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Ickenham Church News

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Ickenham welcomes Richard Landon
U.R.C. Overflowing at Induction

On Saturday, January 6th 2001 nearly 300 people attended the Ickenham United Reformed Church for the Induction Service of our new Minister, the Revd Richard Landon.

The weather remained fine and the procession was able to enter from the front of the church. Family and Friends had come from all over the country, including all of Richard's previous Churches. The service was led by the Revd Roberta Rominger, Moderator of the Thames North Synod of the United Reformed Church and those taking part included ministers from the West London District of the U.R.C., ministers from St. Giles' and from other churches of the North Hillingdon Cluster.

Those who attended agreed that the Service was joyous and uplifting with the choir and the organ ensuring that the singing almost took the roof off!!

The service was followed by a magnificent tea in the church hall which gave everyone an opportunity to meet and to chat. Richard was presented with a book on the History of Ickenham and many thanks were expressed to the Revd Liz Davies, who had been our Interim Moderator following the Revd Alan Cassingham's retirement in September 1999.

We welcome Richard and his fiancée, Sarah Plant (to be married at the U.R.C. on May 5th 2001) to our churches and the community of Ickenham.

Picture and story by John Millward.
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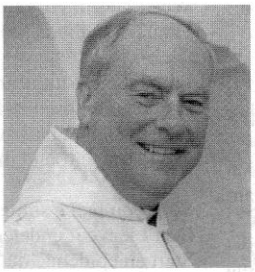
Lent Study Groups 2001

No, it's not too early to look in your diaries to see if you can join one of our Groups this forthcoming Lent. We shall be following the Christian Aid Lent course entitled "For love or money" and groups will begin on Monday, March 5th. They will be offered on Mondays 1 p.m.-3 p.m., 5 p.m.-6.30 p.m. (specially for younger people aged 11-18) and 8 p.m.-9.30 p.m.; on Tuesdays at 8 p.m.-9.30 p.m. and Thursdays at 2 p.m.-3.30 p.m. and 8 p.m.-9.30 p.m. Full details are available at either of our churches.

Additionally there will be a service on Wednesday evenings in St. Giles' at 8 p.m. beginning on Ash Wednesday, February 28th.

St. Giles' Rectory



Although by the time you read this edition, Christmas 2000 will have passed into the memory, I would wish to record appreciation to all those who supported our events and services. Without exception these were well attended and it was a great joy to see so many of you during the weeks leading up to Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. People often say to me, and my colleagues, that the build up to Christmas must be our busiest time. Well, perhaps it is, but when we experience the response through so many wanting to come to worship "Christ the new-born King", it is humbling as well as gratifying.

I never thought that I would appear on Page 3, and almost full frontal! But that's what occurred immediately after Christmas with publicity by the *Gazette* about our problems with parking with particular relevance to funeral and wedding vehicles outside St. Giles'. To say that the officers of the Church were "incandescent" on receiving correspondence from a Civic Centre official, is to be restrained! Happily local Councillors have taken a different view and we expect the matter to be resolved outside Committee processes and without the need for a petition. Thanks to those of you who telephoned and spoke to me in the village with your support and to those who also wrote to various authorities including M.P. John Randall.

The issue raised a fundamental problem which we in our society are often up against today, namely over-regulation and lack of common sense. Perhaps in part, society has only got what it could expect as a result of frequent breakdowns of trust between those of us who make up that society. The message of the Church is that by following the example of the ministry of Jesus, such breakdowns would be less likely to happen. Jesus taught that we should put God first in our lives then show a concern, understanding and respect for others in all aspects of daily living. True we need order in society but don't let us lose sight of that basic teaching; it's all too easy to legislate and detract from the purposes which are intended for us by our Creator.

Greetings and peace to you all.

PHILIP.

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CHURCH MAKES NEWS

HARDLY SERVING THE COMMUNITY, IS IT?

It's now official: don't die in Ickenham unless you want the undertaker's hearse to get a parking ticket!

Our lovely 14th century parish church of St. Giles' does not possess a car park. Access to the church is from a short service road along which are painted single yellow lines.

Recent correspondence received from Hillingdon Council's parking operations manager states: "The traffic management order does not make any provision for wedding or funeral vehicles to park outside the churchyard entrance. Therefore, vehicles parked in this area during the enforcement hours (Monday-Saturday 8 a.m.-6.30 p.m.) are liable to be issued with a penalty charge notice."

Is this what the borough slogan "serving the community" means? DAVID MILLEN.

NO SIGN OF COMMON SENSE AT THE COUNCIL

I was horrified to read of the ludicrous parking restrictions surrounding St. Giles' Church in Ickenham (*Gazette*, January 3rd).

Philomena Bach, head of the council's highways department is quoted as saying: "If a resident wishes us to amend an order they should follow the correct procedure which involves submitting a petition to the relevant sub-committee."

For goodness sake! Here is proof positive common sense has died out altogether in the Civic Centre.

The vicar, church wardens and members of the congregation are now to be made to jump through bureaucratic hoops in order to get a non-sensical traffic order altered.

I dare say Ms. Bach is merely quoting the rules, and because of the contentious nature of parking related matters it is easy to see why we need them in most cases, but here we have something rather different.

A layby which is barely 30 feet long, directly outside a church.

The very thought that wedding and funeral cars should be given parking offence tickets here is appalling and unnecessary.

The obvious solution is to keep the yellow lines in force, but exempt official vehicles that have business to be outside the church. Simple.

Instead, there will now be a costly bureaucratic waste of time in order to reach what should be a straightforward decision.

At a time when the local authority has no money, how can Dorian Leatham justify such a waste of officer hours?

There should be some kind of "manual override" for situations like this, and the fact there isn't shows an alarming, but all too familiar, lack of nous in this borough. Shame on the lot of you!

Name and address supplied.

Letters reprinted by courtesy of *Gazette* Newspapers. For more letters and full *Gazette* story with photo: www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk.

SMILING

Smiling is infectious
You can catch it like the "flu"
When someone smiled at me today
I started smiling too.

I walked around the corner
And someone saw me grin:
When he smiled, I realised
I had passed it on to him.

I thought about the smile
And then realised its worth –
A single smile like mine
Could travel round the earth.

So if you feel a smile begin
Don't leave it undetected:
Start an epidemic quick
And get the world infected.

HOLY HUMOUR

• These bloomers were all genuine entries in American church bulletins which I thought readers might enjoy.

B. J. SHARP, Hillingdon, Middx.

Don't let worry kill you. Let the church help!

Thursday at 5 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Little Mothers' Club. All wishing to become Little Mothers, please see the minister in his private study.

At the early evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be What is Hell? Come early and listen to the choir practice.

Thursday night – potluck supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

CANDLELIGHT WORSHIP

Candlemas Day – February 2nd is the Christian festival of candles commemorating the purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is so called because of the practice of blessing candles and carrying them in procession.

Most religions include lighted candles as part of their worship. In Jewish homes a lighted candle burns on the Sabbath and on the anniversary of the death of a family member. The Hindu festival of Diwali is essentially a festival of light, celebrating the triumph of light and good over darkness and evil.

Buddhists use candles at their main festivals celebrating the Buddha's birth, enlightenment and death.

In Japan it is believed that the spirits of dead ancestors pay a visit to the family home during their summer festival. Candles are lit and entertainment provided for the benefit of the unseen visitors.

With the coming of Christ the Light of the World it was natural that lighted candles should be one symbol of the Christian faith. Whether or not we feel that candles are helpful in public or private worship we must surely agree with an old Chinese proverb: "It is better to light one candle than to curse the darkness."

ALICE ODELL.

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov.	26th	Joseph Daniel Marquez
		James Robert Thorpe
Dec.	12th	Emilia Lucy Hardy
		Eleanor Frances Harman
	28th	Connor David Proud
		Alastair Reed Proud
		Henry Giles Proud

Wedding

Dec	2nd	Paul James Taylor and Abigail Wilson

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Nov.	15th	Paul Bernard Woodard, aged 80 (after service at St. Giles')
	24th	Ethel Wells, aged 92
	30th	Thomas Simmonds, aged 80
Dec.	4th	Joyce Moorse, aged 65
	6th	Charlie Thorpe (stillborn child)
	22nd	Marion Gilks, aged 57
Jan.	3rd	William Thomson, aged 79
	15th	Alan Smith, aged 65

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THE ABBEYFIELD ICKENHAM SOCIETY (VACANCY)

The Abbeyfield Ickenham Society provides sheltered accommodation at its house, Court House, Court Road, Ickenham for elderly and retired persons. Court House is run as a family home, each resident has their own room which they furnish to their own requirements. The house has a residential housekeeper who provides two main meals each day. There is a **vacancy** in the house. If you, or any person you know, is interested please contact either Mrs. Mary Holloway (01753 890679) or Ron Watkins (01895 673696) for further information.

RUISLIP AND UXBRIDGE W.E.A. REPORT

Some 80 people attended the A.G.M. on November 11th in Ickenham Village Hall. Chairman, Janet Node, retired after 17 years of service and was replaced by Elsie Jenkins. Liz Carlin of London District H.Q. paid generous tribute to Janet's contribution and outlined the operations of the W.E.A.

The W.E.A. provides tutors of a very high standard, and liases, also, with national government on the new "Learning and Skills Council", whilst fighting its corner for adult education.

A fascinating presentation was given by our own tutor **Eileen Bowlt**. She spoke on the topic "From Rural Middlesex to Rampant Suburbia". Amply illustrated by some excellent slides, Eileen traced the changes in housing in our communities in N.W. London since World War I. It was an amalgam of local history, geography and sociology which brought murmurs of appreciation from the audience as they recognised familiar landmarks past and present.

The usual ploughman's supper, with wine, followed at the end of the evening.

KEITH DALTON.

USED STAMPS FOR CHARITY

If you have any used stamps, and wish them to be used to make money for charity, please pass them on to Joyce Hodt at St. Giles' Church, or telephone her (632547).

ICKENHAM CHURCHES CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

Waste paper for Christian Aid

Several people have asked recently if anything has taken the place of the "all-age gang" who used to load old newspapers into a huge wagon once a month in Warren Road. The answer is an emphatic yes. There are two bins in the Manor Farm car park in Ruislip) entrance in St. Martin's Approach) into which newspapers and magazines only (no cardboard or packaging please) may be placed. The London Borough of Hillingdon gives the Christian Aid Support Group £20 for each tonne collected. In the year 2000 we received £617 for a total of 30.85 tonnes. So please, everybody, keep up the good work.

WALTER DAVIS.

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.*: Anonymous donation from Pamela Leigh of Court Road via Daphne Kissane. Eleanor Grove via David Crane. Alan Spaull of Milton Road via Derek Kneale. Debbie Kristof and Elise Debrabandere from Chester. Anonymous from St. Giles' Avenue via Pauline Shelborn. Valerie Lane from Lincoln. Anonymous via Mrs. Gowers. Geoffrey Langford, Gilmore Close. Ickenham Institute. Anonymous from Campden Road via Mary Cook. Mrs. Cotton via Ian Wilson. John Seager on behalf of Ickenham Over 60's Club. Mrs. Herbert of Halford Road, via Mrs. Parker. Glyn and Gwen Willicombe from Porlock.

ICKENHAM CHURCH NEWS

NEW *I.C.N.* DISTRIBUTORS WANTED

We are attempting to rationalise some of the distribution areas for *I.C.N.*, and need someone to act as a distributor to the delivery volunteers who live around the Glebe Estate, Austins Lane area. A further distributor is needed to provide some of the Brackenbury Estate and Oakland Avenue Flats deliveries with their copies of *I.C.N.* With Highfield Drive, The Drive and Lodore Green receiving copies, we need, also, a new distributor to take *I.C.N.* to the volunteers in that area.

If you think you can help please telephone Walter Davis (635259).

COLOUR OF *I.C.N.* PRINT

Having received a number of comments, and letters, on the subject of red print, by readers with sight problems, they will be pleased to know that I have taken note and will not repeat this colour.

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

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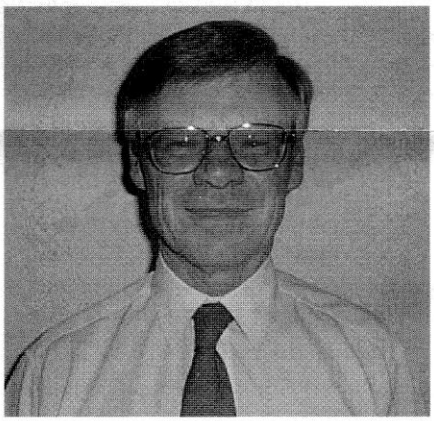
EDITOR.

FROM THE U.R.C.



I am very grateful for the kind things that Anne Dove and Philip Robinson said about me in the December News. I can only fulfil their expectations with God's help!

As anyone who has moved house knows, getting straight is a protracted business. Like many ministers I have a lot of books, and most of them are still in piles on my study floor! I've

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purchased some new bookcases, which have to be assembled.

Everything we need to know about God and our relationship with Him is contained in one book, the Bible (most of my books help me understand and apply its message). God, Himself, caused it to be written, and enabled its human authors to say just what He wanted to, say to us through them. So we call it "God's Word", and it is completely reliable in everything it says and sufficient for all we need to believe and do as Christians. Although some parts are hard to understand or difficult to accept (God has hard things to say about the sinful human race and how He sometimes deals with us) yet the message of the Bible is good news for everyone. In Jesus God has come to us to make Himself known to us and to set us free! We simply have to accept His message and trust Him, and He gives us new life. It's very exciting and challenging!

I expect all of you have a Bible at home, so I encourage you to read it, starting with one of the "gospels" e.g. Mark. Among other things, the churches and ministers in Ickenham exist to help you understand God's message to us and to apply it to our lives. Just ask if you need help.

RICHARD LANDON.

FROM THE U.R.C. REGISTERS

Baptism

Dec. 3rd Holly May Jessop

Part time **YOUTH WORKER**
required at Ickenham United
Reformed Church

Must be a committed Christian of a recognised denomination. Experience needed in working with 7-13 year olds. Leadership skills and enthusiasm essential.

Work will include: Leadership of two clubs running consecutively on Friday evenings during term time, and co-ordinating volunteers.

Salary range between £2,800 and £3,270 p.a.

Closing date: **February 28th 2001**

Details and Application from:

The Church Secretary (Ref. YW101)
Ickenham United Reformed Church
Swakeleys Road, Ickenham, Uxbridge
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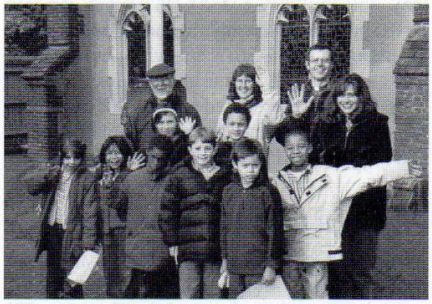
CHURCH FUN FOR U.S. CHILDREN

"As part of their day learning about the history of Ickenham village this group of children from the American School in Pentland Way visited St. Giles' church. They are seen here with the Curate Revd Mike Bisset. The children completed a quiz sheet about some of the items of interest in the church and churchyard and also learnt about the life of a Parish church, and what a curate does!



Anyone interested in learning more about the 665 year history of St. Giles' can obtain a copy of the recently revised booklet on the subject from Joyce Hodt on 632547 or from the Church (cost £3.50)."

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www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk.

Some people think the Millennium should be celebrated now, not a year ago . . .

SONNET FOR THIS MILLENNIUM

Thousands of years have all too swiftly passed,
High pile the ruins, banked up are the dunes,
In many lands, pollution, war, typhoons . . .
So, let us think, how man's Fate is cast?
Medicine cures ills, herbs and drugs do soothe;
In countries bless'd, democracy holds sway;
Lucky are we who work, and rest, and play.
Life can be pleasant, wealth one's path may smooth,
Equality is here, so most can choose
Not only whom to meet, but what to do.
Now is the time for seizing openings new . . .
It's up to us, our chances well to use.
Use grace, compassion; aim to make all free,
Mankind must celebrate humanity.

DIANA MAY.

(This is of course an acrostic, with the initial letters spelling "This Millennium".)

A COTTAGE IN ICKENHAM . . .?

We all know how house prices have rocketed in Ickenham, and how difficult it is to find affordable, independent accommodation for an elderly relative wanting to live near but not with – their family.

Mrs. Charlotte Gell – of Pump fame – probably did not have this particular need in mind when, in 1857, she set up the Charitable Trust which still administers the small block of Almshouses – popularly known as the Cottages – opposite the shops in Swakeleys Road. But her foundation has adapted, over the years, to meet the needs of each generation.

The building itself has been progressively modified and updated and now contains eight centrally heated flats (four upstairs and four downstairs) – each consisting of a bed-sitting room, kitchen and bathroom/toilet. There is also accommodation for a Warden.

Mrs. Gell's Trust is administered by five Trustees, headed by the Priest-in-Charge and Churchwardens of St. Giles', who are required to charge residents no more than is needed to cover the maintenance and upkeep of the building (with reasonable provision for future needs). This now amounts to a weekly charge equivalent to about half the rent of a similar-sized Council property, plus a small addition for heating. (Residents also have to pay their own Council Tax and electricity and telephone bills.)

Just as the building has been modified over time, so have the conditions for admission – whilst keeping within the spirit of the original Trust. The criteria currently applied by the Trustees are that a potential resident should be of pensionable age; be in actual "need" of accommodation; be in sufficiently good health to be able to look after him/herself; have family or friends in the neighbourhood; and be a member of the C. of E. or another church represented within "Churches Together in England" (which includes the R.C. and main non-conformist churches).

In Mrs. Gell's day, "need" would have been defined in purely financial terms, but is now interpreted as including cases of social need, to cover such problems as isolation and inability to cope on one's own.

Similarly, while Mrs. Gell restricted church membership of the C. of E., this has been widened to reflect the more ecumenical outlook that now prevails – although the Trustees retain Mrs. Gell's preference for applicants connected with St. Giles'.

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It should be noted that the Cottages do not provide "sheltered accommodation" in the sense of cooking, nursing etc.: the Warden is now a part-time appointment, and when she is not on duty support is provided through a Helpline call button system. Hence the need for family or friends in the neighbourhood who can be contacted by this means in an emergency.

Any enquiries about the Cottages should be addressed to the Trustees, John Fowling, at 15 Church Place, Ickenham, Uxbridge, Middlesex UB10 8XB (Tel. 01895 634692).

BE PREPARED

I am "Queen of the Last Minute" – just ask my friends and colleagues. A flood of adrenalin surges through my veins just in time to propel me headlong across the deadline. This can be quite wearing on people who prefer to plan ahead and take life at a steadier pace!

Yet even I plan ahead for some things. I carry a mobile phone in my handbag in case my car breaks down on a lonely back road at night. I make (admittedly compulsory) contributions to a pension scheme in case I live to old age. I have a torch by my bed in case the power fails during the night.

These are just-in-case preparations for things that may never happen. How well prepared am I for life's one great certainty?

Jesus is coming back.

Are you ready? Use your imagination to create an action plan to help you prepare for Jesus' return. What would be an equivalent for you of taking good care of the Master's household while He is away (Matthew 24:45)? What does having an extra supply of oil at the ready to symbolise in your life (25:4)? How can you invest your time, talents and treasures so that they will multiply (25:20,21)? What can you do to show love to people who are sick, poor or in prison (25:34-36)? In what extravagant ways can you show your love for Jesus (26:7)? When you have prepared a list, work out which ones you can begin to put into action this week and ask the Lord to help you do it.

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Almighty God, by whose mercy my life has continued for another year, I pray that, as my years increase, my sins may not increase. As age advances, let me become more open, more faithful and more trusting in you. Let me not be distracted by lesser things from what is truly important. And if I become infirm as I grow old, may I not be overwhelmed by self-pity or bitterness. Continue and increase your loving-kindness towards me, so that, when you finally call me to yourself, I may enter into eternal happiness with you, through Jesus Christ my Lord.

DR. SAMUEL JOHNSON (1709-84).

READING THE BIBLE

Proverbs is not simply a collection of what our great, great grandparents said, but rather it is wisdom based on getting our priorities in life in the right order.

God comes first. If we follow His path and do what He says then we will be wise – full of wisdom. *"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom."*

Proverbs is all about saying that wisdom is following God all the time – even when it doesn't please us, and when the going gets tough. Proverbs is a practical handbook, if you like, for putting the principles of God's teaching to work in all parts of our lives – relationships, home, work, reactions, everything we do, say and even think.

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instance, Proverbs states that those who live by God's standards will prosper in the world. This is generally the truth, but it is not an "unqualified" promise. Job, and above all the life of Jesus, show the other side of the coin.

Put very simply, there are four main themes in Proverbs:

1. **Don't be a fool!** Wisdom means living by God's standards, folly is ignoring God and living for self.
2. **Watch your words.** Words have a great potential for good or ill. The wise man is in control of his tongue and avoids idle gossip or flattery.
3. **Take family life seriously.** The stability of a nation is determined by the quality of family life in that nation. Parents have responsibilities to their children.
4. **Work hard.** There are many warnings against the perils of laziness.

To do this month

O God my Father, as I read your word and think about what it means, help me to know you better, to love you more and to follow you more closely.

Read Chapter 18 and try to work out which verses match which theme.

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