

## 'See It Through'

When you're up against a trouble,  
Meet it squarely, face to face;  
Life your chin and set your shoulders,  
Plant your feet and take a brace.  
When it's vain to try to dodge it,  
Do the best that you can do;  
You may fail, but you may conquer,  
See it through!

Black may be the clouds about you  
And your future may seem grim,  
But don't let your nerve desert you;  
Keep yourself in fighting trim.  
If the worst is bound to happen,  
Spite of all that you can do,  
Running from it will not save you,  
See it through!

Even hope may seem but futile,  
When with troubles you're beset,  
But remember you are facing  
Just what other men have met.  
You may fail, but fall still fighting;  
Don't give up, what're you do;  
Eyes front, head high to the finish.  
See it through!

*Edgar Guest's poem read at Joe's funeral.*

## Parish Registers

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

28 June: Charlie Alexander, son of Daniel and Joanna Earp

**Funeral** – *We remember with thanks-giving the life of:*

3 July: Arthur Joseph Haskings

**Blessing on the marriage of:**

27 June: Boutaina Siddle and Ross Cansick

## Earth-bound

At a village costume party for children, a police officer was stationed at the door, with instructions not to admit any adults. Then an excited woman came running up to the door and demanded admission. "My child is in there as a butterfly, but she has forgotten her wings!"

"Can't help it," replied the officer, "orders are orders. She'll have to stay a caterpillar."

## First Love

Young bride in tears: "You love cricket more than me!"

Honest husband: "Maybe so, but look at it this way: I love you more than I love rugby."

*C N Services*

**SERVICES:** **SUNDAYS:** Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am  
Family Communion (Common Worship) and Sunday School (most Sundays during term time) at 9.45am

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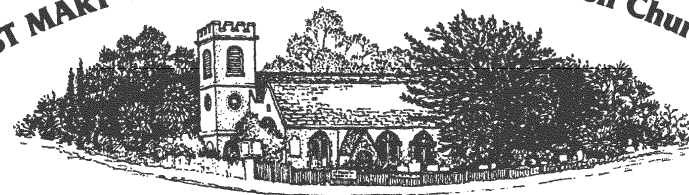
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ST MARY with ST ALBAN Teddington Parish Church



# NEWSLETTER AUGUST 2009

## From the Churchwardens

August, a 'school's out' month and many things held in suspension, as it were, before everything kicks in again at the beginning of September. On 22nd August we have a service to commemorate Stephen Hales who was ordained 22nd August 1709 and served as priest in charge of Teddington for 50 years. More details of his life and the service are in the Newsletter.

In the parish, work on the vicarage refurbishment is nearing the end and our new vicar will be moving in with his wife and family during the month. On Sundays during August the choir have a break but church services continue as usual and we look forward to, perhaps, meeting visitors on holiday in the area as well as our own church family. Jerry and I would like to thank everyone for supporting and helping us during the eleven months of interregnum that will finish on 2nd September when Rev. Joe Moffatt is inducted into his post of Vicar at St Mary with St Alban's.

It has been a learning curve for all of us and we have been grateful for the clerical support of Rev. Alex Walter and Rev. Geoffrey Clarkson who have taken most of our Sunday services during this time. They have been a great source of encouragement to both of us.

There has been an increased use of the parish website during this year and many enquiries regarding weddings, baptisms and family history queries have originated as a result. The website has just celebrated its

second anniversary and is constantly changing due to our dedicated team. If you have not yet looked at the site we would recommend that you do. The address can be found on the back page of the newsletter.

We continue to pray for the local community and for the wider world, we pray also that financial and employment concerns will lessen; everyone is touched by these difficult problems and life is very hard for many. Perhaps one Sunday you may join us at our family service, you will be very welcome. The church is there for all of us and its calm and peaceful atmosphere helps us to rest awhile from everyday worries and concerns.

May God bless you all.

*Sheila Cooper & Jeremy Bryan*

## Stephen Hales (1677 – 1761) Tercentenary Celebration

On 22nd August 2009, we are celebrating the 300th anniversary of the start of Stephen Hales' ministry in the Parish of St Mary, Teddington.

A service has been arranged by the Stephen Hales' Society, which will take place in St Mary with St Alban's Parish Church at 4.30pm, preceded by tea in the Parish Hall from 3.00pm onwards. If you would like tea please sign the list at the back of the church.

Stephen Hales, who was the priest in charge of Teddington from 1709 until he died in 1761, was a Fellow and prize winner of the

