

 <p>UNITED REFORMED CHURCH Minister: Rev. Richard Landon 64 Swakeleys Drive Tel: 01895 234882</p> <p>Pastoral Assistant: Mrs. Anne Dove Tel: 01895 639148</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (Communion, 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday evening in the month)</p> <p>JUNIOR CHURCH 11.00 a.m. every Sunday</p> <p>For weekday services and events for both churches see notice boards and weekly newsletters.</p>	<p>ST. GILES' Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Philip Robinson Rectory: Tel and Fax: 01895 622970 Church: 01895 622971 Curate: Rev. Mike Bisset Tel/Fax: 01895 676092 Hon. Curate: Rev. Ken Tombs Tel: 020 8574 3738</p> <p>SUNDAY SERVICES 8.00 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION 9.45 a.m. 1st SUNDAY, FAMILY SERVICE including HOLY COMMUNION - others, Holy Communion 11.30 a.m. 1st and 3rd, Matins with Holy Communion 6.30 p.m. Evening Service</p>	
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A GIFT FOR OUR COMMUNITY



On Thursday 15th. February Revds. Philip Robinson, and Richard Landon, presented a gift of books to Ickenham library on behalf of the congregations of St. Giles' and Ickenham United Reformed church. The ceremony was organised by Curate Mike Bisset. Val Rogerson of Hillingdon Libraries Service received the small library with thanks. She spoke warmly of the generosity, and community spirit, of Ickenham people and thanked the clergy, and Anne Dove, on behalf of every one involved with the gift.

Philip and Richard responded by saying that the 60 books included a wide range of Christian based material for adults and children in the form of stories, biographies, autobiographies and theology. Each one will have a special presentation label placed on the inside front cover; so, when next you are in Ickenham library take a look at the inside cover of the book you are browsing to see if it is one of 'ours'.

Editor



ST GILES' RECTORY



Recent weeks have been significant in the life of the Church of England both locally and in the Diocese of London. Our Archdeacon, Pete Broadbent, was appointed Bishop of Willesden in December last and was Consecrated in St. Paul's Cathedral on January 25th by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Pete, and the Archbishop, are no strangers to each other; Pete having served as his Curate in Durham when he was first ordained. Pete himself is a 'local lad',

having grown up in Ruislip and educated at Merchant Taylors' School before studying at the University of Cambridge for his degree. A University of London Chaplaincy post followed his time in Durham and then he became Vicar of Holy Trinity, Wealdstone before his appointment as

Archdeacon. He is, therefore, no stranger to us all and we welcome him in his new role. Pete's successor as Archdeacon is the current Rector of Stepney and Area Dean of Tower Hamlets, the Revd Christopher Chessun. Christopher joins the Willesden Area Staff team on May 1st.



The season of Lent is upon us. Our Lent Study Groups begin during the week of March 5th and are following the Christian Aid Lent course

entitled 'For love or money'. It is not too late to join one of the groups; details available at either of our churches.

We have all been greatly moved by the scenes of devastation following the earthquake in Gujarat. The suddenness of the disaster is something we find difficult to comprehend - one minute buildings are standing, the next they are a pile of rubble with the consequent horrific loss of life immediately. In this age of rapid communication informing the world about such disasters, the response of governments, aid agencies, communities and individuals can be swift. The scale of the disaster will require a continuation of that positive response for some considerable time to come with the consequent financial support to rebuild those lost communities.

When next tempted to complain, for example, about the amount of rain we've had here over the autumn and winter months, perhaps we can remember instead to be thankful and grateful for all that is good in our lives, take out our cheque book, or credit card, and send off a donation to support our fellow human beings in Gujarat as they begin the long process of re-establishing their lives and livelihood.

Greetings and peace to you all.

Philip

LENT STUDY GROUPS

Our joint Lent Study Groups this year will follow the Christian Aid Lent course '*For Love or Money*'. We plan to run groups as follows starting on **Monday 5th March**.

Mondays

1330-1500 at the Rectory led by Brian Reid

1700-1830 at the Rectory led by Ken Tombs (a group for younger people aged 11-18)

Tuesdays

2000-2130 at 25 Court Road led by Rosemary Hodgson and Ali Bisset

Thursdays

1400-1530 in the Hardwick Room at the URC led by Mavis Boyes

2000-2130 in The Greenway led by Naomi Webb

Look in your diaries to see which might be the most convenient; it is not essential to go to the same group on the same day or time each week, you can mix as the course material will be the same.

ICKENHAM GOOD NEIGHBOUR SCHEME exists to serve the whole of Ickenham. We're here to assist in an emergency. If you need help, the daytime contact numbers are: 01895 673095 or 01895 235061.

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Jan 16th. Florence Litchfield, aged 68
18th. Eileen Butler-Jones, aged 84
Jan. 19th. Dorothy Mary Glazebrook, aged 92
Jan. 24th. Bernard Watts, aged 88
26th. Vera Nichols, aged 71
Feb. 6th. Vera Smith, aged 73
Feb. 14th. Sarah Hough, aged 88
Donald Haigh Duval, aged 75

FROM THE U.R.C. MINISTER



I have lived in Ickenham for three months now, and I am getting to know the people of the United Reformed Church and of St Giles', as well as other local people. I don't wear "clerical" dress, but you should be able to recognise me from my picture! It has been a pleasant experience to have people say hello in Swakeleys Road near the church or the shops.

Conversation is still one of the best ways to communicate with people, despite the telephone, letters, the mobile phone and e-mail, which are all useful. Conversation is personal in a way which is more difficult electronically, or by way of writing.

Jesus spent much of his ministry talking with people personally, both to crowds and to individual people. They came to recognise that he was somehow different, and his disciples came to see that he was the Son of God. One of the best ways to hear what God says to us through his Word, the Bible, is not only to read it, (which is essential), but also to talk about it. That is what ministers try to do when they "preach", and what we encourage people to do with Christian friends or in groups.

I am always ready to listen to what people have to say, and talk with them. One opportunity is during our regular coffee morning on Thursdays from 10.30 to 12 noon - just follow the signs that say *Coffee*. There is a room where we can talk privately if you wish.

Richard Landon

P.S. Coffee mornings also take place every Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at the same time, and you are welcome to come in for a chat, but I'm not always there on those days.

UNSUNG HEROES

ST. GILES' CHURCHYARD - THE MOST PEACEFUL SPOT IN ICKENHAM?

Question - How many gardeners does it take to keep a garden looking good?



Typical - never a chap around when you need one! Where are they?

Sue Williams

Answer - 10 men and one woman!



Inside, warm and dry

David Millen



or 'hanging around' the bins!!

John Ralph and Colin Kershaw

The garden in question is St. Giles' memorial garden in the grounds of St. Giles' Church. Forget the tired, Victorian and perhaps, sometimes creepy, view of graveyards. St. Giles' churchyard, with its 665 years of history, has been transformed over the past 5 years by a group of dedicated volunteers from an overgrown and, in some cases, dangerous area to a peaceful and well maintained part of the village.

An experienced garden designer was called in to plan the memorial garden. Structural plants and bedding provide year round interest where members of the local community can sit and reflect.

The Church is sited on the corner of Ickenham Road and Swakeleys Road, undeniably one of the busiest parts of the village. However, people can be found, frequently, taking time out in this quiet place.

A stroll around the church, and its grounds, enables you to read the inscriptions. Some of the relatives still live in Ickenham. See how many ancestral names you recognise from those who still live locally. Local history is apparent, for example, as inscriptions on the graves of the Thornhill and Crozier families. Some of the inscriptions tell their own stories i.e. those who fell in the Great War, or the Ede family (one member of whom was a deputy constable). Some died very young and others had a prosperous, long and fruitful life.

Our team of gardeners ensures that the grass is cut, leaves swept, areas weeded and planted up. Safety and maintenance work is carried out and the grounds are kept tidy.

I am proud to work with this team.

When you have the time, the weather improves and the bulbs start to show their heads, make a point of visiting our memorial garden and meet the team. We gather there on Tuesday mornings at around 10 a.m.

There are more photographs in the magazine.

Sue Williams

THE SERVICE OF MATINS WITH HOLY COMMUNION

Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them. - Matthew 18, verse 20.



The arrival of the new prayer book *Common Worship* is to be welcomed, but we should not forget the 1662 *Book of Common Prayer*, which continues to be authorised for use in the Church of England. Happily, the services from 1662 have been printed alongside the revised versions in the new prayer books. At St Giles' there is, of course, a weekly service of Holy Communion at 08.00 on Sundays, but it is perhaps less well known that there is a regular service of Matins with Holy Communion at 11.30 on the first Sunday of the month. A small but dedicated congregation assembles for this service but sadly we have become so few of late that the fortnightly service has had to be reduced to once a month. This is no reflection on the quality of worship on offer and we would like to encourage everyone who would like to share the traditional liturgy and extra space with us to come along.

The service of Matins was originally the earliest of eight daily offices chanted by bleary-eyed monks and nuns at cock-crow. From this ancient service survive the first words sung by the priest and congregation today: "O Lord, open Thou our lips; And our mouths shall show forth thy praise. " Its present form was established by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer in 1549 as part of Edward VI's Reformation and finally authorised by Charles II in 1662. For three centuries it remained the central act of worship in the Church of England. For a long time Holy Communion was only celebrated as little as twice a year. At St Giles', Matins continued to be the main service of Sunday morning, longer than was usual elsewhere, and for many of us formed our first experience of churchgoing. Gradually, the Eucharist has grown to become the most important act of worship for the majority of churches and rightly so. The Matins service is fairly short so the second part of the 1662 Holy Communion service has been added on, giving us the best of both worlds (and lasting about an hour all together).

The rich, poetic language of 1662, like the *King James' Bible*, remains for many an approach to worship which has never been bettered. To some, the words may at first appear "difficult" or "old-fashioned," but if you take time to ponder their meaning they reveal deep truths and a dignity enriched by centuries of repetition. Like our ancient church buildings they are a part of our living Christian heritage. The service of Matins with Holy Communion contains many passages of particular beauty, some familiar from the revised Communion service such as the *Creed* ("I Believe") and the *Gloria* ("Glory be to God on high"). As well as rousing, traditional hymns, a psalm for the day is sung, one of King David's beautiful poems which reflect on so many aspects of life.

The *Te Deum Laudamus* ("We Praise Thee, O God") is another song from the early church which begins as a glorious gathering-together of the company of heaven, but ends more intimately with a plea for God's grace throughout the day. If you would like to experience something which can be both glorious and intimate and, I should also add, friendly, please come and join us for the service of Matins with Holy Communion.

Timothy Noad

Willesden and the World

Jubilee 2000 Update by Sheenagh Burrell WILLESDEN AREA WORLD DEVELOPMENT ADVISER

The millennium year is over, yet it will be linked, in history, to the Jubilee 2000 campaign: the campaign to cancel the debts of the world's poorest countries as the most authentic way to celebrate the millennium. This visionary goal, owing much to its Old Testament roots, emerged in response to the desperate poverty endured by a **fifth** of the world's people. They live in countries where more is spent servicing debt than on health care and education combined, with the result that 19,000 children die each day.

The Jubilee 2000 campaign, over the last 4 years, has gathered a vast constituency of supporters and has 'proved to be one of the biggest global campaigns ever'. 'It has trounced all the traditional sceptics' and 'sent shock waves through much of the NGO sector' (M Bunting: *The Guardian* 28.12.00). Kofi Annan has called it 'the voice of the world's conscience and indefatigable fighters for justice'.

All of this has been achieved by a staff of 15, superb support from agencies and member organisations, (worldwide) and a network of volunteers, especially from the churches. They have written endlessly to MPs, G8 leaders, The IMF & World Bank, kept vigil at key meetings and G8 summits, and used every opportunity both, to keep the world's poor on the political agenda and to show the inherent inequality in the global financial structure.

Has Jubilee 2000 succeeded?

In Britain definitely -our government has written off the debt of 20 qualifying HIPC countries and on 2nd. December Gordon Brown renounced 'our right to benefit from the historic debt owed by all 41 countries' holding it in trust until its use for poverty reduction could be assured.

However, most debt (c65%) is owed to the IMF & World Bank, not G8 countries, and progress has been slower but still significant. Bono described it as 'halfway up Everest'.

What now for the Jubilee 2000 Campaign?

Jubilee 2000 was conceived as a time limited coalition, so December 2000 marked the end of this phase of the campaign. However, with the goal much closer, the expertise and zeal of Jubilee 2000 will not be dissipated but will operate through 3 channels:

Jubilee Plus International will continue the monitoring & advocacy work with Arm Pettifor at the New Economics Foundation.

Drop the Debt, Genoa 2001 is a short term campaign focussed on the G8 summit in Genoa, July 2001 headed by Adrian Loyett. I hope a group of us from Willesden will go to Genoa - call me 020 8567 7400 if you are interested!

Debt Network an email forum for all debt campaigners to keep in touch & maximise co-operation. Join by emailing aperterken@compuserve.com

ICKENHAM CHURCHES CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

Readers of our note last month about waste paper may like to know that another £170 has been received from the borough for the newspapers and magazines that well-wishers have placed in the bins in the Manor Farm (St Martin's Approach) car park in Ruislip. Added to the £66 that was raised by the February ploughman's lunch and a few pounds still in hand, this has allowed us to send another £250 to Christian Aid headquarters at this very opportune time when massive help is needed in El Salvador and India after the earthquakes.

The big one every year is the house-to-house collection in Christian Aid Week in May, which raised £6500 last year. In addition, all-the-year-round activities (waste paper and lunches mainly) contributed an additional £1450, which was a pleasing increase over the £1250 that 1999 yielded. So besides the paper please bear in mind the lunches; they produced just short of £600 in 2000. They are served on the first Friday of every month (except January and August) in the parlour of the U.R.C. from 12 noon to 1 a.m. For £2 (£2.25 with dessert) you can satisfy your hunger, and the company is good as well as the value.

Walter Davis

Ickenham Churches' Pastoral Support Team

DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED

Third Monday of each month.

St. Giles' Church Hall, 2-2.30 p.m.

A friendly, informal opportunity for a chat, over a cup of tea, with other bereaved people and pastoral visitors.

The next meeting is Monday 19th March.

Just come along, or ring the Rectory (622970) if you would like to talk to someone first.

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged of the following donations towards the cost of I.C.N.:

Mrs Hallowell of The Drive, Anonymous via Alan Grove, David Thorpe of Boniface Road, Julia

Cogswell of Windsor, D.A. Anderson of Pynchester Close, The Ickenham and Swakeleys

Horticultural Society via its Treasurer T.J. Upton, Rosa Kaye of Boniface Road

Copy for the April edition should be with me by 13th March. You can telephone/Fax details on 01895 632442 or e-mail to: david@ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk or to: david.crane@lineone.net

. I am always looking for suitable local material and photographs. If you have something send it my way. Do not leave it to others, or we will never have good local copy!

Remember that you can see **ICN on-line** at: www.ickenham.co.uk or go direct to the ICN site on:

www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk then click the link for the newsletter. You will often **find additional photographs and articles** on this site which did not make it into the magazine. We are very grateful for this service.

STRICTLY FOR THE KIDS!

We have begun a children's section on this site with competitions and puzzles. This month it is quite extensive (much better than February) If you have something to say, say it on the web-site. The best stories and competition entries will be printed in the magazine (if room) and published on the site. If you want your own Internet I.C.N. then contact me by e-mail, or letter. My addresses are above, and on the front page. This month is mainly for the 8 to 11 year olds. If you are a

teenager, contact me to see what sort of page you would prefer, and help me develop it for April. There are some 'great' web-site links for everyone.

Editor.

FOCUS ON TEARFUND

Tearfund is an evangelical Christian development and relief charity working through partners to bring help and hope to communities in need around the world. Last year, Tearfund supported over 500 projects in more than 90 countries.

Log on to www.tearfund.org for more information and resources.



Baby facts

- ❑ The number of babies likely to be born on Christmas Day in the UK is 1,888. In India, there will be 67,692.
- ❑ In the UK one in 172 children will die within five years. In India, the figure is one in nine.
- ❑ Government spending on healthcare per person per year in the UK amounts to some £1,000. In India it is £18.

Source: UNICEF

News in Brief

Swept away

Hundreds drowned and millions lost their homes when the river Brahmaputra swept across north-east India.

Three months of heavy rain also affected Nepal, Bhutan and Bangladesh, leaving more than five million people homeless.

Tearfund partners in north-east India and in Bangladesh responded to the recent floods, using funds available for emergencies. Tearfund provided an extra £40,000 for relief work, including food, medicine and clothing.

War and peace

Four church workers in Sierra Leone endured a terrifying ten-day ordeal when they were kidnapped at gunpoint by militiamen.

They were captured by the West Side Boys (who also abducted 11 British soldiers) while on their way to run a series of peace and reconciliation seminars.

Released unharmed, they say they are now even more committed to their work for the Christian Health Association of Sierra Leone.

Office angels

Angels are improving job opportunities in Yerevan, Armenia with Tearfund's help.

The troubled former Soviet republic suffers high unemployment so a group of women called the Angels are setting up a computer training centre for the most disadvantaged - widows, orphans and single mothers.

Tearfund's grant of £4,600 will cover start-up and initial running costs.

YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

If you ever think what can I do, I'm only an individual, the answer is **never give up!** What you can do may be a 'drop in the bucket' but with every drop, every day, the bucket gets more full. One day the bucket will overflow. You can make a difference.

INDIAN & EL SALVADOR EARTHQUAKES - Donations to the World Vision earthquake disaster fund may be made online at www.worldvision.org.uk or by telephoning 0800 088088

COMIC RELIEF www.comicrelief.com

CHRISTIAN AID at www.christian-aid.org.uk

THE FAIRTRADE FOUNDATION guarantees a better deal for third world producers and its **FAIRTRADE CAMPAIGN** promotes ethical trading in a global market that favours, unjustly, the wealthy nations. Support '*National Fairtrade Fortnight*' 5-18 March.
www.fairtrade.org.uk

'JOKEY' JUSTICE

These are things people actually said in court, word for word, taken down and now published by court reporters - who had the torment of staying calm while these exchanges were actually taking place.

Q: What is your date of birth?

A: July fifteenth.

Q: What year?

A: Every year.

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Q: What gear were you in at the moment of collision with the lorry?

A: Gucci sweats and Reeboks.

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Q: This myasthenia gravis, does it affect your memory at all?

A: Yes.

Q: And in what ways does it affect your memory?

A: I forget.

Q: You forget. Can you give us an example of something that you've forgotten?

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Q: How old is your son, the one living with you?

A: Thirty-eight or thirty-five, I can't remember which.

Q: How long has he lived with you?

A: Forty-five years.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS FOR WHICH YOUR SUPPORT WOULD BE APPRECIATED

FRIENDS OF GUIDING IN ICKENHAM

are having a COFFEE MORNING & BOOK SALE

SATURDAY 31st. MARCH

From 10 a.m. - noon

at GUIDE H.Q. COMMUNITY CLOSE, ICKENHAM

Admission 20p

RED BANDANAS

Line Dancing for the visually impaired.

Meets at the **Guide Hut in Community Close** every **Thursday from 10 a.m. to noon.**

Volunteer helpers, with a knowledge of line dancing welcome, as are new members.

Telephone 020 8930 6799 or 0208868 0164 to offer help.

ICKENHAM WOMEN'S (EVENING) INSTITUTE

The next meeting is on

Thursday 15th. March in the Village Hall from 7.30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

The talk will be given on 'Memories of Japan' by Mrs. J.P.G. Smith.

Guests and new members are welcome.

HILLINGDON DFAS

20th. Century Design Classics. Architecture, Furniture, The Decorative and Applied Arts 1900-1990's. Talk by Peter Darty BA, MA

Wednesday 14th. March at 2p.m.

Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip

HAVE A BALL with the FESTIVAL OF ICKENHAM

A reminder that tickets are now on sale for the *Ickenham Festival Ball* to be held on **Saturday, 24th March at 8.00pm.** The venue as usual is **Vyners School**, Warren Road with live music for dancing provided this year by a group new to our dances, and who come highly recommended - 'RIO'. Why not make up a party for this enjoyable evening? All profits will go towards the cost of our Festival in 2002. Tickets are £9.00 inclusive of buffet supper and available from Virgo Gift Shop and The Hayes Bookshop. In cases of difficulty please contact David Millen on 01895 637932.

ICKENHAM WOMEN'S (AFTERNOON) INSTITUTE

meets on the *first Thursday of each month at 1.45 p.m.*,
in the **rear hall of St. Giles' Church Hall.**

Visitors and new members welcome.

March 1st. A talk by Gay Brigden (if well) on "Memories"

April 5th. A talk by Mrs. Porter on "Life as a Continuity Girl".

ICKENHAM GARDEN CENTRE

17 High Road, Ickenham

The annual **SALE** takes place on

Sunday 11th. March

20% off all stock for that weekend only

ICKENHAM ART SOCIETY EXHIBITION

"Support Local Industry"

Uxbridge Library from Saturday 3rd. March to Thursday 15th. March.

Visit the exhibition if you can. Much work has gone into its preparation.

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN MARKET

Ickenham Village Hall Saturday 3rd. March 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon

If you are interested in what the Campaign does 'phone Anne Evans (678347)

THANK YOU EVERYONE who has supported us throughout last year.

The markets and collections over £12,000. Our first 2001 event in January

Raised over £700.

ICKENHAM CHURCHES WOMEN'S GROUP

Hardwick Room of the U.R.C. at 8.00 p.m.

Thursday 1st. March - Rosemary Fairbairn on 'Art on Canal Barges'.

Thursday 5th. April - Andrea Cameron on 'The History of Pears Soap'.

HILLINGDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA

Presents

"A Spring Concert"

Debussy, Délibes, Berlioz.

Conductor: Peter J. Williams

Saturday 3rd. March - 7.30 p.m.

at Bishopshalt School, Royal Lane, Hillingdon.

Tickets £7 (concessions £5) from Hayes Bookshop,
Glebe Avenue, Ickenham or Tel. 01895 674223.

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY & ORCHESTRA

(21st. Anniversary Season)

Presents its ***'Spring Concert'***

Rutter - 'Requiem'

Soprano - Rebecca Currier; Conductor Peter J Williams

Saturday 31st. March 7.45 p.m.

At The Most Sacred Heart R.C. Church, Pembroke Road, Ruislip Manor.

Tickets £9 (concessions £7, school age children £3) from
Hayes Book Shop, Glebe Avenue, Ickenham or Tel. 01895 637725/020 8841 6370