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July/August 2015

<p>URC Daytime Services Sunday Mornings 11.00am</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - inc Junior Church most Sundays - Children's space available during all services - Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday of month 	<p>Sunday Evening Services The two churches join together on Sunday evenings as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 2nd Sun – Choral Evensong at St Giles' (6.30pm) 	<p>St Giles' Daytime Services Sunday Mornings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 8.00am Holy Communion - 9.45am Holy Communion (with Junior Church and Crèche) – (1st Sunday: All Age Family Service) - 11.30am Matins with Holy Communion (1st Sunday of month) <p>Thursdays – 10.00am Holy Communion</p>
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OUR AIR AMBULANCE



London's Air Ambulance service has been saving lives for 26 years. Since its inception in 1989, its highly trained paramedics have treated over 31,000 seriously injured people, enabling most to return successfully to their day-to-day lives. Based at Northolt Airport, London's Air Ambulance has the impressive ability to reach and treat a casualty anywhere in London within 12 minutes. The service is afforded unique privileges in the capital; it takes priority over all other air traffic when on an emergency call and its helicopter pilots have the right to land anywhere they deem safe. All they require is a space the size of a tennis court – as near to the emergency scene as possible.

Obviously, flying in London air space has its severe challenges so the choice of aircraft is critical. After extensive research the MD902 Explorer Twin Engine Helicopter was selected for its safety features which importantly include no tail rotor, essential in the congested London environment. It is specially adapted to enable patients to be treated in flight, even to the level of intensive care if needed. The helicopter does not always transfer the patient directly to hospital after emergency treatment; sometimes it is necessary to continue the journey by London Ambulance, accompanied by the helicopter trauma team.

After dusk or in adverse weather conditions the helicopter is replaced by cars to ensure 24 hour coverage for London. The Air Ambulance Service now also has two new, specially adapted, rapid response cars in the same red livery as the aircraft, and fitted with blue lights. They are operated by the same team who performs the identical life-saving procedures in the helicopter.



No tail rotor is an important safety feature of the MD902

Before the introduction of the London Air Ambulance, seriously injured patients were dying needlessly because of the delay in receiving prompt and appropriate medical care. Motorcyclist enthusiast Dr Gareth Davies recalls the exact moment when he recognised the need for a doctor-led emergency helicopter service. “I was watching one of the Isle of Man TT races and I saw a motorcyclist crash into a bridge and was critically injured. The helicopter landed near the crash and the doctor on board immediately began life-saving medical care. The sad thing was that it was only the race riders that would receive that service, not the general public. It seemed obvious to me that the public deserved the same care whatever caused their injury.”

One person who did receive the same care was 35-year-old teacher Angela Barlow, who was run over by a hit-and-run car when she was 11 years old. The collision crushed her head – a life-threatening injury - and broke her leg. The London Air Ambulance team rushed to the scene and, while administering emergency treatment, took Angela to the Royal London Hospital in three minutes flight time. Angela was very seriously injured and was expected to be left paralysed but thankfully she made a miraculous recovery. Angela’s family will always be grateful to this charity. Yes charity, like many other life-saving charities in this country. And they urgently need our support to purchase a second helicopter (www.yourhelicopter.london) and recruit additional pilots and crew to extend their daylight flying hours during the summer months. If you’d like to support this great cause you may be interested in their lottery scheme. For just £1 a week (minimum membership is £26) you will have the chance to win the weekly top prize of £1,000 tax free. Ring 0207 220 5480 or visit lottery@londonsairambulance.co.uk, for details. You can also help to support them by attending URC fund raising events this year, as London’s Air Ambulance is one of their four 2015 supported charities.

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DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED - St Giles' Church Back Hall, 2pm-3.30pm. Just come along for a friendly and informal chat over a cup of tea with other bereaved people and bereavement visitors or ring 01895 622970 if you would prefer to speak to someone first. The next meeting is **Monday 20th July** (and then **Monday 17th August**).

LETTER FROM FELICITY



Dear Friends,

Whilst travelling home from St Pancras to Ickenham recently I was struck by the constant warning to “mind the gap”. I spent the whole journey pondering how easy it is to fall down the cracks of society and find oneself isolated and alone.

I suppose the obvious example might be loss of a job. It’s not just about having enough money to pay the mortgage and to buy food and other necessities; although that in itself opens a yawning gap between those who have work and those who do not. It’s also about having an identity, a reason to get out of bed in the morning. But most of all it’s about the value of life: it’s about having a sense of worth. Many of those who lose a job and can’t

find another start to lose their connection with friends and neighbours, feeling themselves isolated in an ‘in between’ place – they are in the gap with no easy way out.

I went on to think about the elderly, those who are retired and no longer work. Many of them are still busy: out and about with hobbies and sports, and doing all sorts of voluntary work. But there are a good number of elderly folk who, for a variety of reasons, are no longer active. Unable to get out and socialise, some of the elderly (especially those without family support) don’t speak to a living soul from one day to the next – they have fallen down a gap from which they can’t extract themselves.

Sometimes we *can* ‘mind the gap’ – but sometimes, as in the two examples I pondered on the train, we cannot. All faith groups have a support structure, and Christianity is no exception. St Giles’, like the URC, is a place where we support and encourage one another in all the ups and downs of our daily lives. As followers of Christ we believe ourselves to be brothers and sisters with ties as strong as any family blood relationship. We are bound together by our belief in Jesus, who shed His blood so that we could have a relationship with God (Father, Son and Spirit).

Yet we are also mindful of those outside our walls who may have fallen down ‘the gap’. We don’t always get it right, but as Christians we try to stand in the gap between those who have and those who have not; those who for whatever reason live in isolation, anxiety or fear and those who have a network to hold and support them.

With Love, Prayers and Blessings for you all,

Felicity

HYMNS – OLD AND NEW

We’re without a minister at the URC, and have been for some time. One of the benefits, however, is that we have a variety of visiting preachers; we have some extremely able members of our own congregation and a pool of men and women from other churches that we invite to lead our worship. They can come from different denominations, and bring a refreshing slant on things for us week by week.

We find we have a good mix of old and new hymns, with some very popular ones being chosen quite regularly; “To God be the Glory” is one of them. I feel it’s a favourite with our preachers because the hymn is all about the Lord, and not us. Looking at the source of the hymn, as I often do, I’ve noticed that the words of it were written by Fanny Crosby. I decided to find out more about her:

She was born in a village in New York State in 1820, and died in 1915. She was blind, probably from birth, but wrote over 8,000 hymns and gospel songs. She apparently didn’t regret being blind, and was quoted as saying, “When I get to heaven, the first face that shall ever gladden my sight will be that of my Savior.”

She had a very fine memory, which she attributed to her blindness; by age 15 she had memorised the four gospels, the Pentateuch, the Book of Proverbs, the Song of Solomon, and many of the Psalms! Her poems and hymns were composed entirely in her mind and she worked on as many as twelve hymns at once before dictating them to an amanuensis. Her hymns have been criticised as mawkishly sentimental, but many are still sung regularly today.

Despite her fame as a writer and a public speaker, she wanted to be seen primarily as a city mission worker, ministering to immigrants and the urban poor. Throughout her life, she had “a horror of wealth”, often refused payment, and gave away what little she did accept almost as soon as she got it.

When she died, at her request, her family erected a very small tombstone, bearing the words: “Aunt Fanny: She hath done what she could; Fanny J. Crosby”. Despite her specific instructions not to have a marble monument, a large memorial stone, which “dwarfed the original gravestone” was



subsequently erected by her “friends to whom her life was an inspiration”. It contained the first stanza of “Blessed Assurance”.

Now that’s an idea for a Favourite Hymns service...

ALISON TUCKER, URC ELDER

**FROM THE
CHURCHES’ REGISTERS**

Cremations at Breakspears Crematorium

May 21st Diana Griffiths, aged 91

June 11th Roy Pickford, aged 86

**ST GILES’ CHURCH
STREET PRAYER LIST**



This month in St. Giles’
8am and 9:45am Sunday
services, we will pray for those who
live or work in the following roads in
the Parish:

July 5th Thornhill Road
July 12th Thorpland Avenue
July 19th Three Oaks Close
July 26th Turnstone Close
August 2nd Tweedale Grove
August 9th Vinlake Avenue
August 16th Vyners Way
August 23rd Wallasey Crescent
August 30th Warren Road

Please do join us.

DEADLINE

*If you have an item you would like to see in the ICN, please do get in touch. As the team takes a break over the summer, please ensure items for the next issue, the September ICN, are **with the team by 12noon on August 10th**. All items are subject to editorial review.*

Have a great summer!

DONATIONS

All donations are very gratefully received and individually acknowledged in writing. Cheques should be made out to "PCC of St Giles' Church" and sent to Patricia Lee at: The Office, St Giles' Church, Ickenham, UB10 8BG.

This month we thank the following for their generous donations:

Mrs J Stone, Mrs J Reed, Anon via St Giles’ Church, Ickenham Festival.

THANK
You!

CIRCLING THE CITY FOR CHRISTIAN AID

On Sunday 17th May, Ickenham church members, family and friends, took part in the Circle the City Walk for Christian Aid, visiting 16 of the many churches in the City of London.

Having registered at St Mary-Le-Bow, famous for its bells, we made our way to St Paul's Cathedral. Next stop was St Bride's, the printers' church, just off Fleet Street, with its "Wedding Cake" spire, where the children received fancy swan hats and butterfly wings from balloon artists (pictured). Then we visited Christchurch Greyfriars, with its beautiful garden encompassed by the walls and west tower, for prayer and reflection time.

Onwards to St Giles Cripplegate, Barbican and St Lawrence Jewry, the main place of worship for the Corporation of London. We visited St Margaret Lothbury next, followed by the Dutch Church. Then we headed to St Botolph without Bishopsgate, which is the only church to survive the Great Fire of London, but which later fell into disrepair and was demolished and rebuilt in 1725. Its churchyard memorial to the First World War dates from 1916 and a garden memorial commemorates John Cornwell who was awarded the Victoria Cross at just 16 years old. The 'final lap' took in visits to Bevis Marks Synagogue, which is London's oldest synagogue founded in 1701, St Botolph without Aldgate, St Michaels Cornhill (another prayer point on the route), St Mary Woolnoth, where John Newton (of 'Amazing Grace' fame) preached, St Olave's (burial place of Samuel Pepys), and finally All Hallows by the Tower, founded in 675. The Knights Templars held their trials there and Samuel Pepys watched the Great Fire of London from its tower - well worth a separate visit in the future.

A tired, happy band of travellers finally collapsed into Zizzi's restaurant for a well-earned rest and refreshment. We had all experienced a close brush with history and the peace and tranquillity of the churches and met many fellow wanderers as we went from church to church.

JOHN MILLER



PLENTY OF FUN ON FUN DAY!

The Ickenham Cricket Club's Annual Fun Day was a great success. A thousand people came to savour the near-perfect weather. There was plenty to enjoy – bouncy castles, rides of all kinds, a barbecue, ice creams, competitions and many stalls including one selling a wide range of cricketing clothing.

The club's ground chairman, Peter Sims, said, "A lot of work by many volunteers was rewarded by a very successful day. We raised about £6,000 which was very gratifying and I'd like to thank everyone for their generosity. However, it may sound like a lot of money but it costs a great deal to run a club like ours. For example, a field mower costs about £15,000."

The club, situated at the end of Oak Avenue, currently has about 300 members, including some 200 junior players traditionally known as colts. For more information about the club, contact secretary@ickenhamcc.com

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PENTECOST PARTY AT ICKENHAM URC

On Wednesday May 27th twenty-two children and their families enjoyed another fun filled afternoon at the URC as part of the Family events arranged throughout the year. This was our “Pentecost Party”, celebrating the birthday of the Church and learning about Pentecost.

There was a lively party atmosphere as everyone decorated individual party cakes and made



“flame” party headgear to wear for the story later. There was kite and windmill making (pictured), and we even made a banner with “Praise the Lord”, written in many different languages. Games and quizzes added to the fun and teas and coffees were served to the many parents, grandparents and childminders who stayed to join in the fun.

After the story and singing, there was a treasure “hunt” for symbols mentioned in the story. Then we all sat down together to have a drink and eat our party snacks and decorated cakes and socialise before taking home our crafts and party bags full of party treats. A good time was had by all!

See **Forthcoming Events** for details of upcoming Teddy Bears’ Picnic or contact Angela Grant directly to be put on the mailing list: angelavintagerose@hotmail.com

THRILLS AND SPILLS ON CHARITY CYCLE RIDE

After the success of last year’s London to Brighton cycle ride, the Ickenham Youth Football Club (IYFC) cycle team took on the challenging London to Paris cycle ride recently to raise much needed funds for the



The team lines up outside the Fox and Geese Pub before setting off

Claire Sadler Trust and The Grangewood Special Needs School in Eastcote. The IYFC line-up, pictured outside sponsors the Fox and Geese Pub before setting off, included (l-r) Iain Graham, Richard Glass, Tom Gentry (u15s), Sam Warlow (u15s), Christian Rule, Daniel Bavington (representing club sponsor LeeWarren Ltd), leader Ray McCaffery, Warren Few (u8s Coach), Stephen Harvey, David Gentry (fundraiser and kickboxer) and Naz Sadeg (fundraiser and local hairdresser),

Having collectively completed thousands of miles in training, the team met up at day break on May 29th and headed over to the start point at the Cutty Sark in Greenwich. The ride to Folkestone

started well enough, but it wasn't long before the team suffered two high speed crashes, the latter of which Chris was lucky to walk away from. The afternoon saw an unexpected change in conditions and the riders battled wind, rain and the freezing cold for over 25 miles. This took a real toll on the team, with all showing signs of exposure and mild hyperthermia and one barely able to answer to his name. However, the superb support team managed to restore warmth to the group and fed them allowing the team to head on to Dieppe.

Day 2: Dieppe to Vernon. Rising to sunny skies and a warm breeze, the team hit the road again hopeful of a better day, but it wasn't to be. Ray was knocked off his bike by a car, but thankfully recovered sufficiently later on to ride the day out. Day 3 saw the team battling wind and rain once more as they journeyed towards Paris, this time in two smaller groups which suited the respective abilities of the chaps pushing the pedals.

All the team members made it triumphantly to the finish at the Eiffel Tower in Paris on Sunday afternoon, where there was much celebration for a truly fantastic achievement! The team rode 220 miles, climbed 13,700ft in 3 days and have raised thousands of pounds for the two designated charities so far. If you haven't donated yet, and would like to, please visit www.iyfc.net.

The team would like to thank sponsors Mandy and Jade from the Fox & Geese Pub and a special thanks from the whole team goes to Iain 'Gunner' Graham, Richard 'Tricky' Cooper and Les 'The Bus' Mitchell who provided support on the journey to the whole team and whose management of the facilities and equipment made the whole experience run as smoothly as it possibly could. Well done all!

CHRISTIAN RULE



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2015

This year we raised £6,537.90 with a further £2,966.79 GiftAid added to our total. There have been many demands on our charitable giving since last year so special thanks must go to everyone who donated or helped in any way to raise this excellent amount.



GREAT BARN ARTIST

Lisa Puhlhofer, a member of the Ickenham Arts Society, was the winner of the best painting in the show at the Great Barn in Ruislip. The occasion was the annual exhibition of the Hillingdon Arts Association which has over 50 society members.

Out of hundreds of paintings in the exhibition, young grandmother Lisa's beautiful portrait, entitled 'A Quiet Moment' was selected as the winner. Lisa said, "I saw my son and granddaughter together and was so moved by their expression of peace and obvious devotion that I decided to paint the scene. I'm so thrilled that it turned out to be so appreciated and my friends in

the Society were delighted for me also."

The achievement bodes well for her plan in September to attend the prestigious Heatherly Art School in London which focuses on portraiture. After the Royal Academy, Heatherly is the oldest-established art school in London. Lisa expects that the training she receives there will help her to

develop her interest in this challenging subject and hopefully start a professional career. We certainly wish her every success in the future!

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ICKENHAM CHURCHES'
JUNIOR HOLIDAY
CLUB

Monday 27th – Friday 31st
July

Grand Finale: Friday 31st 7pm Rectory Garden
For Ickenham Children Aged 7-11 (Yrs 2-6)
COME ALONG AND JOIN IN!

Registration at the URC
Friday 10th July 4:30pm-6pm

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

for which your support would be appreciated

Contact Patricia Lee with event details on 07913 430989

or email: events@ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

URC COFFEE MORNINGS

Saturday July 4th, 10am-12noon

Coffee Morning and Sale of Quality Books

September 5th:

Late Summer Forecourt Sale -

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' WOMEN'S GROUP

1st Thursday in the month, 8pm

Hardwick Room URC Swakeleys Rd

Thursday July 2nd 2.30pm-4.30pm

Tea Party in aid of Age UK (Hillingdon)

Cake and Tea £2, excellent Raffle

No meeting in August

01895 636344

Visitors welcome

THE MOTHERS' UNION

2nd Thursday in the month, 1.30pm-3.30pm

Rear Room at St Giles' Church Hall

Next meeting September 10th

01895 635074

Visitors welcome

ICKENHAM ART SOCIETY

Every Thursday, 7.30pm

Scout Hut, Community Close, Ickenham

Please support your local Art Society.

New members welcome

www.ickenhamart.co.uk or 0208 866 0875

**ICKENHAM AFTERNOON
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

4th Wednesday in the month
St Giles' Church Hall, 2pm-4pm
July 15th: Tea Pot Cafe - Mrs Ruth Vishnik
No meeting in August

**ICKENHAM VILLAGE
TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD**

2nd Tuesday in the month
URC Church Hall, 2pm-4pm
July 14th: 'Domestic Violence' - Jenny Thorne
Next meeting September 9th

OVER 60s CLUB

Every Monday, 12noon-2pm
Girl Guide Hut, Community Close
Exercise, Bingo and Raffle
Soup and Roll in Winter / Tea and Cakes in Summer
Entrance £2
Visitors welcome

ANGLO GERMAN CLUB

Usually 4th Thursday of each month, 7.30pm
Bernard Chapman Room, St Giles' Church Hall
No Meeting July or August
01895 254723

ICKENHAM LIBRARY

Coffee and Conversation
3rd Tuesday each month, 10am-11.30am
A different speaker every month
July 21st: 'Ickenham in the 1960's' - Speaker tbc.
www.hillingdon.gov.uk/libraries

**HILLINGDON DECORATIVE
AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY**

Winston Churchill Hall, Ruislip, 2pm
July 8th: 'Wright of Derby: Painter of Light'
- Eveline Eaton
August 12th: 'The Art of Waterloo'
- Peter Warwick
01895 637479 / 01895 257134

HILLINGDON FAMILY HISTORY SOCIETY

**Hillingdon Park Baptist Church,
Hercies Road, Hillingdon**
For information on talks and
research room opening hours
www.hfhs.co.uk
hillingdonfhs@onetel.com

**UXBRIDGE AND ICKENHAM
FLORAL ARTS SOCIETY**

Ickenham Village Hall
July 9th: 'The Grand Tour' - Peter Bodnar
Visitors £3
No Meeting in August
01895 850943

JAZZ UPSTAIRS AT RUISLIP

West Ruislip Golf Centre, 8.15pm-10.30pm

July 13th:

Alan Barnes (Sax), John Pearce (Piano)
Dave Green (Double Bass), Brian Knapp (Drums)

Admission £7

No sessions in August

www.jazzwestlondon.com or 01895 632394

RUISLIP LUNCHTIME CONCERT

4th Wednesday in the month, 12:15pm

St Martin's Church Hall, Ruislip

No concerts July/August

Admission free – retiring collection

01895 625456

HILLINGDON COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

**Northwood and Pinner Liberal Synagogue
Oakland Gate HA6 3AA**

July 8th: AGM followed by invited speaker

Socialising and light refreshments

All welcome

Entry £3 (CCJ members £2)

www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk

MEN'S BREAKFASTS

URC Swakeleys Road, Ickenham

Saturday July 11th, 8.30am-9.45am.

'From Torture to Faith' - Mike Whitlam

Tickets £3 on door

(includes continental breakfast)

BUTTERFLIES

Supporting Local Children's Charities 2015

Ickenham Village Hall

July 4th, 12noon-3.00pm Lunch in the Village Hall.

Ploughman's with sweet and coffee £9

Bring your own drinks.

Entertainment provided by Love2Sing

Raising funds for Roy Castle Lung Cancer Foundation

Tickets from Flowline Hairdresser in Ickenham

or Vera 01895 635224

ButterfliesIckenham@yahoo.com

ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY

First Saturday of each month April-December

July 4th/August 1st, 12noon-5.30pm

Train Rides 50p

Admission Free

www.idmse.co.uk

A LUNCH IN AID OF CHRISTIAN AID

July 10th, 12.00noon-1.30pm

The Parlour, Ickenham URC

Soup, salad, sweet, tea/coffee

£3.50

AFTERNOON TEA AND MUSIC FOR RUKIJA

July 4th 3pm to 5pm.
The Rectory Gardens, Swakeleys Rd
Scones with jam and cream, cake and tea
Music by Hillingdon Music's String Quartet
Tickets in advance £5
from church office 01895 622971,
or Mike Whitlam 01895 678169.

**ICKENHAM AND SWAKELEYS
HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY**

August 18th, 11.30am Ickenham Library
'What's your poison?' - Graham Tarling
Free entry

TEDDY BEARS' PICNIC

Sunday July 5th, 11am

Ickenham United Reformed Church

Bring your favourite teddy bear and
come along to the Church.

We will be having a special Teddy Bears' Picnic
with food and activities
for children and their families.

*More information: Angela Grant 07591988945
or email angelavintagerose@hotmail.com*

**HILLINGDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA
AND BRUNEL UNIVERSITY LONDON
PRESENT A GALA CONCERT**

Celebrating 50 Years of

The London Borough of Hillingdon

Saturday 18th July 7.30pm

Brunel University, Kingston Lane, UB8 3PH

John Bell - Festival March

Arias from Tchaikovsky's *Eugene Onegin* and
Mozart's *Magic Flute* (Ross Ramgobin - Baritone)
Beethoven - Symphony No.9

Joined by local and regional choirs for
the Symphony's choral finale

Leader: John Ryan, Conductor: Peter J. Williams

Tickets: £12.00 (£6.00 u18s) on door

£10 (£5 u18s) in advance from:

Pro Music International 01895 674223.

Or online from

<https://hillingdongalaconcert.eventbrite.co.uk>.