UNITED REFORMED CHURCH
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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

ST. GILES'
Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Philip Robinson
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Hon. Curate: Rev. Ken Tombs
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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

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

Ickenham Church News

December 2001

CAROLS FOR THE FAMILY

Tickets for 'Carols for the Family' on Christmas Eve at St Giles' will be available at the Family Service at 0945 on Sunday 2 December. As usual the services will be held at 3 p.m. and at 4.30 p.m. Experience now shows that unless you come to the Family Service at the beginning of December you risk the possibility of not obtaining tickets for the service of your choice!
So do come then. If you are not able to do so, telephone the Rectory (622970) AFTER that date to see if tickets are still available. These services are popular occasions and it is always good to see so many people wanting to come to sing carols and hear the Christmas story in an informal friendly atmosphere. Hope to see you there!
PR

A Warm Welcome awaits you at the ICKENHAM CHURCHES over the CHRISTMAS PERIOD
Details of Services, and other events are as follows:

ST. GILES'
Sunday 2nd December
6.30p.m. Advent Carol Service
Sunday 9th
3 p.m. Carols for Jack and Jill Toddler Group and their Parents. (For tickets Tel. Claire 01895 674224 or Lindsey 01895 675387)
Sunday 16th
3 p.m. Christingle Service and Explorers' and Climbers' Nativity Plays.
Sunday 23rd
6.30 p.m. Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.
Monday 24th - Christmas Eve
3 p.m. and 4.30 p.m. Carols for the Family (Ticket only – Free and available at Family Service 2nd December)
8 p.m. Holy Communion (Traditional language)
11 p.m. Holy Communion (Common Worship – Order 1).
Tuesday 25th – Christmas Day
8 a.m. Holy Communion (Traditional language)
10 a.m. Family Carol Service with Holy Communion.
Wednesday 26th – St. Stephen's Day
9 a.m. Holy Communion
Thursday 27th – St. John the Evangelist's Day
10 a.m. Holy Communion
Friday 28th – Holy Innocents
9 a.m. Holy Communion
Sunday 30th – First Sunday of Christmas
Services of Holy Communion at 8 a.m. and 9.45 a.m. No evening service.

UNITED REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday 9th December
11.00 a.m. Junior Church Christmas Festival and Gift service.
Tuesday 18th
7.00 p.m. All-age "Carol Sing" in the church.
Sunday 23rd
6.30 p.m. Carol service by candlelight.
Monday 24th – Christmas Eve
11.30 p.m. Christmas Eve service with the Lord's Supper.
Tuesday 25th – Christmas Day
10.00 a.m. Christmas Day service for all ages
For further details phone (01895) 234862 *or* 639148

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 17th December (Also Monday 21st January). 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 or 01895 235061.

FROM THE RECTORY

As I write, the news is fresh that Kabul has fallen and that British troops are on 24-hour standby for mobilisation and, to quote the Ministry of Defence spokesman, 'this is not seen as a peace-keeping force'. There are many more questions raised by such a statement than are answered. Only a few days ago we remembered with thanksgiving all those who have given their lives for the sake of freedom, particularly in two world wars but also those who have been lost in subsequent conflicts. Every time, at the end of such conflicts we hear it said that it must never be allowed to happen again. Yet here we are once more. Whether or not the Afghanistan conflict can be considered a 'just war' continues to be debated. Acts of terrorism, which stimulated the present conflict, cannot be condoned but neither can the risk of other innocent lives being lost.

The child Jesus was born into the world to bring peace and reconciliation; God's only son, given to be the Saviour - the reconciler of humankind to their Creator. The message of Christmas is still the same in 2001. Our prayer must surely be that there will be a new recognition of the meaning of this message for all people and that those who exert power and influence over the lives of others will be motivated in their endeavours to bring that peace to Afghanistan and elsewhere in the world where conflict exists. May you all experience the peace of the Christ-child in your life this Christmas.

Greetings to you all.
PHILIP

ST GILES' CHURCH HALL EXTENSION

On Saturday 10 November we opened our Appeal for funds for the work on the extension of St Giles' Church Hall. The response was extremely encouraging; approximately £9500 was raised on that day alone. The work is due to start on 8 January and will last approximately 20 weeks. The additional accommodation to be provided will be above the present rear hall and include two meeting rooms, a small kitchen and lavatories. Access will be from the existing lobby between the main hall and the rear hall. While the work is being undertaken, further improvements will also be made in the present rear hall with new lavatories and new storage areas. The central pillar in the rear hall is to be removed and the structure upheld by other secure means! We have been waiting a long time for the necessary approval from the local authority but it has final arrived and the contract has been awarded to a local firm - Hale, Builders. The Church Council has been saving up for the project for a while and about £80,000 is already available but we obviously need much more than that. The community of Ickenham responded very positively when the Church Hall was fire

damaged in 1995 and many gave generously to the rebuilding fund. The Hall is not only for Church use but available to hirers; demand continues to rise and our project is, in part, in response to this community demand. I therefore invite anyone who would like to do so to send a donation to the Fund. Cheques should be payable to St Giles' PCC and can be sent to me at the Rectory. Tax payers can enhance their gift by completing a Gift Aid form (available from me) which enables us to reclaim an additional 28% on top of the value of the donation from the Inland Revenue. Thank you in anticipation of your response.
PHILIP

FROM ST. GILES' REGISTERS

Baptisms

Oct 13th Hazel Fischbacher (adult)
Oct 28th Ellie Louise Barrett
Aron Ashley Harris Powell

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

Oct. 4th Ray Bull, aged 86
Oct. 17th Michael Rooney, aged 77
Oct. 19th Claire Marion Pearson, aged 89
Nov. 5th Baby Emma Louise Williams
Nov. 8th Andrew Nicoll, age withheld
Nov. 12th Kathleen Iris Lillian Mair, aged 86 (after service in St Giles')
Baby Megan Sutherland (after service in St. Giles')
Nov 14th Timothy Young, aged 38.

FROM THE U.R.C. MINISTER

Between us the two churches in Ickenham have services in a wide variety of different styles. This is one example of the fact that being united as Christians does not mean that we impose some sort of uniformity, but that there is room for a lot of diversity - though we must be at one in the important Biblical teachings of Christian faith and practice.
The joint evening services follow a monthly pattern: 1662 Prayer Book Choral Evensong; "Six-thirty Special"; U.R.C. service with the Lord's Supper; and a service of Worship, Meditation and Prayer. Attendance varies, though some of us go to all of them, like Christian all-sorts!
"Six-thirty Special" is an informal service, taking place in St Giles' church hall, with modern (and some older) songs accompanied on guitar and keyboard, an informal talk, and participation in discussion and prayer. There is a wide spread of ages (proving that such services are not only for young people!).
We have been looking at Jesus' "Beatitudes" (Matthew 5.3-10), and last time we wondered whether the people of Ickenham realise that God wants to show mercy to us (verse 7). Do they feel that the Christian message of the churches is irrelevant? Or that Christians are judgmental rather than showing mercy? How can we best get our message across? We would be interested to know what you feel - you could write to the editor, or one of the church ministers (addresses on front cover). And we will try to follow Jesus' teaching: *Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.*
RICHARD

FROM THE U.R.C. REGISTERS

Funerals at Breakspear Crematorium

31st Aug. Matilda Green, aged 95 *(We apologise to the family for omitting earlier notification)*
10th Sept. Vera Plant, aged 87

Wedding

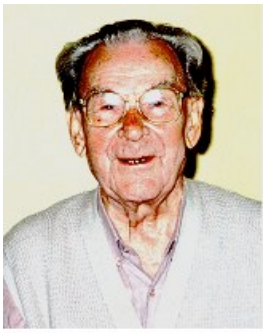
10th Nov. Simon Rickman and Karen Poat

VOLUNTEER AT U.R.C. NATIONAL YOUTH CENTRE

Elizabeth Boyes, a member of Ickenham U.R.C., has joined the Community Team of volunteers at the U.R.C. National Youth Resource Centre at Yardley Hastings, Northamptonshire. She began her 12 months there on 1st November, after receiving best wishes, and prayer at the previous Sunday morning's U.R.C service.

The Centre is a converted village chapel, which can accommodate up to 41 people, and primarily supports youth work in the U.R.C., but with scope for all ages. Liz is receiving ongoing training, as well as helping with all aspects of the Centre's life, from leading worship and programme events to housekeeping and gardening. She has been involved with Brownies and the Ickenham Churches' Youth Group as well as working at a local school. We are proud that she is serving God in this way.

MEMORIES



Stanley Wheeler at age 92

Jo White's article in the September issue of the I.C.N. on the 66 volumes of the Bible brought back to me memories of some 75 years ago. As a beginner in the antiquarian book trade, I recall that we had frequent visits to our shop in Great Russell Street from Father Aidan Gasquet who was an Abbot of Downside Abbey. On one occasion he gave my father and myself a little talk on the origins of the Bible, starting off with what Jo White had written in the I.C.N. about the 66 volumes, and continuing with the Wycliff Bible, the King James version and the "Breeches" Bible. Most of this I had forgotten until I read the I.C.N.

Actually I do own a copy of the 1606 edition of the "Breeches" Bible where, in Genesis Chapter 3 Verse 7 the word "breeches" appears, whereas in all other editions of the Bible the word "APRONS" is substituted.

Working in the Antiquarian book trade has always been one of the most interesting vocations, especially in being so close to the British Museum. In those early days, an antiquarian bookshop seemed to fascinate the scholars who studied at the Museum, especially those American university professors who came to research in the Reading room. There were so many famous people who I can remember purchasing books from us that it is difficult for me to name them all. There was the time when Wallace Notestein and his team from Yale University held their headquarters in the shop when they were working on their definitive history of the English Parliament, as did the eminent Chaucerian scholar John M. Manly. The shop was featured in the B.B.C. documentary on John Betjeman when he was creating his work entitled "Summoned by Bells". John Burns, the first working man to be a Cabinet Minister gave me a fright when he accused me of giving him an illness, this "illness" being "Bibliomania" (Book madness.)

There is so much more that I could write about, but maybe this must be for another time.

STANLEY WHEEELER

TRAVEL AFAR

The wise men bringing their gifts to worship the infant Jesus were guided by a star, but how they found where he actually was must still have required some diligent enquiry. It seems God will take us so far, but still leaves room for us to do something for ourselves.

What was the significance of these gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? We all know gold is precious but the inclusion of the two spices appears to indicate they were also highly prized.

No sooner had the wise men left on their return journey than Joseph was warned to seek asylum, for Herod was intent on killing Jesus. By the next nightfall Joseph was in flight to Egypt with his wife and their child - not much time for preparation there!

The gifts now became of more than just symbolic importance for they had assumed a practical, survival value. The spices being essences, along with the gold, were easily transportable with tradable value that would support them for a good while ahead. God ensured that they were not 'penniless' refugees.

The Christian is called to travel by faith and dependence on God. The gifts we bring when we worship Jesus as Lord may often find a use for which we could never dream.

BRIAN T DAVIES

"HOLY MOWERS" COME SECOND

The Best Churchyard Competition photograph as it will appear in the EIG 2002 Calendar for July.

On 13th November a very excited group of local "Holy Mowers" plus friends, spouses and clergy entered Church House, Westminster. They joined other contestants from all over the Country at a gala reception to hear the result of the National Best Kept Churchyard Competition sponsored by The Ecclesiastical Insurance Group.

The Dean of York presented the prizes and was assisted by the Managing Director of EIG.

From the original 400 entrants (whittled down to 12 finalists) St. Giles' Church came a magnificent ***SECOND*** and won £500 plus a selection of products from the Qualcast catalogue. Alongside this was presented a framed picture of the Church, a copy of which will be published as ***JULY*** in the 2002 E.I.G. calendar. The original will be hung in St. Giles' Church Hall.

First place went to St. John's, Charleworth near Glossop and third position to St. Luke's, Dustan, Northants.

St. Giles' has ordered 200 of the calendars and it is very much hoped that some of these will be available for sale at the Christmas Market on Saturday 8th December. As yet the price is unknown.

Congratulations to everyone involved. Not only is St. Giles' Churchyard a local treasure, and oasis, but it is of national significance too.
EDITOR

CHRISTINGLE SERVICES - IN AID OF RUNAWAY CHILDREN

'Climbers' Christingle Nativity Play - December 2000.

This year The Children's Society's Christingle service asks us all to think and to pray for the thousands of young runaways in England. The national campaign *Still Running: Street Solutions* is highlighting the plight of young runaways on our streets.
Every year 100,000 children under 16 run away. One in five have been thrown out of home and have nowhere to turn. The Rt Revd Tim Stevens, Bishop of Leicester said: "These isolated and frightened children belong to all of us. Their fears and their

suffering are ours and if we turn our back on them, we turn from God. Young runaways are some of the most vulnerable young people in our country and it's my job to bring their story to you in the Church so that you can pray for them and support them through the work of The Children's Society."
The Children's Society's pioneering work with young runaways began twenty years ago. Since then the Society has been working to create a national network of safe places for children who run away.

'Explorers' Christingle Nativity Play - December 2000.

Case Study *- Steve's story*
Steve ran away from home to escape violence and as a result went into care for his own safety. But in care he became involved in fights and ran away again. By the time he was 14 he was sleeping rough and was living on the streets. One night he accepted an invitation to stay for a few nights at the flat of an older man where he was sexually abused.
At this point The Children's Society first met Steve. He was angry and frightened but gradually they gained his trust. With the support of The Children's Society, Steve was able to go back home to live with his mum. (Name changed to protect identity.)

CHURCH NEWS SERVICE

CHRISTMAS EVE CRIB

Christmas Eve Crib Scene 2000

ST. GILES' CHRISTMAS MARKET
Saturday 8th December 10 a.m. Church Hall

Christmas Market Dried Flower Table Arrangements - 2000

Christmas Market Jewellery - 2000

Christmas Market Raffle - 2000

Christmas Market Bric-a-Brac - 2000

LINK ROMANIA SHOEBOX APPEAL

On Sunday 4th November a wall of shoeboxes was built in St Giles' Church during the Family Service! This unusual activity has a simple explanation. Each shoebox had been filled with a selection of presents - toys, pencils, gloves, scarves, shampoo, biscuits etc - for a family in Romania as a Christmas gift. Many of the recipients enjoy few of the material goods that we consider essentials, like toothpaste and soap. The children, young people, and the not so young, at St Giles' and the URC wanted to share some of their blessings with less fortunate families in a country which has suffered much in the past. Altogether 172 shoeboxes were received. These were taken to the Link Romania warehouse at Worthing, where the charity has its headquarters. Last year Link Romania transported 39,500 shoeboxes to Romania; more are expected this year. While you are opening your own presents on Christmas Day, will you, like me, be thinking of and praying for those Romanian families who may be opening the boxes from Ickenham?

JENNY REID

If you missed the opportunity to participate you can still help with gifts of baby clothes or money. Telephone the Revd. Ken Tombs on 020 8574 3738 for the appropriate addresses.

CHRISTMAS EVE CAROLS IN THE VILLAGE

The Climbers, Explorers and Pathfinders (Junior Church) of St Giles' Church, with their friends, will be singing carols in the Village on Christmas Eve in aid of ‘Save the Children’. Volunteers of all ages will be most welcome to join the group. Meet outside the Village Hall at l0 a.m.

READING THE BIBLE

Christmas is the most popular major holiday in this country. We are familiar with the story of the birth of baby Jesus in a stable. Visits by shepherds and then by kings with lots of angels all around. But when I look in the Bible for the stories of Jesus' birth there's not much there - only Matthew 1-2 and Luke 1-2. So why is that?

Probably for two reasons. Firstly, in gospel times it was not common to include stories of the person before they came to public life. Secondly, the different Gospel writers wrote in their own styles each making a different 'point'.

Mark's Jesus rushes onto the page fully grown (the lion), while John starts in heaven, 'In the beginning' and shows how God came to earth in human form (the eagle).

But there are still differences even between Matthew and Luke. In Luke, Mary and Joseph live in Nazareth but travel to Bethlehem. In Matthew, they already live in Bethlehem and they move to Nazareth later.
Matthew (the human face) likes to explain why things happened. He says, "This took place to fulfil . . . ." five times in these two chapters! Luke (the ox) gives us the great prayers of the 'Magnificat' from Mary and the 'Benedictus' from Zechariah.
Notice how the shepherds could mean that Jesus came for everyone - particularly the poor and those on the edge of society. And the kings could mean that Jesus is worth looking for even when you have everything!
To do this month :
Lord help me when I read your words in the Bible, to understand what you are saying to me, then help me to respond.
Read the story of Jesus' birth in either Matthew or Luke. Ask yourself the really important questions:
* Is Jesus the light of the world?
* Is he the true Lord?
* Is what happened to him 'of God'?
If you answered 'Yes' to one or more of the above - what are you going to do about it?

Jo White

THE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIANS AND JEWS

Did you know that there is such an organization as the Council of Christians and Jews? The CCJ exists to bring together the Christian and Jewish communities in Britain in a common effort to fight the evils of prejudice, intolerance and discrimination among peoples of different religions, races and colours. It seeks to help Christians and Jews to appreciate each other's distinctive beliefs and practices; to combat all forms of discrimination, especially anti-Semitism, and to promote the fundamental ethical teachings common to both religions. The CCJ, which is a Registered Charity, is not a political, nor a missionary, organization. There is absolutely no attempt, from either side, to convert members to, or from, any particular religious or political viewpoint.
The CCJ has its headquarters in London, with local branches in various parts of the country. The organisation had Her Majesty the Queen as its Patron and is supported by Church leaders of many denominations, Rabbis (including the Chief Rabbi) as well as secular leaders of both faiths. The present Chairman is the Anglican Bishop of St. Albans. CCJ publishes a twice-yearly journal.
Meetings of the Hillingdon Branch of the CCJ are held approximately bimonthly, in local synagogues, church halls, and other venues. There is a small annual subscription, payable to the London HQ. The topics covered at meetings are extremely varied, and the meetings always end with light refreshments, and above all, friendly chat. Occasionally visits are organised to places of interest, such as museums, historical churches and synagogues. There are also nationally organised Summer Schools and Study Weekends.
The Hillingdon Branch of CCJ is run by a small committee, which includes ordained and lay members of both faiths.
To find out more about CCJ Hillingdon Branch logon to their web site in the making <www.ccj-hillingdon.org.uk> or contact the Hon. Secretary on 020 8866 5891
February ICN will see an article on The West London Three Faiths Forum, which concerns Christians, Muslims and Jews.

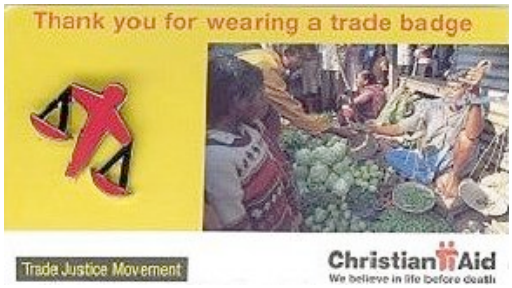
***Candles at Hanukkah or Candles at Christmas* -What's the difference?**
Rabbi Dr Andrew Goldstein & The Revd. Laurence Hillel will be explaining
"the meaning of light" for Jews and Christians
Wednesday 12th December - 8.15pm Northwood Methodist Church, Oakland Gate
Visitors welcome
For details, membership and a copy of events diary contact Branch Hon. Secretary Jean Hugo Tel: 020 8866 5891

'NEPAL' BARN DANCE

Catherine Hobbs would like to thank everyone who generously supported her voluntary work in Nepal, both in donations and by coming to her barn dance on Friday 2nd November. The barn dance was a success and raised £233 in ticket sales and raffle.

If there was anyone who missed this pleasant occasion and would still like to contribute to the fund then contact Catherine on 01895 639236.
EDITOR

CHRISTIAN AID. TRADE FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN



Are you wearing your trade badge yet?

Thank you to everyone who is already wearing a trade badge. Wearing the trade badge makes a huge difference. It is a powerful symbol of our solidarity with people all over the world who are suffering because of unfair trade rules. And it is a daily reminder of our place within a growing global movement as well as a great discussion starter!

' The international trading system was devised by the rich to suit their needs; it ignores those of the poor.' (Pope Paul V1).
Buy a Trade Badge directly from Christian Aid – Tel. 01252 669 628 or from Judy and Bernard Pearce – Tel. 01895 673596.

PARISH PUMP

Receipt is acknowledged, with grateful thanks, of the following donations towards the cost of *I.C.N.*: Patricia Self from Kent, Anonymous from Campden Road via Mary Cooke, Meril Lawrence of Farnham Common via Beryl Edwards, R. Best of Greenway via Ann Evans, P. Lyell from Peebles, Scotland,

My grateful thanks are extended *to everyone who has played a part by contribution or the production and distribution of I.C.N. during 2001. To the 200 plus distributors, Daphne Kissane (advertising) Joyce Hodt (distribution) Walter Davis (labelling and distribution rounds) Alan Grove (postage all over Britain) Sue Crane (proof reading) and the staff at Stanley L Hunt (printers) A very Happy and Holy Christmas and a joyful 2002.*
To all our readers in nearly 5,000 Ickenham homes: " May you be blessed at this time and throughout the New Year".
New Venture. *We are considering the possibility of placing commercial advertisements, for local businesses, on ICN Online. Current magazine advertisers will receive a letter about this, but if other businesses are interested they might like to contact the editor or telephone Daphne Kissane on 01895 254963.*
Copy for the February edition should be with me by **13th January.** ***Please note.*** If you have an event taking place in the first couple of days of a month you might be wise to place the details in the previous month's edition as we cannot always be sure that ICN will be distributed on time.
Additional photographs, and articles, plus last month's magazine, can be found at **ICN Online:** www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk
There is a need for local stories, and photographs*, for publication in I.C.N. Don't just leave it to the congregations from St. Giles' and the U.R.C. Where is the material from the other Christian denominations and those of you from other Faith Communities? Where is the input from more*

secular, and local sources? If you have an annual function that could be reported, take some photographs during the next few months in readiness for publication a year hence.
Don't be shy. Send your 'copy' to the editor now.

DEAR GOD …..?

Dear GOD,
If we come back as something - Please don't let me be Jennifer Horton because I hate her.
-Denise

Dear GOD,
If you give me a genie like Aladdin, I will give You anything You want, except my money or my chess set.
-Raphael

Dear GOD,
Please send me a pony. I never asked for anything before. You can look it up.
-Bruce

Dear GOD,
I want to be just like my Daddy when I get big but not with so much hair all over.
-Tom

SUCH IS THE MYSTERY

Babe in my arms
My heart is moved:
For here's such mystery,
No star on high contains More of God's work,
And I am humbled thus
That in my body
I have nourished you.

Babe in my arms
No flower or tree
Or other living thing
Inspires such awe in me.
To us belongs
A greater liberty
What mayest you be,
A carpenter or king?

Babe in my arms
Immanuel
Such treasure here the world
Has never known before;
Bringer of light.
Still greater liberty -
Freedom from sin.
The Saviour of mankind.

My Lord, my God I worship Thee.

Brian T Davies

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS
for which your support would be appreciated

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 VILLAGE HALL
Festive Community Night
Thursday 6th December from 6p.m. to 11p.m.
In Ickenham Village Hall
Stalls in and around the hall, Santa's Grotto, Choir Singing, Steam Train Rides
Refreshments and Much More
Everybody is Welcome

RUISLIP LIONS
With Support from RUISLIP OPERATIC SOCIETY
Invite you to a charity performance of
'A MUSICAL GREETING FOR CHRISTMAS'
At Winston Churchill Theatre, Ruislip.
Saturday 15th December, at 2.30 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
Featuring: Ruislip Operatic Society, RAF Association President's Band,
The Trefoil Hand Bell Ringers, Breakspear Junior School Choir,
Townswomen's Guild Federation Choir.
Tickets: £9, £7.50 concessions schoolchildren £4.50 (matinee only).
Tel.: 01895 476644 between 4.30 p.m. and 6.30 p.m. Monday to Friday
Proceeds in aid of Hillingdon Manor School for Autistic Children and Ruislip Lions' local charitable activities.

ICKENHAM CHURCHES' WOMEN'S GROUP
Next meeting is on Thursday 6th December in the U.R.C. Parlour at 8 p.m.
The group is having a social evening with a 'Bring and Share' Supper.
Thursday 3rd January John Fisher talks on *"The Mary Rose"*- Hardwick Room.

ICKENHAM (EVENING) WOMEN'S INSTITUTE
The Christmas Meeting is Thursday 20th December in
Ickenham Village Hall 7.30 to 10 p.m.

Wine, mince pies, Christmas cards and a Bran Tub.
Members, guests and new members welcome.
New Year meeting is Thursday 17th January

THE MOTHERS' UNION

Next meeting will take place in St. Giles' Church (front) Hall on
Thursday 24th January, at 2 p.m.
The speaker will be Margaret Dunn talking about O.R.C.H.Y.D.
(Organisation of Ruislip Churches' Holidays for Youngsters with Disabilities)
Please note that from January to June, 2002 the Union will meet on the FOURTH THURSDAY of each month and while building work is taking place in St. Giles' Church (rear) Hall, the Front Hall will be utilised.
Everyone is welcome.

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

FRIENDS OF VYNERS

"The Vyners Christmas Fayre, Full of Christmas Cheer"
Saturday 1st December, 11 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.
Vyners School, Warren Road
Do all your Christmas shopping in one go!
Many Stalls, Raffle and Refreshments.
Admission 40p

CINDERELLA

A Very Traditional Pantomime Presented by Argosy Players
January 18th to 20th, 2002. Matinees Saturday and Sunday
Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip
Tickets: £5-50 children, £7-00 adults
Box Office: 01895 673200 (Compass Theatre)
Argosy Box Office Tel: 01895 639954

GLEBE SCHOOL

Christmas Bazaar
Saturday 1st December – 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. - Admission 30p
Variety of Stalls, Santa's Grotto, Raffle, Tombola, Win a Football.
Special Christmas decorations, cards, ornaments stall.
Barbecue and refreshments.

VYNERS SWING BAND 300TH PERFORMANCE

(with the Red Hot Swinging Mullets)
Friday 28th December, 7.45 p.m. – Vyners School
Entry by ticket: Free
Ticket Hotlines: 01895 234342 (till 18 Dec.)/636892/258153

THE SAMARITANS CHRISTMAS FAYRE

Saturday 15th December, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Ickenham Village Hall
Please support us if you can.

CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

Christmas Bazaar

Saturday 1st December – Ickenham Village Hall – 10 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

WILLESDEN MINISTRY TRAINING SCHEME

Thursday 10th January for ten Thursday Evenings – ***Church in Context*** – Moullin House, Ealing
Saturday morning 26th January - ***Children's Work Training*** – Christ Church, Harrow
Thursday evening 7th February **– *Spirituality Workshop*** - St. Lawrence Centre, Eastcote
Saturday 9th February – ***Workshop For Understanding Yourself and Others Better*** – St. Anne's, Brondesbury
Quiet Days on Wednesday 30th January and Saturday 9th February
For further details of these and other events, and to book, contact Willesden Area Office (020-8907-5993/e-mail: wao@willesden.demon.co.uk) See Courses and Events Folder in Church.