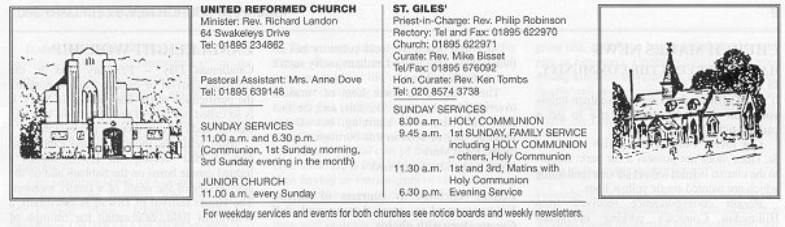

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SUNDAY SERVICES
11.00 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.
(Communion, 1st Sunday morning, 3rd Sunday evening in the month)

JUNIOR CHURCH
11.00 a.m. every Sunday

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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

For weekday services and events for both churches see notice boards and weekly newsletters.

Ickenham Church News

November 2001

ANNUAL ACT OF REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 11TH NOVEMBER

St. Giles' Church - 10.55 a.m. immediately following the weekly 9.45 a.m. Service.

Flagpole in St. Giles' churchyard 11th November, 2,000.

Remembrance Poppies in St. Giles' Church 11th November, 2,000.

"LEST WE FORGET"

We gather round the Cenotaph
This grey bleak autumn day,
To, once again, pay our respects
For loved ones passed away.
Fathers, Husbands, Brothers, Sons,
Victims of the enemy guns.
Cherished Kinsfolk too have left,
Leaving us shattered and bereft.
Not only relatives have gone,
The list will never end.
The roll there - names a soldier,
Who gave his life for friends.
The rustle of the autumn leaves
As they whip around the air,
Invade the still strong silence
Suspended everywhere.
The Bugler plays the "Last Post"
How poignant is the sound,
And teardrops now fall openly
On faces all around.
Golden, bronze, and copper leaves
Loathe to leave deciduous trees,
Flutter round the Warrior's tomb
A splash of colour midst the gloom.
A thin frail beam of autumn sun
Reflects upon the scene,
Blessing the remembered
In a shaft of golden gleam.
The wreaths are laid with loving care
On the steps by the bereaved.
Man-made wreaths, incongruous
Mid Nature's fallen leaves.
Thus, heads bowed and with reverence,
We stand there, and we pray
A tribute to our loved ones,

On this Remembrance Day.

Annabel Truelove

DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED. Third Monday of each month. St. Giles' Church Hall, 2-3.30 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 November (Also Monday 17th December). Just come along, or ring the Rectory (622970) if you would like to talk to someone first.

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 633020 (new number) or 01895 235061.

FROM THE RECTORY

The events of September 11th will always remain in our minds; vivid memories of watching the hi-jacked planes crash into the 'Twin Towers' in New York, and at the Pentagon, brought into our comfortable living rooms almost as the impact took place. The consequent devastation was incomprehensible - the loss of innocent life monumental. In the evening of that day I was due to have dinner with some US friends who now live in retirement in France. They rang to ask if I would mind if we cancelled the arrangement as they were so traumatized. Not surprising - we were all stunned. In France, where I was on holiday at the time, it was gratifying to see how quickly the local churches opened their doors and organised vigils in response to the need for people 'to do something when they felt that there was little or nothing that they could do'. The invitation was to come and pray; pray especially for those who were bereaved, those who were injured but also for wisdom for the US leadership, in particular, as they considered their response.

We now know what that response has been (and will no doubt continue) and how we as a nation are associated with it. The free world should, and must, stand against the evil of terrorism. Innocent people should not suffer as a result of the fanatical behaviour of others whether it be in the name of religion or not. Equally those who hold real power over the lives and destinies of others, whether it be economic or political, should not abuse that power to the detriment of those whose voice is not heard. As those of us who attended the Men's Breakfast at St Giles' on 13th October were reminded by our speaker, the Revd. Nadim Nassar (Chaplain at the London School of Economics) there has been a war going on somewhere in the Middle East for 50 years. Unless, and until, there is a settlement of the Israel/Palestinian conflict, there will be no peace in that part of the world. As Nadim reminded us it is interesting to note that our own Prime Minister is now talking more openly about the possible creation of a 'Palestinian State'. Our prayers, at this time, must continue to be for wisdom for all those leaders of nations involved that they may indeed find a peaceful solution to the Israel/Palestinian situation so that more innocent lives are not lost in any part of the world.

Greetings, and peace, to you all.

Philip

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sept. 23rd Harrison James Kendall
30th Eleanor Marie Baxter
Emily Rose Johnson

Weddings

Sept. 28th Stephen James Bunce and Louise Margaret Strain
29th Colin Stephen Pike and Diane Patricia Ellison

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Sept. 18th Ronald Cowley aged 87
26th Vernon Andrews, aged 76 (after service in St Giles' Church)

28th Paul Hawkins, aged 80
Oct. 2nd Florence Francis, aged 74 (after service at All Saints, Hillingdon)
5th Constance Tucker, aged 89 (after service in St Giles' Church)
10th Anne Harrington aged 35
12th Ian Flatman aged 73

FROM THE U.R.C. MINISTER

We have begun an informal *Midweek Meeting* at the United Reformed Church for worship, Bible study, discussion, prayer and fellowship - the basic components of a Christian meeting.

We recently sang together a song that says:
In my life, Lord, be glorified……
In your church, Lord, be glorified……
In your world, Lord, be glorified today.
We realised that there is a lot in our personal lives, in our church and in our world, which does not glorify God, and as Christians we are not proud of that. We often let Jesus down, and we are dismayed by a great deal of what goes on in the world today - for instance that the name of God is being taken in vain by some people in connection with the present international situation.
But every one of us needs to ask the question does my life glorify God? The Apostle Paul concluded, "All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." We would all be under God's judgment for our failure, but for the fact (as Paul continued) that those who trust in Jesus "are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ." *(Justified* means "regarded as righteous").
Then you will be able to see what will glorify God each day in your lives and in your churches, and try to let your lights shine in the darkness of the world so that, as Jesus said, "others may see your good deeds and praise (or glorify) your Father in heaven."
If you would like to come to our *Midweek Meeting* please contact me for details of time and place.
RICHARD LANDON (01895 234862)

BEST KEPT CHURCHYARD COMPETITION – RESULT DELAYED

The air of expectation on 30th September was shattered when it was discovered that, instead of the published date, the winners will be announced at a special reception in Church House, Westminster on13th November. Two representatives from each of the twelve churches in the shortlist will be invited to the reception to hear the result. This will be reported in December I.C.N. and, hopefully, in the St.Giles' weekly newsletter for 18th November.

Sorry for the disappointment.
EDITOR

IN PRAISE OF DANCE

One way of praising God is by dancing. This is Biblical because in Psalm 149 verse 3, and Psalm 150 verse 4, David urges people to praise God with dancing and musical instruments. The Christian Dance Fellowship of Britain (CDFB) has over 600 members from all major Christian denominations. People of any age can take part as the moves can be modified to suit the fitness of the performers. It is enjoyable for children too. Ribbons for young children are sold on a ring, instead of a stick - so they can't hurt anyone! If preferred, people can easily make their own.

The CDFB sometimes have a stand at the Christian Resources Exhibition in Sandown, Surrey, displaying ribbons, shakers and flags which can be used in Christian dancing. This year they gave a dancing demonstration at this exhibition. They also supply books and a magazine on Christian dancing. If a group in a local church, or from several churches together, want to

learn Christian dance then CDFB can often supply a teacher to come along. If anyone thinks they might be interested in learning, or trying to start something in this area, then ring me on 01895 634698.

Dancing with colourful flags, ribbons or shakers is an excellent outreach to the community, as this enables Christian dancers to take part in local fetes, carnivals and other community events. In June this year members took part in the High Wycombe Carnival in Buckinghamshire. Using the whole body as well as the voice is an excellent way to praise and worship God.
Details from CDFB, 25 Scardale Crescent, Scarborough, N. Yorks. YO12 6LA.
(Please enclose sae) Their website address is: www.cdfb.org.uk

ANN WILLS (Ruislip)

READING THE BIBLE

There is little point in talking about how to read prayers in the Bible. If prayer is not said or prayed, it is not prayer.
Prayer forms a large part of the Bible. The history sections are frequently broken up using different types of prayers in order to help explain further the story line.
Have a look at 1 Samuel 2:1-10. We can guess how Hannah must have felt - a woman who did not get pregnant when her husband's other wife had many children. Then after many a long year, and many prayers, she finally has a son and she gives him to her Lord.
How do you think she felt that day? Reading this section of Hannah's prayer shows you exactly what was in her mind.
Prayer in the Bible is also used to show how people relate to God. How did the 'Chosen People' respond to God? How do they address God? Was this a cosy relationship where we ask Daddy for something extra?
Not usually! Prayer in the Bible is usually made by those who've been in battle of one sort or another and know what it's like to be down, out and still know that God never leaves them. Yet it's a God that's still mysterious, awesome in his works, unpredictable in his plans, not to be manipulated nor ignored. Just when you think you've got him pegged he surprises you all over again. Jesus, of course, taught us the ultimate prayer, and yet after nearly 2,000 years it's still not happened. The kingdom has not noticeably come, nor do we all have daily bread.
If prayer in the Bible teaches us nothing else it shows us that it's always said by people who go on and on, often against the odds, knowing that there are no certain answers but there is a certain, if still mysterious, God.
To do this month:
God, help me to read your Bible to know you and not just to know about you.

Jo White

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Some of the First Orphans and Destitute Children from 1987.

'Friends of Uganda' is a small registered Christian Charity offering practical assistance to Uganda's disadvantaged people, especially children.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES:

To re1ieve poverty and destitution in Uganda and to assist those suffering as a result of famine, drought, disease, war and conflict.

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THREE HOUSEWIVES AND A VISION - HOW IT ALL BEGAN

In 1980 three British housewives were gripped by television reports of the plight of people trapped in the turmoil and carnage that was Idi Amin's Uganda. After much heart searching, and prayer, a vision emerged. The vision was for these three women to step out from the sidelines and actively seek means to try to relieve the suffering. They were challenged by words from the Bible (James c2 v 4-16) "My brothers, what good is it for someone to say he has faith if his actions do not prove it? Can that faith save him? Suppose there are brothers, or sisters, who need clothes and don't have enough to eat? What good is there in your saying "God bless you, keep warm and eat well" if you do not give them the necessities of life?" The three women rose to the challenge of that vision and so the small charitable organization, "Friends of Uganda", was born.

The nearly completed first phase in 1995

As if to confirm the vision, within 3 months of making known their plans, the Lord had supplied over £800 in cash, plus a room full of clothing, blankets and medical supplies all donated by concerned individuals. Contact, was established, here in the UK, with a young Ugandan doctor who, on his return home, gathered together a small group of qualified people, who between them formed the nucleus of our first project team in Uganda.

The Care Centre Family Begins To Grow

For that first project Friends of Uganda provided the funding, material resources, and most important of all, incentive, to people in a remote and desperately poor area of Uganda

and assisted them in building a clean water supply, small demonstration farm, a nursery, chapel and clinic to alleviate the appalling suffering in the area.
You can see, and read, much more about this charity on **www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk**
The regular bi-annual newsletter is published there, also, along with photographs and a Gift Aid declaration form. Just click on the 'Friends of Uganda' site in the menu bar.
Volunteer help is needed to create an edited 'Promotional Video' from VHS tapes, slides and photographs, and to add a soundtrack. If you have the time, equipment and expertise, perhaps you would be willing help this worthy cause. Call Mavis Willand on 01895 631122 now. E-mail ***mavis.fouuk@virgin.net***

Volunteer help is needed, also, in the general running of the Charity.

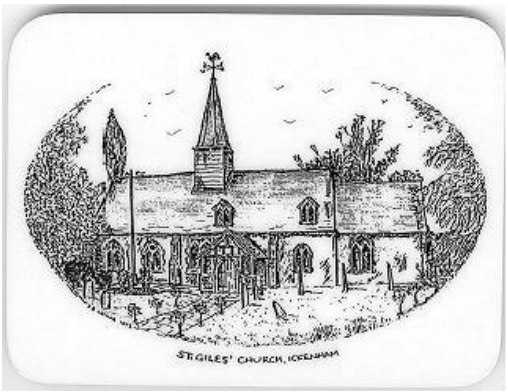
ST. GILES' CHURCH HALL – IMPORTANT NOTICE

As many of you will know, we hope to start building the first floor extension in January 2002. This means that the ***Rear Hall*** will be closed for about ***Five Months***, and all the contents currently there will have to be stored elsewhere for that period.

We would be most grateful for any offers of garages, sheds etc. which we could use. Please contact Derek Kneale (01895 634051) Bernard Chapman (01895 674762) or Rosemary Hodgson (01895 253217) if you can help.

ST. GILES' TEA TRAYS

There remain a small number of tea trays for sale bearing the St. Giles' logo. Contact Daphne Kissane for details of size and cost. (Tel. 01895 254963).



INTERNET WATER AID

Thames Water have set up a website associated with Water Aid and will donate a total of £150,000 pounds (which will provide safe drinking water for Life to 6,000 people in Africa and Asia) if they have 2,000,000 visitors to the site in the next 12 weeks. It only takes a few seconds to visit the site and click on the 'Click Here' message at:
www.givewater.org

MORE ABOUT WATER CHARITY CAMPAIGN

Two UK charities are joining forces to put water issues high on the agenda of the 2002 World Summit on Sustainable Development. Through their Water Matters campaign, Tearfund and WaterAid hope to raise awareness of how more than one billion people worldwide have no safe water supply and two billion lack adequate sanitation.
'Every 15 seconds a child dies from water-related diseases,' says Tearfund's Joanne Green. 'By 2025, two out of three people will be living with water shortages. To prevent a world crisis, we need to stop acting as if water were an infinite resource and ensure that poorer nations have access to clean water and sanitation.'
Stephen Turner from WaterAid confirms: 'The number of deaths every year from water-related diseases is equivalent to 20 jumbo jets crashing every day, mostly full of children. Now is the time to tell the Government that we care about such unnecessary deaths.'
People are being urged to sign a petition for presentation to Downing Street ahead of next year's summit. For more information call 0845 355 8355.

VOLUNTARY WORK IN NEPAL

Having completed her B.A. at St. Hugh's, Oxford, local Ickenham student, Catherine Hobbs is going to Nepal for six months to do voluntary work, starting in January 2002. She will be living with a local family and working in a village community, teaching children in school about health and environmental matters. She will also be helping, and teaching, the people of that village to build toilets and smokeless stoves. These stoves are important as many women in Nepal suffer from smoke related lung disease.

Catherine, who worships at St. Giles', and is involved with local Brownies and Guides, said that her venture will begin with one month of 'In-Country' training to learn Nepalese and the rudiments of her job. She will be working alongside Nepalese student volunteers.
The cost of such a worthy plan is very high so Catherine has organised a Barn Dance to try and raise money for the trip. Tickets are £10 (preferably in advance, but will be available, also, on the door) and a ploughman's supper is included.
So come and enjoy yourself, and aid a good cause, on **FRIDAY 2ND NOVEMBER, 8 - 11 P.M. IN ICKENHAM VILLAGE HALL.** To find out more, and book your tickets, please contact Catherine on 01895639236.
Editor

MACMILLAN COFFEE 'MORNING' - THANKS

Thank you to everyone who came and /or helped with the Coffee 'Morning' last month. Thus far £600 has been raise for Macmillan Cancer Relief.
Sheena Rosser

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged, with grateful thanks, of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.*: Ickenham and District Arthritis Care Association ***(Closing down at end of year)***, Anonymous from Beaconsfield via David Thorpe, Rosa Kaye of Boniface Road, Mehernaz Randeria of Farm Close, Nancy Bastin of Charlbury Road via Joyce Wigmore, Anonymous of Burnham Avenue via Joyce Hodt, An anonymous, and very generous donation indeed, via David Thorpe, Pauline Stuart from Duns in Berwickshire, Mr Mills from St. Austell, Anonymous of Parkfield Road via Ruth Gear.
Copy for the December edition should be with me by **13th November.**
Additional photographs, and articles, plus last month's magazine, can be found at **ICN Online:** www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk
Volunteers are needed, urgently, to deliver I.C.N., or act as reserves, during times of illness and holiday. **We need people now!** If you think you can help please contact me as soon as possible using the details on the front page.
Editor

DEAR GOD …..?
Dear GOD,
We read Thomas Edison made light. But in Sunday school they said
You did it. So I bet he stole your idea.
Sincerely, Donna

Dear GOD,
The bad people laughed at Noah - "You made an ark on dry land you
fool." But he was smart, he stuck with You. That's what I would
do.
-Eddie

Dear GOD,
I do not think anybody could be a better GOD. Well, I just want

you to know but I am not just saying that because You are GOD already.
-Charles

Dear GOD,
I didn't think orange went with purple until I saw the sunset You made on Tuesday. That was cool.

IT'S A PARABLE
The Great Banquet : Luke 14 : 15-24

Jesus was eating at the house of a prominent Pharisee when one of the guests spoke of the blessing of being part of God's eternal banquet. At this point Jesus uses this parable to highlight the complacency that can prevent us from entering God's kingdom.

The invitations
The story concerns a set of invitations sent out for a grand banquet. The meal would have been preceded by two sets of invitations - a preliminary invite, like our RSVP, followed by a second one when the meal was ready. It was at this point that the excuses came, even though people had already accepted the invitation.
* In what ways do we treat God like this?

The excuses
These excuses were so absurd as to be positively insulting! Buying a field or animals without having previously seen or tested them was ridiculous. Marriage exempted a young man from military service, but not from attending a dinner! All three excuses simply illustrate the way people put other priorities before the kingdom of God.
* What excuses do people offer today when it comes to Christian faith?

The warning
Despite these refusals, the party goes ahead, with the servant inviting the poor, crippled, blind and the lame to the feast. The warning, first to the Jews and then to us, is not to miss out on the blessing of God's kingdom by failing to respond to Jesus.
* In what ways can we fail to respond to God's party invitation?

The lesson of this story is simple: God's grace is freely available to everybody, although people often resent it. However, humility is required to believe and accept the gospel of grace, or we will miss out!

PAUL HARDINGHAM

PRAYER OF THE MONTH

Father,
give to us, and to all your people,
in times of anxiety, serenity;
in times of hardship, courage;
in times of uncertainty, patience;
and, at all times,
a quiet trust in your wisdom and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS
for which your support would be appreciated

ICKENHAM U.R.C. CHRISTMAS FAYRE
Saturday 17th November, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the U.R.C. Hall behind Church
Please come and make a start on your Christmas Shopping!
Christmas Gifts, homemade cakes, china, books, crafts, jewellery, plants, bric-a-brac, games, refreshments, lunches and an early visit from Santa!

ST. GILES' CHURCH CHRISTMAS MARKET
In aid of St. Giles' Church Hall Fund and local Charities
St. Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham High Road
Saturday 8th December, 10 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.
Many, varied stalls to meet all your Christmas shopping needs.
Gifts, homemade cakes, china, books, records, crafts, jewellery, plants, table decorations, bric-a-brac, games, wrapping paper, cards.
Special stall selling pictures and paintings created by members of the Congregation.
Santa's Grotto, Refreshments, Raffle
Entrance 30p. Prize Draw at 12.30 p.m.

ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY
is open on the first Saturday of each month April to December.
ENJOY A RIDE OR COME AND WATCH.
Saturday 3rd November, 12.00 noon to 5.30 p.m.
Also Saturday 1st December.
Entrance behind The Pump, Ickenham.
ADMISSION FREE. RIDE 25p

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' WOMEN'S GROUP
Next meeting is on Thursday 1st November in the U.R.C. Hardwick Room. 8 p.m.
Thea McIntyre talks about "Life as one of the 'Roly Poly Ladies'.
Thursday 6th December. The group is having a social evening with a 'Bring and Share' Supper.

ICKENHAM (EVENING) WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
The Annual General Meeting is Thursday 15th November in Ickenham Village Hall 7.30 to 10 p.m.
Raffle and 'Craft items'.
Members, guests and new members welcome.

THE APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR
Celebrating 60 years of Singing Presents
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Featuring the massed male voice choirs of Apollo, GNK Sankey, Metropolitan Police, Stevenage and Welwyn Garden City.
Also **The Central Band of The R.A.F.**

Colosseum, Rickmansworth Road, Watford. Sunday 18th November, 7.30 p.m.
Doors open 6.45 p.m. Tickets £15 - £10 and £7.50.
To book telephone Cled Yoreth (020 8866 9995)
Donations from proceeds will go to The Peace Hospital, Watford and The R.A.F. Benevolent Fund

UXBRIDGE FOLK CLUB
Presents ***"Cockersdale"in Concert*** *(Scottish Folk Group).*
All Saints Hall, Long Lane, Hillingdon
Friday 30th November, 8.30 p.m. - 11 p.m.
Tickets £5 in advance (Tel. Glenis Johnston 01895 636851) or £6 on the door.
All proceeds in aid of the R.N.L.I.

INNER WHEEL CLUB
of Elthorne-Hillingdon invite you to a ***CRAFT FAIR.***
Thursday 1st. November, 12 noon - 2.30 p.m. in Ickenham Village Hall.
Many Stalls. Refreshments available.
Proceeds to Sight Savers, Alzheimers Society and Shooting Star Appeal.

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY
Christmas Concert – Carols For Choir and Audience
Saint-Saëns – Christmas Oratorio
Vaughan Williams – Fantasia on Christmas Carols
Saturday 15th December, 7.30p.m. – Uxbridge College Sports Hall
Tickets £8, £6 (concessions) £3 children/students from Hayes Bookshop, Glebe Avenue, Ickenham or Telephone 01895 637725 or 020 8841 6370

ICKENHAM DISTRICT GUIDES
Christmas Fayre
Saturday 17th November, 10.30 a.m. - 1.30 p.m.
Guide Headquarters, Community Close, Ickenham
Refreshments on sale. Entrance 30p

HILLINGDON ASSN. OF VOLUNTARY SERVICES
HAVS Charities Bazaar Supporting Local Charities
Saturday 3rd November, Ickenham Village Hall 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
Bric-a-brac, books, gifts, Christmas gifts and cards, tombola, raffle, cakes.
Refreshments.

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN
Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 1st December - Ickenham Village Hall – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

BREAKSPEAR SCHOOLS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR
Saturday 10th November, 11.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
Many stalls, Bouncy Castle, Raffle and
BARBECUE.
Entrance 30p (via Bushey Road)

THE JOHN LYON SCHOOL OPEN MORNING
will be held on Saturday November 10th from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Middle road, South Harrow.