homemade by the usual suspects, Victoria sponges, rock cakes, Bakewell tarts and a delicious squashy apple affair were some of the choices. The donations of £230 were collected in a splendid teapot and Gift-Aided. Well done everyone!

*Lesley Alexander*

### Macmillan Cancer Coffee Stir-up

On Friday 28th September an extremely generous group of Teddingtonians gathered to take part in the Macmillan Cancer Coffee Stir-up. An incredible £555 has been collected, which is over £700 once gift-aid is added.

Special thanks must go to 9 year old Jessica Tollit, who did a sponsored 24 hour silence and in the process collected £150. I would also like to thank all those who contributed to the pot (including a number who could not make it), made cakes and took part in

the champagne raffle.

Once again, many thanks and God Bless.

*Marie Sleight*

### 2007 Sunday School Trip to Godstone Farm

This year's Sunday school trip of 24 adults and 24 children went to Godstone Farm in North Downs. Hugo's Sunday School quiz happily filled the 45 minute coach trip.

We arrived at the farm in beautiful autumn sunshine and saw a variety of animals. Some of the pigs born earlier this year are now quite large. Some of the chicks were a few days old. The farm is educational as well as entertaining. Did you know that pigs respond better to commands than dogs? Or that they have more taste buds than the average human?

The farm allows visitors to handle the rabbits, which created much excitement from some of our party. Hygiene standards are high, with frequent instructions and opportunities to wash hands.

Thanks to the Sunday school coordinator Melanie for her excellent organisation of such an enjoyable outing.

*Jacqueline Williamson*

## Diary for November

- Thursday 1st All Saints' Day.  
Holy Communion at 9.30am.
- Friday 2nd All Souls' Day.  
Holy Communion at 9.30am when the names of the departed are read.
- Sunday 4th All Saints' Tide.  
Holy Communion at 8.00am.  
Parade Service in the context of Family Communion at 9.45am.  
Holy Baptism at 2.45pm.
- Wednesday 7th Holy Communion at 9.30am.  
First Wednesday Club in the Mina Hogan Room at 12.30pm.  
Subject for talk and discussion: The Alpha Course.  
Church School Governors meet at the school at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 8th Parochial Church Council meets in the Mina Hogan Room at 7.45pm.
- Sunday 11th Remembrance Sunday.  
Holy Communion at 8.00am.  
No service here at 9.45am. All join the town Remembrance Service at 10.50am at the War Memorial outside Teddington Hospital.
- Tuesday 13th Bishop of Kensington's Study Day for all clergy to be held at the Islamic Centre in Hounslow. Subject: "Who is my Muslim Neighbour?"  
Churches Together in Teddington at the Baptist Church at 8.00pm.
- Wednesday 14th Holy Communion at 9.30am.  
Confirmation Class in the hall at 7.30pm.
- Sunday 18th Trinity 24.  
Holy Communion at 8.00am.  
Family Communion with Baptism at 9.45am.
- Wednesday 21st Holy Communion at 9.30am.  
Confirmation Class in the hall at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 22nd Hampton Deanery Clergy Chapter meet at Ss Peter and Paul Teddington.
- Saturday 24th WONDERFUL BAZAAR in the hall 11am to 3pm.**
- Sunday 25th Feast of Christ the King.  
Holy Communion at 8.00am.  
Family Communion at 9.45am.
- Wednesday 28th No service at 9.30am.  
Confirmation Class in the hall at 7.30pm.
- Thursday 29th Christmas lights evening in Teddington with carol singing provided by members of Churches Together in Teddington.
- Friday 30th Feast of St Andrew.  
Holy Communion at 9.30am.
- Saturday 1st Dec Church School Christmas Fair at the school from 1.00pm.
- Sunday 2nd Advent Sunday.  
Holy Communion at 8.00am.  
Family Communion at 9.45am when the work of Street Child Africa, our new parish charity, will be highlighted.  
We are responsible for the service at Teddington Hospital at 4.00pm.