

cream, and a good time was had by all. This trip is immensely important for the families that go on it; for most of them it is the only 'holiday' they get. Many thanks to all who made it possible.

*Margaret Squire
Further information about
Welfare is on the parish website*

**Festive family
Harvest Supper**
Sunday 7th October in the Hall
At child-friendly time of 6.30pm
Tickets from parish office in advance

**£6.00 adults,
£3.00 u. 12s
to include
3 course meal
and wine or
fruit cup**



Welcome to Sunday School

St Mary's Sunday School meets most Sundays in term time. Just come over to the Parish Hall at 9.30 for a 9.45 start. Parents of pre-school age children are welcome to watch or help out. Children aged between 3 and 13 come to us to worship God, learn Bible stories

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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and explore the Christian faith within a friendly, relaxed and family friendly environment. Activities include craft, music, drama and games. This term we are looking at five of Jesus' parables. From 18 November we will spend each Sunday rehearsing for the Nativity play that the children will perform at the Christingle on the afternoon of 9 December. Every child gets a part! Please come and join us. Further details are on the website. If you have any questions please email: sundayschool@stmarywithstalban.org

Hugo Studholme

Parish Registers

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

19 August: Sam William Raymond, son of Robert and Jane Bates.

2 September: Emily Fay and Harrison Jude, children of Kevin and Alison Baldwin.

Weddings – *We wish every blessing on the marriages of:*

25 August: Simon Brandon and Kate Shillaker.

8 September: Christopher Jones and Joanne Cole.

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

28 August: Richard Felton

30 August: Kate Fern.

ST MARY with ST ALBAN Teddington Parish Church



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VICAR'S VIEWPOINT

Baptisms, Weddings and Funerals

The Prayer Book calls them 'the occasional offices' but baptisms, weddings and funerals are far more than this. They are an opportunity to engage with people at significant times in their lives when they have asked for the ministry of the Church. As such they represent one of the most important parts in any parish priest's ministry.

I often use non-Biblical material at these services and this month I want to print some of those that are among the best and which people often ask to hear again.

At every Baptism I use a prayer that I found in the Holy Land when I went there on sabbatical leave in 1998. I saw it at the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth and I use it at the end of the service.

"To the Creator who gives life we give your life to the Saviour;

To the Saviour who gives love we give you in love.

To the Spirit who gives himself we give you to Him in the Power, Peace, and Presence of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit."

Weddings are always very happy occasions and I often use the Blessing of the Apaches at the end of my address.

"Now you will each feel no rain

For each of you will be shelter to the other.

Now you will feel no cold

For each of you will be warmth to the other.

Now there is no more loneliness for you

For each of you will be companion to the

other.

Now you are two bodies

But there is only one life before you.

Go now to your dwelling place

And enter into the days of your
togetherness

And may your days be good and long upon
the earth."

Funerals are, of course, sadder occasions and there are many excellent passages from the Bible that speak of hope and new life. So too there are words not from the Bible that speak of these things as well.

"Glad that I live am I

That the sky is blue

Glad for the country lanes

And the fall of dew

After the sun the rain

After the rain the sun

This is the way of life till the work be done

All that we need to do be we low or high

Is to see that we grow

Nearer the sky."

(Lizette Rees in Songs of Praise 499)

This month.....

is busy. On the 7th we have Harvest Festival. At the Family and Parade Service there will be the usual presentation of Harvest Gifts and the Harvest Supper will be held in the hall at 6.30. There is a notice about this elsewhere in this newsletter and of course it is important that tickets are bought in advance. The week after that is the 175th anniversary of our Church School. There is an Open Day on Friday 12th to which all are welcome, and the

special service at Teddington School is on Sunday 14th at 3.00pm. Again everyone is welcome to come.

From my scrapbook

It hardly seems possible that the cellist Jacqueline du Pré died 20 years ago on the 19th of this month. Her recording of the Elgar Concerto is still available and is among the best selling of all classical CDs. These words by Jacob Rudin were spoken at her funeral:

“When we are dead and people weep for us and grieve, let it be because we touched their lives with beauty and simplicity. Let it not be said that life was good to us – but rather that we were good to life.”

With best wishes to you all

John Cleaver

Girl Guides to India

After over a year of fund-raising for the trip, a group of 10 Girl Guides and 3 leaders set off from Heathrow airport on 14th July 2007 to embark on a journey of a lifetime to India.

When we arrived in Mumbai, the poverty struck us and seeing the slums was a real shock. We knew parts of India were poor, but nothing can really prepare you for what we saw. A 5-hour coach journey took us to Sangam (Girl Guide World centre) in Pune where we settled into our dorms which we shared with other Guides who had come from East Sussex, giving us a great opportunity to make new friends which we definitely did. Apart from ours (Greater London West), there were groups from America, East Sussex, Ireland and Northern India.

We came to Sangam to complete a 12-day education project, including running a 4-day camp for the children of the local mobile crèche. This is a day care centre set up to care for the children of workers on construction sites. We visited a mobile crèche and the homes of the children, which were all made from corrugated iron. This

made us think of all the things we have at home and take for granted.

Two days before the kids came we worked very hard to prepare everything; making scarves, organising activities and sorting children into patrols. When they arrived at camp we split into our patrols and it wasn't long before we had all bonded very closely.

One day we took them to the cinema and a zoo, which everyone enjoyed and was a great way of getting to know their personalities. People ask me if I struggled to communicate with the children, but there are so many ways I was able to do so apart from just talking that it was hardly ever a problem.

We were all very sad when the children left and on our departure, but I felt I had learnt a lot about India and myself in the time out there. Five days of tourism followed, in Aurangabad and Mumbai, which was fascinating. Overall I had the greatest time of my life and I would definitely encourage other Guiders to take opportunities like mine.

Amy Huggins, 2nd A Teddington

1st Teddington Scouts

After more than a year's preparation and over £1000 of fundraising each, on the 26th August, the UK Contingent descended on Hylands Park in Essex for the 21st World Scout Jamboree. They had their own opening party with celebrity acts such as Lemar and Liberty X before the 40,000 other Scouts and Guides started arriving from midnight. Just a lucky few were selected to represent the UK and only 16 Scouts from Richmond District were chosen. This experience of a lifetime included many activities; a water-based day called 'Splash!'; a community project, for example clearing local campsites or entertaining the elderly; a trip to Gilwell Park, the home of Scouting; and various other educational and interesting activities. Over the 12 nights that the Scouts from 158 different countries stayed, many

international friends were made and lots of fun was had by all. Many participants will go on to help at the next jamboree in Sweden in 2012.

*Sarah-Jane Lonsdale
Young Leader, 1st Teddington*

Welcare

The Welcare Summer outing was on 9th August and 26 families were taken by coach to Bocketts Farm. This has been a favourite venue for some years, and even the weather was good. A healthy lunch was provided with additional treats such as ice

Diary for October

Unless otherwise stated there is Holy Communion (Prayer Book) every Sunday morning at 8.00am and Family Communion with Sunday School at 9.45am (Common Worship).

There is Holy Communion every Wednesday at 9.30am.

Monday 1st	Installation of new Dean of St Paul's Cathedral at 6.30pm.
Wednesday 3rd	First Wednesday Club in Balcony Room of Hall, 12.30–2.00pm. Topic: "Alpha".
Friday 5th	Newland House Pre-Prep School Harvest Service in church at 9.00am.
Sunday 7th	Harvest Festival Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family and Parade Service with orchestra at 9.45am. Holy Baptism at 2.45pm. Harvest Supper in the Hall at 6.30pm.
8th–14th	St Mary's & St Peter's School 175th Anniversary Week.
Thursday 11th	Hampton Deanery Synod Meeting at 8.00pm.
Friday 12th	Church School Open Day – all welcome.
Sunday 14th	Trinity 19. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion at 9.45am. Church School Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving at Teddington School – Preacher: The Archdeacon of Middlesex, chairman of Diocesan Board for Schools – at 3.00pm.
Wednesday 17th	Observance of the Feast of St Luke. Holy Communion at 9.30am. Visit of High Sheriff of Greater London to the Church School.
Sunday 21st	Trinity 20. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion at 9.45am. Holy Baptism at 2.45pm. One World Week Service at Teddington Methodist Church at 4.00pm.
Friday 26th	Vicar on duty at St Paul's Cathedral from noon.
Sunday 28th	Feast of St Simon and St Jude. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion at 9.45am. Holy Baptism at 2.45pm.
Wednesday 31st	<i>No service</i> , but there will be Holy Communion on Thursday, 1st November (All Souls' Day) and on Friday, 2nd November (All Saints' Day) at 9.30am. If you would like loved ones who have died to be remembered on All Souls' Day please give names to the Vicar, in writing. Last year's list is to hand.