

60 Second Interview with Julia Hornsby, Parish Manager

Who inspired you most to become a Christian?
My Uncle Brian who, to me, is like a 'saint'.

What are your favourite books in the Old and New Testament?
Proverbs and Luke.

What attracted you most about St Mary's with St Alban's?

It instantly felt warm, welcoming and traditional.

What is the best advice you've ever been given?
'Only marry a man who is kind and you can look at across the kitchen table' - Granny. I followed her advice but don't have the table!

How do you like to spend your spare time?
What spare time?!

What is your best childhood memory?
My birthday parties at home with musical chairs and liquorice wheels (the 'party bags' of the 70's..).

What is your favourite service in the Christian calendar?
Easter Sunday.

Which aspects of your job inspire you most?
So many of our 'more mature members of the congregation' who have such grace, wisdom, gratitude and 'go'!
Seeing people flourish and friendships deepen.
Seeing the church become more and more integrated into the community.

Working with a Vicar who has such vision (when I can keep up!).

What are your hopes this coming year working at St Mary with St Alban?

To encourage even more people to enjoy all that our church offers, 'fostering faith and friendship' in 2013 and beyond.

Parish Pilgrimage to Hereford

We are planning a parish visit to Hereford on the weekend of May 17th–19th (leaving late Friday afternoon). This will include a pilgrimage to Hereford Cathedral as guests of the Dean (to view the new Thomas Traherne stained glass windows, the Mappa Mundi and the medieval chained library). We will also visit the nearby Parish Church at Credenhill where Thomas Traherne was vicar before moving to Teddington. We'd love to see a good cross-section of our church community participate in this trip. Children's activities will be arranged. Details of travel and accommodation arrangements will follow soon, but it would be very good to know who is interested in coming.

Please drop a line to our Parish Manager, Julia Hornsby, and we'll get back to you with more details as soon as we confirm them.

NEWSLETTER FEBRUARY 2013



*Choir at St Maria Magdalena Church,
Pemba*

The church in Pemba has been through a difficult time since the untimely death of its priest in December 2010 and Bishop Mark Van Koevering has been deciding how best to help the parish move forward. Church growth in Pemba is not easy as 95% of its inhabitants are Muslim, while satellite congregations in the surrounding rural areas are growing. Bishop Mark has therefore decided to move the centre of the parish from Pemba to Chiure before installing a new priest.

To become priest of a parish with many congregations (Chiure has 16 churches), is no mean task. Much is asked of the person who needs to be a leader, trainer and community facilitator, as well as a priest.

This is where our churches in Teddington and Hampton Hill can help. The new priest, who is currently being discipled in Nampula, will need a house to live in and Bishop Mark's plans can be fulfilled if between us we can raise £5,000.

From Ash Wednesday (13th February) leaflets and Gift Aid envelopes will be in church for each of us to use. Please consider carefully how you can support this appeal as part of your Lenten journey.

A fund raising supper, *A Taste of Africa*, on 16th March in St Mary's Parish Hall, will be a lovely way for our congregations to come together, so please note the date in your diaries now.

Many of you know about ALMA, the Diocese of London's partnership link with the Anglican Church in Mozambique and Angola. For the



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LENT APPEAL 2013

'Raising the Roof for Ministry'

This Lent we are joining together with two other parishes, St Peter and St Paul in Teddington and St James in Hampton Hill to raise £5,000 for an important project in our 'link' parish of Pemba in the Diocese of Niassa (northern Mozambique).

past five years the Diocese of London has run diocesan appeals for ALMA. In 2013, there is no diocesan appeal, which gives us the opportunity to focus on this specific request from Bishop Mark.

Nikki Harrison

Wednesday Morning Lent Course: Are we washing our hands of England's poor?

February 20th – March 20th, 10.30am-12noon, Mina Hogan Room

When we read the tabloids, we get the impression that there is no real poverty in this country. Those who claim they are poor are condemned as scroungers and benefit cheats; lazy freeloaders taking advantage of our generous welfare state. Perhaps that's why, according to the latest research from Church Urban Fund, only one in five of us think poverty is a result of social injustice.

Faced with constant news stories about rising debt, unemployment, homelessness and child poverty, the problems in this country may seem insurmountable; even unavoidable. What is the truth? Is social inequality eroding social well-being? And if so, what's the solution? The issues are never black-and-white, but Church Urban Fund's Poverty Course brings them into sharp relief.

This five-week course aims to break down the barriers of prejudice and misinformation, stimulate debate and bring poverty in England back into the forefront of public consciousness. Booklets will be provided and

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a short film will be used each week to guide us in our discussion.

For further information please contact Susan Jacobs, 8943 0503, sfgjacobs@yahoo.co.uk

Thursday Evening Lent Course: The Passion According to St Mark

Feb 21st-March 21st, 8.00-9.30pm, venue tbc

What was the last week of Jesus' life about? And what does it mean for us now? By studying the narrative of Jesus' final days in Jerusalem we hope to explore these questions and prepare ourselves for Holy Week. In particular, we will be seeing how the Gospel of Mark brings certain key themes to the fore. This is an ideal course for anyone wanting to study the bible, perhaps for the first time. No prior knowledge is needed.

For further information please contact Caroline Halmshaw, 07803 007533, halmshawc@interactworldwide.com

Feel free to attend individual sessions for either of the above courses.

Scratch Nativity December 2012



As Advent 4 fell on Christmas Eve eve, Assistant Priest, Mary decided to stage an impromptu nativity play instead of the sermon during the 10am service which took place in the Hall. She had taken care to encourage worshippers to come dressed in character and was rewarded with a large (at least thirty) cast of Marys, Josephs (2 of each), shepherds, kings (4, of whom 1 came bearing a gift), animals, an innkeeper and a veritable host of angels (winged, crowned and sparkly). Mary helped each group of characters deliver their messages of good news, leading them back

and forth across the stage with growing excitement until eventually, grouped picturesquely round a manger, the children led us all in singing *Away in a Manger* together. This delightful, if slightly unconventional, service continued to surprise us when during communion the handbell ringers, perched as they were above us in the balcony room, played a charming medley of familiar carols which added a soothing, calming touch to an action packed service.



Susan Jacobs

Church Open

Following the launch of the Jubilee Doors Appeal in November of last year, we received this poem, written by Alice Jacobs and inspired by the appeal it's definitely something to share with you all. Do look out for an update on the appeal in the near future.

She pauses as she passes, reads the board,
Thinks she could do with just a moment's quiet;

Pushes the door open, and is greeted
With a rising swell of prayer and praise;

A symphony of people, love and talents,
Offered up to God, and out for all.

And as she sits, and hears the harmonies,
Her spirit feeds; her thirsting heart is quenched;

The music that she's needed, many years,
Is heard in a deserted, darkened Church.

Alice Jacobs

Longest Night Service

For the first time a Longest Night Service was held at St Mary with St Albans. Led by Mary Hawes, this service took place on Friday 21st December and provided the opportunity to hear the story of Jesus' birth in a calm and tranquil setting.

Following readings and reflections, the service ended peacefully in a darkened church with everyone placing a lit candle in the crib as a reminder that even in the longest, darkest hour, there is always hope and light in the arrival of Jesus.

At a time of year when people all around are building up to celebration and to time with loved-ones, this service provided a welcome moment of contemplation for many, and for some, perhaps also a chance to grieve.

Anne McTear & Sally Rideout

Parish Registers

Baptisms – We welcome into Christ's Church:
13th January: Alfie William and Ruby Louisa, son and daughter of Elizabeth & Robert Saunders; Lola Winifred, daughter of Tony & Natasha Sephton

Funerals – We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:

14th January: Arthur Smith (92)

16th January: Betty Ould (83)

17th January: Penny Thompson (77)

Diary for February

*SERVICES – Sundays: Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am
Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am
Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am*

Wednesdays: Holy Communion at 9.30am

Monday-Friday: Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm

Sunday 3 rd	Candlemas Baptism, 12 noon Christingle Service, 4pm
Tuesday 5 th	Hall Committee, Parish Office, 8pm
Wednesday 6 th	First Wednesday Club, Growing Old..., Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm
Thursday 7 th	Silent Prayer in church, 8.30pm, followed by Compline, 9pm Exploring the Christian Faith Course, Mina Hogan Room, 8pm
Sunday 10 th	Sunday next before Lent Baptism, 12 noon Choral Evensong with Thanksgiving for Marriage, 6.30pm Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30pm
Tuesday 12 th	Shrove Tuesday Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 13 th	Ash Wednesday Holy Communion with Ashing in church, 9.30am & 7.30pm PVT Meeting, Parish Office, 10.30-11.30am Services at SMSP with Bishop Paul, 2.30-3pm
Friday 15 th	Bereavement Support Planning Group, Parish Office, 1.30-2.30pm
Sunday 17 th	1st Sunday of Lent Baptism, 12 noon
Tuesday 19 th	Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3-5pm
Wednesday 20 th	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 10.30-12noon
Thursday 21 st	Lent Discussion Group, venue tbc, 8-9.30pm
Sunday 24 th	2nd Sunday of Lent
Tuesday 26 th	Plain & Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 27 th	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 10.30-12noon
Thursday 28 th	Lent Discussion Group, venue tbc, 8-9.30pm Fabric and Finance Working Group, The Demonts, 8-9.30pm