

possible at church functions, and our local supermarkets are gradually increasing their choice of fairly traded goods. There will be a Traidcraft stall after Harvest Festival service in the Hall on 4th October. Please think about how to respond.

Susan Jacobs

humility, shown by the fact that he turned down an offer from the King of the canonry of Windsor, preferring to remain in Teddington. The service closed with prayers for Stephen Hales and the singing of the National Anthem.

Anne Johnson

Stephen Hales Tercentenary

On 22nd August, a service of evening prayer was held at St Mary's to commemorate the life and work of Stephen Hales, who served as minister of St Mary's from 1709 until his death in 1761. The service was attended by delegates from the William Shipley Group for RSA history as well as the Twickenham Local History Society, the Teddington Society and the Richmond U3A group, together with members of the congregation of St Mary's.

An address was given by Dr David Allen of the William Shipley Society. Dr Allen spoke of Stephen Hales's early life and his developing interest in science while he was at Cambridge. Stephen Hales became a fellow of the Royal Society in 1718. Dr Allen went on to talk of Stephen Hales's interest in the practical uses to which science could be put and his religious commitment; the latter bringing him to the 'perpetual curacy' of St Mary's in 1709, where he became a much loved minister. Finally, Dr Allen spoke of Stephen Hales's

Harvest Supper

Our Harvest Supper is a perennial family favourite, and this year it will take place on Sunday 4th October in the Parish Hall at 6.00pm. Tickets are £5 for adults and £3 for under-12s, and can be purchased at church, or places can be reserved by ringing the Parish Office (8943 2262) or emailing info@stmarywithstalban.org

Parish Registers

Wedding – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

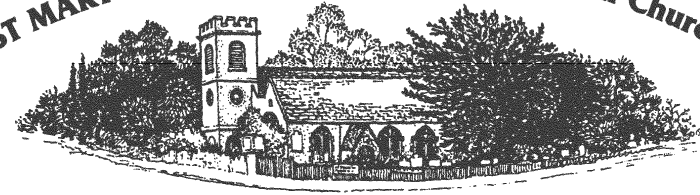
22 August: Daniel Weir Compton and Hilina Hagos Beyene.

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

19 August: Patricia Roper (SW Middx Crematorium).

9 September: Frank Jaffè (Mortlake Crematorium).

ST MARY with ST ALBAN Teddington Parish Church



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Vicar's Viewpoint

Harvest

Three good reasons why you might like to come to our **Harvest Festival on October 4th at 9:45am:**

(i) The church will be decked out in full seasonal glory and we'll sing all the traditional harvest hymns.

(ii) The scouts and guides will be on parade and the service will have something for all ages.

(iii) Harvest is as relevant as ever, with so much to give thanks for, yet so many issues to grapple with such as global shortages and rising prices, organic production and fair trade.

So we hope to see you there and invite all children to bring harvest gifts (non-perishables are better for distributing food parcels). Do join us in the evening as well for our **Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall. We start at 6pm** so that children can fully partake. £5 for adults and £3 for under -12's. Please ring the Parish Office to reserve places (8943 2262) or e-mail info@stmarywithstalban.org

Daily Prayer

Having arrived at the start of September, I've found that I've had to hit the ground running as so many things start up again after the summer. I'm also keen to introduce a few things as soon as possible, notably a proper supervised crèche during the 9.45am service so that the church is a welcoming place for young families.

Hitting the ground running suits my temperament. I like to be busy and get on

with things. But I've been most impressed and challenged by a recent short publication by Stephen Cotterell (the Bishop of Reading) entitled *Hit the Ground Kneeling*. This suggests that good leadership (in both the church and non-church organisations) evolves from contemplation, from time set aside to think, pray and reflect attentively. He notes that the best things in life take time, that 'creativity is usually cultivated in the soil of contemplation'. The ability to act decisively (and correctly) often arises from 'a well of stillness.' I recommend the book to anyone who exercises leadership, either at work or in a voluntary capacity (£7.99 Church House Publishing 2008).

So my challenge is to hit the ground kneeling and to listen attentively both to God and to those around me. This is why the traditional practice of the vicar saying Morning and Evening Prayer is so important and I would be delighted if people would like to join me in church any day (except my day-off on Monday) at 9am and 5pm for 20 minutes, or else you can 'keep me company' at home by setting aside a time and place for you to have your own moment of stillness each day. And if you would like me to pray for someone in particular during a time of stress or illness, then please drop me a line with the details and they'll be quietly mentioned each day.

All Souls' Service

Traditionally the church remembers all who have departed this world on November 2nd, All Souls' Day. But this year our **All Souls' Service will be on Sunday 1st November at 3pm** so that as many people as possible can attend. This will be a short service

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during which the names of loved ones departed will be read out. All are welcome to this service and we would like to extend a special invitation to those who have had a funeral of a loved one in St Mary's in recent years. If you would like to add any names please drop me a line before the day. Best wishes.

Joe Moffatt

The Collation and Induction of the Revd. Joe Moffatt

Despite the wind and rain, the church was packed on the evening of Wednesday 2nd September for the collation and induction of the new incumbent, Revd. Joe Moffatt, by the Bishop of Kensington, the Right Revd. Paul Williams and the Archdeacon of Middlesex, the Ven. Stephan Welch.

The service began with a warm welcome from the Area Dean, the Revd. Derek Winterburn, which was echoed by the Bishop, who gave his particular thanks to the Churchwardens, Sheila Cooper and Jerry Bryan, who have worked tirelessly to keep the church running through the interregnum.

Joe made the 'Declaration of Assent' of his faith, his 'Oath of Allegiance' to The Queen and his 'Oath of Canonical Obedience' to the Bishop of London. This was followed by a beautiful harmonized performance of 'Steal Away to Jesus' by the choir of St Mary's and St Peter's Primary School, and a sermon by the Bishop.

The service continued with the 'Deed of Collation' by which Joe was admitted to the 'Cure of Souls' of this parish and the 'Mandate of Induction' by the Archdeacon. Joe and his family were then welcomed by the Churchwardens and members of the local community.

After the service, most of the 200-plus congregation gathered in the Parish Hall for wine and canapés provided by Josie Shantonas, June Demont and a team of volunteers. Bouquets were presented to Josie and June, and also to the Vicar's wife, Jo. Finally, everyone raised a glass to toast the arrival of Joe and his family in Teddington.

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Time Moves On

It is with sadness I write to inform you that Frank Jaffé died peacefully on 1 September 2009, aged 81 years, and is survived by his brother Felix and two sons, Michael and Peter; he will be sadly missed by many people. There will be a memorial service in the church on Friday, 16 October 2009 at 12.30pm to celebrate his life.

When I first met Frank in the mid-1990s, he was already a well-established worshipper and server, an active member of the PCC, a newsletter editor and events organiser to name a few. As one of life's true gentlemen he was eternally polite and always immaculately dressed.

Most people leave a legacy in some way or other but in Frank's case this is particularly true. As a renowned artist, hundreds of his paintings hang in domestic houses and public buildings all over the country. Around the church his handiwork is also still evident to see; whether it is the crib used at Christmas time, bazaar stalls and cut-out figurines, or even the 'lollipops' used for crossing to the Sunday school, they all have his trademark. Many of us will have fond memories of Frank's personalised Christmas cards and their often amusing slant on the nativity story.

Alzheimer's disease is a cruel condition and in Frank's case it eventually took away his independence, his ability to paint and teach, and severely reduced his vocabulary. Towards the end of his life he only had a few phrases, one of which is the title of this article. Amazingly, even in his advanced stage of the disease, he was still able to play in the St Mary's Teddington Bells group and take part in public performances. However, one thing the illness never deprived him of was his committed faith.

The last time Joy and I visited Frank in Kingston hospital we took along a copy of St Mary's 2010 calendar; watching his response to seeing images of the church was very moving. It is therefore very poignant that the most obvious illustration of his legacy is on the front page of this newsletter. If you have ever wondered who

drew the icon which is used on the church's publications and website, then think of none other than Frank Jaffé.

David Power

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Traidcraft

Traidcraft is a third world marketing organisation. Its mission is to fight poverty through trade, practising and promoting approaches to trade that help poor people in developing countries transform their lives. It was founded 30 years ago as a Christian response to poverty and is now the UK's

leading fair trade company. Its charity arm, Traidcraft Exchange, campaigns globally for trade justice and supports and advises impoverished producers engage in trade.

Partly by accidents of birth we in Teddington are not destitute. We can and do go shopping to feed and clothe ourselves and our families. By actively seeking out and buying only fairly traded products we can do something constructive towards helping a fellow human being become self-sufficient. Each fairly traded chocolate bar, banana, T-shirt or box of tea bags will really make a difference. It's that easy.

At St Mary's we are a fair-trade church, serving only Traidcraft refreshments where

Diary for October

SERVICES: Sundays: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am. Family Communion (Common Worship) and Sunday School (most Sundays during term time) at 9.45am. Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am. Weekdays (except Mondays): Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5.00pm

Wednesday 30th	First Wednesday Club in Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2.00pm.
September	Topic: Vicar's Mozambique experience.
Friday 2nd	Newland House Harvest Service at 9.00am.
Sunday 4th	Trinity 17. Harvest Festival. No Sunday School. Traidcraft stall in the Hall after 9.45am service. Harvest Supper in the Parish Hall, 6.00pm.
Sunday 11th	Trinity 18.
Friday 16th	Memorial Service for Frank Jaffé at 12.30pm.
Saturday 17th	Area Conference for PCC at St Barnabas, Kensington, 10.00-4.00pm.
Sunday 18th	St Luke.
Saturday 24th	Wedding at 1.30pm.
Sunday 25th	Trinity 20. No Sunday School. Holy Baptism at 12.00 noon. Clocks go back.
Saturday 31st	Wedding at 4.15pm.

And looking ahead

Sunday 1st Nov All Saints Sunday. Holy Communion at 8.00am. Family Communion at 9.45am. All Souls' Service to commemorate the faithful departed at 3.00pm.