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Sunday Mornings 11.00am – inc Junior Church most Sundays – Children's space available during all services – Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday of month	The two churches join together on Sunday evenings as follows: – 2nd Sun – Choral Evensong at St Giles' (6.30pm) – 3rd Sun – '18:30' Worship + The Word Service at St Giles' (6.30pm)	Sunday Mornings – 8.00am Holy Communion – 9.45am Holy Communion (with Junior Church and Crèche) – (1st Sunday: All Age Service) – 11.30am Matins (1st Sunday of Jan, Mar, May, July Sept and Nov only) Thursdays – 10.00am Holy Communion

PRIDE OF PLACE FOR ST GILES'

Felicity, St Giles' Rector, and Cllr John Hensley, Mayor of Hillingdon, at the Ickenham Festival.

The new Mayor of Hillingdon is Cllr John Hensley and his wife Diane the Mayoress for 2016-17. At the Council's AGM, the Mayor appointed Revd Felicity Davies to be his Chaplin for his Mayoral year, when she will say prayers before the start of each full council meeting and support the Mayor on special occasions during his year.

St Giles' Church was chosen to be the venue for the Mayor's Civic Service that will be held in early 2017 to fit in with the Church's calendar of events. Other London Mayors will also be invited to attend. "I chose St Giles' in Ickenham because the residents and especially the congregation would then have the opportunity to attend such a service. Ickenham is a friendly and tight community that supports one another with so much pride", Cllr Hensley told ICN. "I have been one of its Ward Councillors for fourteen years and been keen to support its many activities. These have included the Compass Theatre, the Festival, the Horticultural Shows, Youth Football, Cricket, the many Village Hall events such as Cancer Research, 'Butterflies' and the dozens of other events laid on by Ickenham's enthusiastic volunteers. Then, of course there are the two churches which do so much to serve and support their congregations and the wider community in Ickenham."

In fact, John has been involved in Ickenham one way or another, for nearly 40 years and has participated in education, both Further and Higher, in various ways for a large proportion of that time. He is remarkably well qualified and is a Chartered Mechanical Engineer, Electrical Engineer and Chartered Materials Engineer. He has been a school governor at four Hillingdon Schools, a Lecturer/ Head of Department and Principal of a FE College. In recent years, he was an academic advisor to Brunel University's Engineering Department. He has also worked for several large engineering companies at a senior level and carried out research supported by Rolls Royce in the stability of gas turbine engine blading, when studying for a postgraduate degree at Brunel University. He is also an active Magistrate!

The Mayor with Jessica Shepherd (left) and her younger sister

During his time in Hillingdon, John has been involved with community life and was asked if he would consider becoming a Councillor so that he could further help and support local residents.

Our Mayor has given much thought to the customary Mayor's Charity Appeal for his term of office. "I think of it as a 'Journey Through Life', supporting the health and well-being of Hillingdon residents of all ages," he said. "So it starts with Pield Heath House School, Paul Strickland Scanner Appeal, Royal Brompton and Harefield Hospitals and finally, Harlington Hospice." All monies obtained for the charity will purchase much needed equipment to help improve care and treatment for our residents. One of their first appointments was to launch a fund-raising day in Harefield to help raise money for treatment for eight-year-old Jessica Shepherd whose cancer tumour has returned for the fourth time.

The Mayor and Mayoress would welcome the opportunity to meet as many groups, organisations, clubs as possible and also meet those individuals who have helped in some way to improve life for our residents. But they never turn up uninvited! To invite John and Diane to visit/support your organisation or event, then please contact the Mayor's Office on 01895 250763 or email *mayor@hillingdon.gov.uk*

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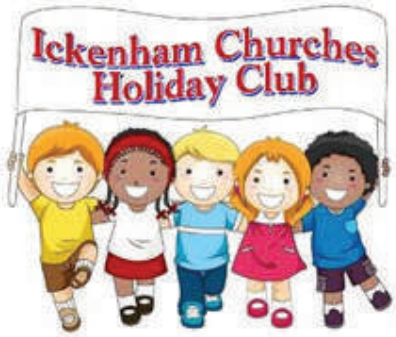

Ickenham Churches Holiday Club is open to Ickenham children aged **5-11** (those now in school years Reception to Year 6).
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Monday 25th July-Friday 29th July

Registration at the URC on
Friday 8th July 4.00pm-5.30pm and
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DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED – **Third Monday of each month. St Giles' Church Back Hall, 2.00pm-3.30pm**. Come for a friendly and informal chat over a cup of tea with other bereaved people and bereavement visitors. Just come along or, if you would like to speak to someone first, please ring 01895 622970. The next meeting is on **Monday 18th July** (then **Monday 15th August** and **Monday 19th September** after that).

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RUNNING LIFE'S RACE

The week before Ickenham Festival, I sat a 3-hour maths exam. I, like so many students across the country, am now wondering how I did! Thankfully I won't have to wait as long as those sitting A-level or GCSEs to find out my result.

The athletes who are now in their final preparations for the Summer Olympics know about running the race and then waiting for results. Many will have had to compete over and over to be able, finally, to compete at the Olympics. They will have spent hours training, checking they are fit and healthy, eating properly and concentrating on their goal and, when they get there in August, many will not even reach the final. Only a small number of the 10,500+ athletes expected at the games, will win a medal, yet they continue to strive for their goal.

The author of the letter to the Hebrews wrote that life is like a race and the goal at the end is Heaven; the Apostle Paul talked about athletes not being able to win unless they obey the rules; both writings trying to convey something of the ups and downs of life. The person who strives towards the goal, who puts all their effort into every moment, wins the race. The beauty of the 'Race' Paul talked about, is that there don't have to be losers; it is a race we can all run with determination into the arms of the loving God who called us towards Himself. The God who stands eagerly and watches for our homecoming and celebrates with all who run the Race to home. Running the race of life has times that are easy and times that are difficult, times when we're moving and times that feel like we're standing still. Waiting for exam results can feel as though time is taking forever; but I hope that all who are waiting for results can wait with a calm mind, knowing that life doesn't depend on having the best GCSE or A Levels. Being part of a community that cares is very important and exams, however stressful, are only part of life's race.

LIZ BOYES, URC ELDER

SEEK LIFE - NOT WORRY!

Dear Friends,

In the run up to Festival Week, several local gardens were being pushed/pulled into shape ready to open their gates for all manner of good causes. As longer, warmer days in the garden become a reality the short, cold days of winter are no more than a dim and distant memory in the back of our minds. Spring has given way to summer with flourishing perennials drawing up to their full height and spilling out over the paths. Bedding plants are getting established to add to the display of colour, and all feels right with the world.

Although it seemed like a good idea 20 months ago, our garden is very much a work in progress. Agreeing to 'open it' inevitably brought a certain amount of worry about what people would think as they inspected the flowers we're trying to grow. Ironically, Jesus pointed to flowers when He was telling His followers not to worry! Looking at their beauty and fragility, He said, "Look at the lilies in the fields. They do not labour or spin, yet not even Solomon in all his glory was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will He clothe you – you of little faith."

Those exquisite lilies are so short-lived – they will be cut with the grass and burned. Yet God still took the trouble to create them in all their complexity. We, on the other hand, have an average life of over 80 years and are vastly more complex. According to the psalmist we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" and each one of us is absolutely and unconditionally loved by God.

Jesus tells us not to worry about the things in our lives, but to seek the meaning of life. God created us for life in his kingdom, both now and for ever. When we seek that life everything else seems to fall into place, so I do hope that if you ventured into our garden in Festival week that you found us relaxed and chilling out with tea in one hand and cake in the other!

With love, *Felicity*

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ICKERMEN!

That valiant body of volunteers from both churches – the Ickermen – is four years old. Having so far met together on over 60 occasions, varying from breweries to canal walks and Scalextric car racing to ten pin bowling, they chose their favourite occupation – eating – to record their fourth anniversary. The venue selected was the 'Soldiers Return' pub and they weren't disappointed.

As it happened, this turned out to be also a time to welcome three forthcoming bridegrooms; Kevin, Robert and Simon, amongst their midst. First of these, a few days after the meal, was Kevin O'Donnell, a long-standing and popular member of St Giles'. He is now happily married to Lesley and they live in Halford Road. Kevin said, "It was nice to get a send-off from my Ickermen friends and I'm sure that Lesley will be prepared to spare me for the occasional future meeting, as long as I'm not the worse for wear when I get home!"

If you are a male member of either church and over 18, and would like to know more about the Ickermen, contact Keith Arnold on 672987or Glyn James on 634061. AFN

AN ANNIVERSARY AWARD

This year marks the 40th anniversary of the Ickenham Festival. It happens also to be the 30th anniversary of the awarding of the Ickenham Festival Shield. The Shield was entrusted to the Ickenham Festival team in 1986 to be awarded for commitment to the spirit of the Ickenham Festival and to the Ickenham community at large. Since then this much-coveted trophy, together with a citation, has been given virtually annually to a wide range of individuals, committees and organisations -26 in all.

The first recipient of the Shield was, appropriately, the person who launched the Festival – David Millen. He realised that it wasn't unusual for residents not to know what was going on in the village and thought it would be a good idea to have an event when people could get together. And so he went through records and found out what had been arranged in the churches, societies and clubs, etc., got a group together and it all went on from there. The 2016 Festival is proof that it is as popular and successful as ever.

This year the award was made to John Arnold *(right in the picture)* by David Edington, Chairman of the Ickenham Festival team, during the Gala Day concert just before the final session of music. This timing was selected because the tradition is to accompany the music with a spectacular display of fireworks. John was the mastermind behind that display and many previous fireworks displays for the Ickenham Festival. Furthermore, John has also made a huge contribution to scouting in Ickenham and was the District commissioner and now Group Scout Leader. As the citation reads: 'John's achievements are truly in the spirit of the Ickenham Festival having both enhanced that event and also benefited the youth of the Ickenham community.' The shield is normally on display with the citation in its showcase just inside Ickenham Library. AFN

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A TRIBUTE TO BOB ROKER

Many Ickenham residents, particularly members of the two Ickenham churches, were shocked to learn that Bob Roker (pictured) had died suddenly at home on 28th May. A popular individual with a keen sense of humour, he had been involved with several local organisations and was an active member of the 'Holy Mowers' - the small band of volunteers that so ably and lovingly tends the St Giles' churchyard.

Bob was born in Hanwell in 1933 into a close and sociable family environment with aunts, uncles, cousins and Nan all living in the same road. During World War II, his father, George, was conscripted into the Army. Back at home, Bob and his mother, Elsie, experienced being trapped inside an Anderson shelter when a bomb exploded nearby; they had to wait until the following morning to be rescued!

Bob, mischievous at primary school, was a keen sportsman at secondary school. He represented the county in the high jump and played tennis and football to a high standard. As an active member of the local church youth club he joined the Scouts and the Cyclists Touring Club.

On leaving school, he went to work for BOAC, starting at their Reservations department in Victoria before moving to Heathrow as a work study officer. The airline was to provide the incentive for extensive foreign travel. In 1949, several girls joined the local youth club. One was Gill, whom Bob took home after a summer dance and later, in 1957, they embarked upon what was to be a long and happy marriage. Prior to that, in 1951, Bob was called up for National Service in the RAF, most of which he spent in Germany. After living in Boston Manor and Harefield, in 1966 Bob and Gill settled in Ickenham. They were blessed with three sons and in time, three lovely daughters-in-law and three much loved grandchildren.

When Bob left the airline he worked for the Student Travel Union and then the Ladbroke group but he really yearned to be his own boss. So in 1991 he set up a successful picture framing business which he really enjoyed; many residents have examples in their own homes. Bob was a very keen gardener and, apart from the Holy Mowers' activities virtually every Tuesday morning, rain or shine, he loved working both an allotment and their own garden, both being great testaments to his skill, imagination and ability.

Gill and family would like to express their sincere thanks to all who have sent their condolences, and hope that you will accept this tribute as a thank you.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2016

A big **THANK YOU** to everyone who delivered, collected, counted and importantly, to those who gave so generously to Christian Aid recently. The total collected in Ickenham village this year was an amazing **£5,039**, including gift aid (which makes a huge difference to the total). This is an amazing sum, especially considering the reduction in volunteer collectors this year. Thank you all!

DEADLINE: ***-There is no separate August edition of ICN. Items for the September edition, should be with the team by 12noon on August 10th. All items are subject to editorial review. The whole ICN team would like to wish everyone an enjoyable summer break!***

DONATIONS

Donations to the ICN are always gratefully received and individually acknowledged in writing. Please make donation cheques out to "**PCC of St Giles' Church**" and send to Patricia Lee at: The Office, St Giles' Church, UB10 8BG. This month our grateful thanks go to: The Mothers' Union, Spotlight Musical Theatre and Perry Parsons. Thank you!

COMMUNITY PRAYER

On the first Saturday of each month folks from our churches meet briefly to pray for our world, our community and ourselves from 9.15am and finishing promptly at 10.00am. Do join us on 2nd July at Giles', 6th August at the URC and 3rd September back at St Giles'.

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FUN GALORE AT THE ICC

Fingers were firmly crossed for good weather this year as Ickenham Cricket Club's Family Fun Day approached. Despite an overcast day, no rain was forecast and so it was that an impressive crowd, including the Mayor and Mayoress of Hillingdon, turned out to enjoy all the fun that awaited them. And what fun there was! Over 20 stalls, staffed by volunteers, plus numerous sideshows including bouncy castles, swing boat and spinning teacup rides, plate smashing, raffles galore and lots of food - of course! - were spread out across the grass field.

Club Chairman Steve Room told ICN that this, the 28th Fun Day was proving to be as popular as ever. "The purpose of today", he said, "is to make sure that everyone enjoys themselves but also to raise some much needed money to help pay for equipment used by the Colts – the club's young players, both boys and girls. The event has been organised by the Fun Day Committee - all volunteers led by Adam Bevis-Knowles and includes Dee Sims, Anna Bowker, Pete Sims, Allison Marshall and several others. Virtually all the books on the bookstall, the gifts on the Tombola and so on have been donated by members and friends. We have a close association with the Festival who always have a marquee here. The fact that so many people are here, is a great advert for the community of Ickenham as a whole."

So it was - and a credit to Steve during his first year as Chairman, and the whole club! AFN

All the fun at the fair! Top down: Swing Boats, Picture Perfect, Bouncy Fun.

THE SHOW WITH A DIFFERENCE!

Ickenham was treated to a very fine and interesting collection of Arts, Crafts and Hobbies at the Exhibition held at Ickenham URC during three days of the Ickenham Festival week. The exhibits ranged from Aircraft Models, Canal Art (some pictured), Collages, Quilling, Family History, Needlework, Painting, Photography, Pottery, Tapestry, artefacts from Tanzania and Wood Sculpture. The Ickenham Horticultural Society feasted our eyes with a wonderful floral display and two tables of gardening information.

All this was enhanced by live music from Suzanne and Geoff Bridger on the piano with Helen Boyes playing the violin, and cream teas. The whole show was put together by John Miller and Richard Boyes. Further attractions included memorabilia commemorating the Centenary of the Battles of the Somme and Jutland, and a huge display of London past and present postcards.

The organisers wish to thank the many participants, stewards, 'tea ladies' and visitors who also contributed £250 towards the Glebe Primary School Sensory Garden. Much appreciated! JOHN MILLER

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MIDWIFE MARATHON

L-R: Karen, Suzy and Nathalie at Springwell Lock at the start of their marathon.

For most people, becoming a parent is one of the happiest moments of their life. Sadly, for some, their babies are born 'sleeping'. When Lauren Petrie's daughter, Jada, was stillborn in 2013, Lauren was determined that her death would not be in vain. She set up a fund to raise money to convert a room on the Labour Ward, at Queen Charlotte's and Chelsea Hospital (QCCH), into somewhere that offered a more comfortable environment for grieving families to spend time with their baby; a self-contained place with home comforts, preventing bereaved families from having to venture onto labour wards and risk bumping into proud parents of healthy babies; a room whose users have praised its value in one of the most difficult periods of their life. This room was named 'Jada's Room'.

As a midwife at QCCH, I see the raw pain that the loss of a baby brings. Together with my colleague, Suzy Leaves, and friend, Nathalie Smith, and inspired by Lauren Petrie's story, we decided to walk a marathon to raise funds for the ongoing upkeep of 'Jada's Room'. My husband, Gavin, helped plan our route along the Grand Union Canal from Springwell Lock to Camden Lock.

We trained for weeks ahead of our challenge, pounding the streets of Hillingdon and beyond, whatever the weather. On May 14th, we set off at 8:00am. We had amazing support from our friends and family, some of whom, including my young sons, Sam and Noah, walked with us a short way. We kept spotting supporters ahead of us waving encouragingly and supplying us with cakes, ice-creams, drinks and sweets! Gavin kept track of us in the camper van, and co-ordinated with our supporters. The walk took us through some desperately run-down industrial parts of outer London, but also by some stunning scenery and wildlife. We arrived at Camden Lock after about 10 hours, and rewarded ourselves with burgers and beer! The next day found us tired and hungry, but relatively pain free.

We are proud of our personal achievements: at the beginning of our training, 26.2 miles seemed unobtainable. The determination to raise money for such a worthy cause helped us along the way. So far we have raised nearly £1,500, plus gift aid. The marathon was only achievable thanks to all those who encouraged us along the way. A massive thank you to them and to all our sponsors! To donate, please visit *https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/suzy-leaves1*

KAREN MCARTNEY-ROBERTS

FROM THE CHURCHES' REGISTERS

Weddings at St Giles'

May	20th	Lesley Blake and Kevin O'Donnell
June	4th	Donna Masters and Robert Moody

Cremations at Breakspear Crematorium

May	19th	Desmond Leigh, aged 97, following a service at St Giles'
May	19th	Roy Willans, aged 76
May	25th	Gwyneth Sims, aged 98
June	15th	Joan Hubbard, aged 88
June	20th	Bob Roker, aged 82, following a service at St Giles'
June	21st	Pauline Benjamin, aged 82

ST GILES' CHURCH - STREET PRAYER LIST

Do join us during July and August at St Giles' Church for the 8.00am and 9.45am Sunday services as we pray for all the people who live or work in the following roads in the Parish: You would be most welcome:

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July	10th	Fincham Close	August	14th	Gilmore Close
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Saturday July 9th:
Coffee Morning and Sale of Quality Books
Saturday September 10th:
Coffee Morning and Late Summer Forecourt Sale
Both events 10am-12noon

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1st Thursday in the month at 8.00pm
Hardwick Room URC Swakeleys Rd
July 7th: Tea Party at URC 2.30pm-4.30pm £2.50 to include tea and a homemade cake Excellent raffle Supporting the Mayor of Hillingdon's Charities No meeting in August
September 1st: 'What's my poison? - which plants to avoid' - Graham Tarling
Everyone welcome *01895 636344* Visitors welcome

THE MOTHERS' UNION
2nd Thursday in the month, 1.30pm-3.30pm
Rear Room at St Giles' Church Hall
No meetings in July and August
September 8th: 'Working with Prisoners' - Mike Whitlam *01895 635074* Visitors welcome

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Every Thursday at 7.30pm
The Scout Hut, Community Close, Ickenham
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4th Wednesday in the month St Giles' Church Hall, 2pm-4pm July 20th 'Finger Prints' – Chris Mc Evoy
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ICKENHAM VILLAGE TOWNSWOMEN'S GUILD
2nd Tuesday in the month
URC Church Hall, 2pm-4pm
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St Giles' Church Hall, 7.45pm
Monthly except July/August
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HILLINGDON DECORATIVE AND FINE ARTS SOCIETY
Second Wednesday of the month, 2pm
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Ickenham Village Hall, 7.30pm July 14th:
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