

## Coronation Festival – 2<sup>nd</sup> June

A day of celebration in honour of the 60th anniversary of the Queen's Coronation. Starting with Churchyard Teas in the afternoon from 2pm, Festival Evensong at 6.30pm in church with a Dedication of the new Jubilee Doors by the Bishop of Kensington.

## A Taste of Africa



Thanks to the sounds, sights and tastes experienced during the African Evening in the Parish Hall on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March, the description "A Taste of Africa" felt very apt. We were treated to the most magnificent African meal, the choir sang a very catchy African song from Sierra Leone, courtesy of our organist Jonathan, and the quiz and display of people's African "artefacts" added to the spirit of the evening. Clare Rider, from our neighbouring parish of St Peter & St Paul's, gave a wonderful account of her visit a few years ago to their link parish of Pemba in Mozambique. This link has subsequently developed to include our own

parish as well as St James' Hampton Hill. The three parishes have been running a joint Lent Appeal to raise £5,000 to build a new priest's house for Pemba. Clare's presentation showed just how quickly the church is growing in Mozambique and how urgently they need our help in providing the resources for ministry.

Parishioners from all three churches attended which made for an evening of fellowship and great fun. The evening raised a fantastic £800. Many thanks to CellarVie wines, Heineken and Nandos for their generous donations, and to the members of all three churches for their contributions and to all who helped make this such a wonderful night.

The response to the Lent Appeal has been fantastic and it's great to be able to report that the parish has raised £2,312 (which includes the income for the supper mentioned above). SMSP School raised a further £400 and our two fellow parishes have raised well over £3,000 between them. This means we've exceeded our target of £5,000 and the building work on a priest's house will begin shortly. *Alice Jacobs*

## Churchyard Spring Clean

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May from 10am

**Volunteers Needed!**

If you can help – even if only for an hour, please email [stellasmith@btinternet.com](mailto:stellasmith@btinternet.com)

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## NEWSLETTER MAY 2013



### Vicar's Viewpoint

May is the month when we get together with all the churches in Teddington to support Christian Aid (as happens across the UK). **Christian Aid Week is 12<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> May** and as always we will be relying on lots of volunteers to do a door to door collection. This takes a lot of organisation and effort. So why do we bother? Put simply, because through the work of Christian Aid we can help the world's poor and they need our help more than ever.

The campaign this year is called: **Bite Back at Hunger. The truth is that there is more than enough food in the world for everyone, but one in eight people will go to bed hungry tonight. This is a scandal.** So this Christian Aid Week, we're focusing on projects around the world that are supporting communities to find ways not only to survive but to thrive, with enough food to eat not just today but tomorrow.

To find out more about what Christian Aid's partners are doing in Bolivia, Kenya and Zimbabwe to bite back at hunger why not take a look at the Christian Aid website. Or come to our **Christian Aid Service on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 4pm and/or the Lunch and Bring & Buy sale on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>**. And please look out for the red envelopes and think about giving as generously as you can. Many thanks.

Christian Aid is also part of an alliance with over 100 other large charities that have launched a campaign called **Enough Food for Everyone IF**. As the UK hosts the G8 group of world leaders next month, the IF



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campaign asks them to change the future by tackling four big IFs:

- ◆ If we stop tax dodging by big companies
- ◆ If governments honour their pledges of international aid
- ◆ If we stop poor farmers being forced off their land by big corporations
- ◆ If we force governments to be honest and open about their actions

.... then there really will be enough food for everyone.

Another charity involved in the IF campaign is Tearfund, whose head office is in Church Road. I'm delighted that their IF campaign director has agreed to be our guest speaker at our next **Supper Talk on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June**. This will be held in the new hall at St Mary's and St Peter's School. All members of churches in Teddington and all local residents are welcome to attend.

Best wishes

*Joe*

## Soup and Cheese lunch and Bring & Buy stalls

**WEDNESDAY 15th MAY**

**1-3pm**

St Mary's Parish Hall  
in support of *Christian Aid*

Offers of help and/or donated goods  
to June Demont: 8977 1761 or  
Susan Jacobs: 8943 0503  
would be much appreciated

*All Welcome*

## Deanery Singer's Festival – 8<sup>th</sup> June

As part of their 150th anniversary celebrations, St. James's Hampton Hill will be holding a Deanery Singers' Festival comprising tea at 5pm followed by Choral Evensong at 6pm. All welcome.

## Easter Round-Up

After the **family service on Good Friday** many adults and children joined together in the church hall to enjoy a variety of craft activities. Led by Rev Mary Hawes, the **Children's Workshop** began with an introduction over packed lunch. Following this, there was much noise and creativity as the children moved around the hall and kitchen getting thoroughly engrossed in all there was to offer be it decorating prayer crosses, baking hot cross buns (and going back to eat them when ready!), making Easter baskets and cards, creating Mexican paper flowers or egg dyeing. All the children (and adults) enjoyed the afternoon, which Mary closed with a video and story before sending everyone home with armfuls of crafts to be proud of. Special thanks to Maria Norris and to everyone involved in organising and helping on the day.

The second hour of **Good Friday's Three Hour Devotion** was led by the Rev Stella Halmshaw, the mother of Caroline, one of our parishioners. She explored with us through readings, music, silence and short talks, three aspects of the dramatic events on Calvary and how those events can and do touch our everyday lives. At the foot of the cross we contemplated the removal of the sin of the world and how Jesus' death resulted in the creation of three wonderful and universally available blessings: forgiveness, reconciliation and the healing freedom that comes from compassion. Using biblical references, a story about a WWII P.O.W., a painting by Salvador Dali and some words from Henri Nouwen of L'Arche Community, Stella guided us gently to a good place where we can be certain of God's forgiveness flowing to us, of Jesus' arms embracing the world, and His love offering hope and healing to all who suffer.

*Susan Jacobs*

This year my son and I set our alarms early to attend the **Dawn Service on Easter Day**, a first for both of us. We gathered at first in the darkened church before moving outside to light the Easter Fire and Candle. We then continued inside the church with our then lit candles and the renewal of Baptismal Vows and the sprinkling of holy water. After the service, in the still early morning, we all enjoyed a very welcome English breakfast. In the words of my seven-year old, Harry: 'It was dark when we got there. We went outside and we had a bonfire and sang songs, then we had a fry up – which was my favourite'. Huge thanks to all those who gave up their early morning and sleep(!) to come in and prepare the breakfast.

*Sally Rideout*

## Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity

### **Do you need help with the costs of electricity and gas?**

You may qualify for help with your gas and electricity costs if any of these apply to you:

- ◆ You work part time or are on a low wage
- ◆ You receive state benefits
- ◆ You receive help with your rent or council tax
- ◆ Your children receive free school meals

Grants are paid directly to your gas and electricity companies.

Application forms are available to download at [www.hfac.co.uk](http://www.hfac.co.uk) or from the Charity's office at 15, High Street, Hampton TW12 2SA. We are always happy to advise you. Tel. 020 8941 7866.

## **Parish Quiet Day**

*Exploring Ways of Praying*

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

**10am-4pm**

**St Michael's Convent, Ham Common**

**Cost £10**

To book or find out more contact:

Christabel Davies

Tel 8255 3857

## Parish Registers

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

3<sup>rd</sup> March: Charlotte Elizabeth, daughter of Susan & Christopher McIntyre.

17<sup>th</sup> March: Sebastian Jonathan, son of Darran & Laura Garnham; Willow-Wren, daughter of Emma & Tim Dixon; Abigail Ruby,

daughter of Amanda & Daniel Thomson.

7<sup>th</sup> April: Dylan Alexander, son of Katherine & Russell Toon.

14<sup>th</sup> April: Sebastian Henry, son of Amanda & Jonathan Rymel; Iris May, daughter of Anna & Robert Ganley; Milo Nicholas Caulton, son of Emily & Nick Hall; Darwin Albert David Galvin-Moore, son of Gaye Galvin & Matthew Moore.

## Diary for May

*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*

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> First Wednesday Club, Topic: Charities, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm

Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Traherne Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm  
Silent Prayer in Church, 8.30pm, followed by Compline at 9pm

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Newland House Year 3 Visit Church, 2.30-3.30pm

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Baptisms 12 noon

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Ascension Day  
Parish Lunch, The Anglers, 12.30pm  
Traherne Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm  
Sung Communion, 8pm

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> Churchyard Spring Clean from 10-4pm

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
Baptisms 12 noon  
Parade Service for Christian Aid, 4pm  
Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> Plain and Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> Christian Aid Lunch and Bring-and-Buy Sale, Parish Hall, 1-3pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> Traherne Group, Mina Hogan Room, 2-3.30pm

Friday 17<sup>th</sup>– Parish Pilgrimage Weekend

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> to Hereford

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Pentecost

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3-5pm

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45-9.45pm

Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> Cantanti Camarati Choir Concert in Church, 7.30-9.30pm

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday  
Baptisms 12 noon

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> Plain and Pearl Craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm

### Looking ahead

2nd June Coronation Festival  
Churchyard Teas, 2pm  
Choral Evensong, 6.30pm

5th June First Wednesday Club, Topic: Pilgrimages, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm