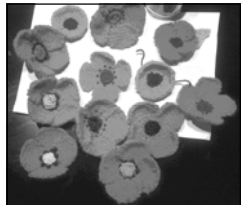


Plain & Pearl, our social knitting & craft group, will be selling handmade poppy brooches in aid of the British Legion Poppy Appeal on Sunday mornings after church from mid October. These individual and attractive poppies, which are designed to be worn with pride, will make attractive gifts and have the added advantage of being unusual, original and re-usable for Remembrance Day and throughout the year. *Josie Shantonas*



Parish Registers

Baptisms – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*
1st September: Oscar James, son of Gregor & Vicky McNeil

8th September: Orson John Atticus, son of Paul & Alice Taylor

15th September: Albert Henry and Ella Joy, children of Edward & Amanda Banister; Jessica Josie, daughter of Guy & Roxane Whitby-Smith

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

3rd August: Ellen Farrell and Daniel Murrell

7th September: Marsha Jones and Steve Fenton

14th September: Emily Cox and Gareth Welch; Rachel Edwards and James Feltham

Welcare

Chris Darling is running the **Cabbage Patch 10 mile run** in Twickenham again this year on 20th October to raise money for **Welcare** – a Christian charity that helps children and families in need. If you would like to sponsor Chris then please do so either by using the link below or fill in the sponsorship form at the back of church. www.bmycharity.com/CabbagePatch10MileRun2013

Harvest Supper

Our traditional Harvest Supper will be held on Sunday October 6th at 6.00pm in the Parish Hall. Please note that this is a change of plan from the Harvest Lunch, as previously advertised. Tickets cost £8 for adults and £4 for children and are on sale after Sunday services and from the parish office. If you can offer to make an apple pie, or help on the night, please contact June Demont on 8977 1761.

Supper Talk

Tuesday 15th October

at 7.30pm in the Hall

**Speaker: Sarah Batty
from Street Child Africa**

Tickets £8.00 payable on the night

*Pre-book by contacting Parish Office or
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Confirmation service

On the evening of 10th September, I was one of 3 adults and 4 young people confirmed by the Right Reverend Paul Williams, Bishop of Kensington. The candidates were well supported by family, friends and other members of the congregation. This support was very much appreciated by the candidates and the atmosphere in the church was one of warmth and encouragement.



Bishop Paul's sermon focused on the role of the newly confirmed as ambassadors of Jesus Christ and the privilege and responsibilities this involves. Following the service there was the opportunity to celebrate with family, friends and the Bishop in the Parish Hall. The candidates were each given a small cross made from the wood of an olive tree in Bethlehem as a reminder of their journey of faith and their role as ambassadors of Christ in daily life. *Sarah Williams*

Vicar's Viewpoint

Having repeatedly referred to my cricketing exploits in previous months, I feel I ought to update you with the news that London Diocese won the Church Times Cup, beating Lichfield by 8 wickets. This is the quote I gave to the

diocesan website:

I'm very proud of our team. Rarely has clergy cricket seen such high-class bowling and catching. Lichfield are a very strong and confident team and they didn't quite know what hit them. I'm not sure we could believe it either. In fact the umpires commented that it was the most impressive performance they had seen in over ten years of officiating at the final.

The team has been rebuilt in the last two years and has a wonderful mix of youth and maturity, talent and enthusiasm. It's been a joy to captain them. Long live clergy cricket!



Now that October is upon us we look forward to seeing lots of parishioners at our Harvest Festival Services on October 6th. Once again, our collections will go to SPEAR, our local homeless charity, as we think of those who face the prospect of sleeping rough during the cold winter months.

We also reflect on the plight of girls growing up in developing countries and the very real threats of abuse that many of them face. Come and find out more at our Supper Talk on October 15th with a guest speaker from Street Child Africa.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Southern Peru Trip

Kate Randall, aged 16 and a member of our congregation, has spent the last 18 months fundraising to go on an expedition to Peru this summer. The trip was arranged through her school with an organisation called World Challenge, and involved a week-long community service project, a high-altitude trek, and visits to some famous landmarks in Southern Peru. Many people in the congregation kindly helped Kate in her fundraising by buying the greetings cards she drew of the church, and in other ways. The expedition finally took place in July and August and was a great success. Here are some extracts from Kate's review of the expedition. The full text (recommended) can be read on the church website.

... After 15 hours of flying time we touched down in Lima, the capital, a city where we immediately witnessed both extreme wealth and poverty... Essentially, we completed a circuit of the south of the country, and our first major stop (via the Islas Ballestas in Paracas, a cluster of islands home to sea lions, penguins, pelicans and dolphins to name a few) was Arequipa, the second largest city in Peru. I was awed by both its natural and architectural beauty....Here we completed a day trek (when we were frequently harassed by stray dogs, a common sight in South America) and then we drove on to Puno, which sits on the shores of Lake Titicaca... The next phase of the expedition was a week-long project in the Sacred Valley in a village called Ollantaytambo, when we helped with the construction of a house for girls our age to live in, who otherwise wouldn't be able to go to



school because they lived in poor rural communities up to 8 hours away... Then after a long-awaited, brilliant trip to Machu Picchu we had a week trekking in the Andes around the glacier of Ausangate... Reaching the highest point at 5200m was such a highlight- the sense of achievement was indescribable as we collapsed into the snow. This was my favourite part because the scenery was stunning and I have never felt so cut off from civilisation- camping in the wilderness is strangely refreshing...It is not an exaggeration to say I enjoyed every minute of it... Thank you to everyone who supported me in my fundraising.

Kate Randall

Choir tour to Palestine



Ishirini at St George's Cathedral, Jerusalem

At the end of August I was lucky enough to join a tour with my choir, *Ishirini*, to the Holy Land. We joined up with Palestinian Christian choirs in Nazareth and Bethlehem and took part in a massed-choir finale to the Palestinian Choral Festival in Ramallah. It was a privilege to sing a mass in the Basilica of the Annunciation, Nazareth, and evensong in St George's Anglican Cathedral, Jerusalem. We swam in the Sea of Galilee and walked on the beautiful Mount of Olives.

We sang a programme of music inspired by the places we visited, and joined with our partner choirs to perform traditional Arabic songs. We enjoyed wonderful Arab hospitality wherever we went and made some good friends. It seemed unreal to visit all these places whose names are so familiar from Biblical times and yet which live and breathe

today as modern cities and towns, often tragically caught in bitter disputes about land rights. Peace in the Holy Land can seem an impossibility but is something which we continue to pray for.

Alice Jacobs

Christmas Bazaar – how to get involved

We are already looking forward to this year's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 30th November. This annual event marks the start of the festive season for many. Santa will be making an appearance in his grotto, and there

will be lots to entertain both children and adults. Delicious food, homemade crafts, Christmas decorations, bric-a-brac, books and nearly new children's toys will all be on sale. The bazaar relies on donations and volunteers to make it a success. If you are interested in playing a part... big or small... **please come along to the Mina Hogan room in the church hall after the 9am or 10am service on Sunday 13th October.** We look forward to meeting you then. Lucy Fink, on behalf of the Christmas bazaar volunteers.

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Diary for October

<i>SERVICES – Sundays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am</i>
<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am</i>
<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Wednesday 2nd	Church Mice Toddlers Service, 10.30am (weekly) First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: Reflections on a Wedding Fair
Thursday 3rd	Junior Choir, in church, 5.30pm (weekly during term) Contemplative Prayer in church 8pm, followed by Compline 8.30pm
Friday 4th	Newland House Harvest Service in church 2.30pm
Sunday 6th	Harvest Festival Morning Worship with Holy Communion followed by refreshments in Hall, 9am Family Parade Service with SMSP School Choir, 10am Harvest Supper in Hall, 6pm. For tickets see over, deadline 2nd October
Tuesday 8th	Plain & Pearl, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Thursday 10th	Parish Lunch, Anglers, 12.30pm
Saturday 12th	Time to Talk, St Peter & St Paul, 10.30-12noon
Sunday 13th	20th after Trinity Meeting for Bazaar volunteers in Hall 11.30am Baptisms 12 noon
Tuesday 15th	Supper Talk, Speaker: Sarah Batty from Street Child Africa, in Hall, 7.30pm
Sunday 20th	21st after Trinity Baptisms 12 noon One World Week Ecumenical Service, Baptist Church, 6.30pm
Tuesday 22nd	Plain & Pearl, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Sunday 27th	Last after Trinity
<u>Looking ahead</u>	
Sunday Nov 10th	All Souls Service, 6.30pm
Saturday Nov 23rd	Children's Advent Workshop, in church 10am-12noon
Saturday Nov 30th	Christmas Bazaar, 11am-2.30pm