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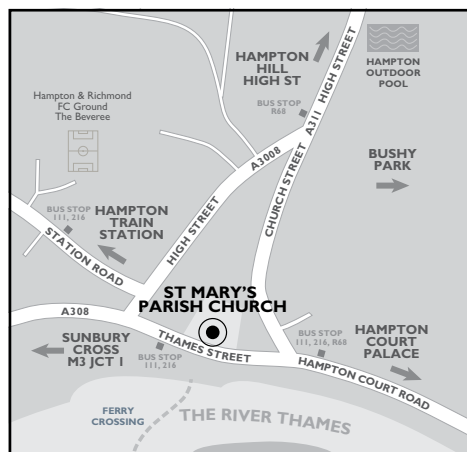
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Harvest Festival at St Mary's

Join us to say 'thank you' to God for the food that we have at our traditional Harvest Festival service at 11am on Sunday 2 October. Our church will be beautifully decorated to reflect the season.

This year our Harvest food collection will be donated to Hampton's Foodbank which is based at The White House Community Centre and is committed to providing food for families and individuals in the area who are struggling financially and therefore going hungry.

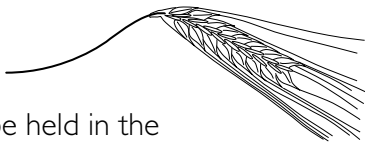
All of your Harvest offerings will be gratefully received by Hampton Foodbank, although this year it is specifically appealing for powdered milk, pasta sauces, tinned fruit and puddings, porridge and cereals, biscuits, tinned meat, fish and vegetables, long life fruit juice, tea, coffee and sugar. The Foodbank also welcomes baby products such as disposable nappies, baby wipes, loo rolls, toiletries (especially toiletries for men) and pet food.

We have a close link with Hampton Foodbank which is staffed by volunteers from the congregations of Churches Together around Hampton. There is a collection point just inside our main front door and many members of our congregation pop something into it when they come to church on Sundays.



If you would like to know more about the Hampton's Foodbank ministry and the neighbouring Foodbanks, please visit: www.richmond.foodbank.org.uk

Harvest Feast



Our annual Harvest Feast will be held in the Church Hall shortly after our Harvest Festival Service. Tickets are £8 (free for children) and include a full meal and family activities.

If you would like to book a place please call **Pat Felstead** on **020 8979 9990**.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

13 November 2016
10.50am

St Mary's Church, Hampton

Two minutes' silence will be observed at 11am

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From the Registers

Baptisms

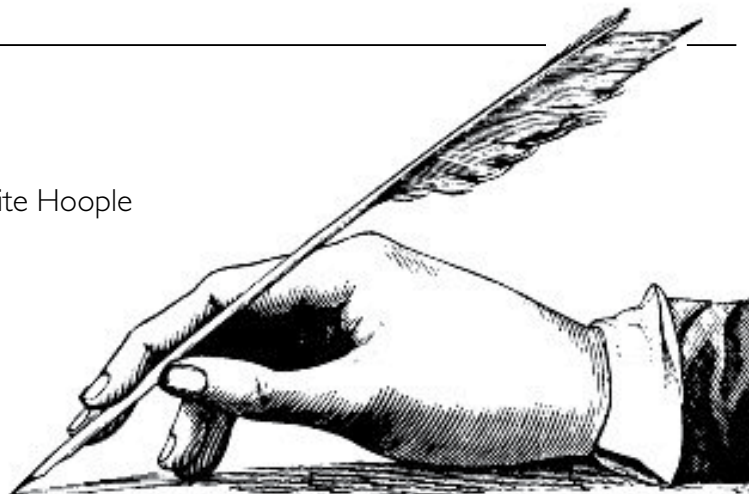
21 August..... Norah-Mae Patricia Stadelninkaite Hoople

28 August..... Lilly Rae Cox

..... Olivia Rose Cox

Thanksgiving following the Birth of a Child

10 July..... Darcie Hope Hill



Weddings

11 June..... Jeffrey Christopher Hammock to Claire Lovey

25 June..... Angus Antonio Effemey to Kristie Higgens

3 September..... Dominic John Blaxill to Emma Louise Johnson

Funerals

20 May..... Phyllis Cornwill, aged 92 years, of St Mary's House, Ormond Avenue,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

31 May..... Rebecca Jane Taylor, aged 37 years, of Linden Road, to Mortlake Crematorium,
followed by a Memorial Service at St Mary's Church

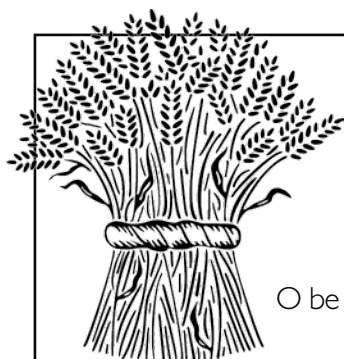
..... Matilda Jane Taylor, aged 3 years, of Linden Road, to Mortlake Crematorium,
followed by a Memorial Service at St Mary's Church

29 July..... Edith Ivy Mason, aged 87 years, of Laurel Dene, to South West Middlesex Crematorium

Interment of Ashes

23 May..... Marie Beryl Wilson

2 July..... Jean Anne Gaunt



'O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands...'

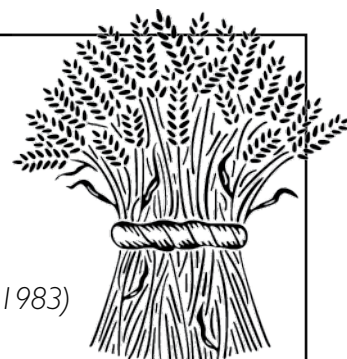
HARVEST CHORAL EVENSONG

Sunday 2 October 6.30pm

Thou visitest the earth – extract *Maurice Greene (1696-1755)*

O be joyful in the Lord – Jubilate (*Collegium Regale*) *Herbert Howells (1892-1983)*

Fear not, O land *Edward Elgar (1857-1934)*



Celebrate Harvest and the gifts of creation with our Parish Choir leading us in a full choral evensong with music from English composers, using the Book of Common Prayer service of Evening Prayer.

On this occasion we will all chant the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis; the choir will sing the setting of Psalm 100 that Herbert Howells wrote for King's College, Cambridge.

'...serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song.'

The joy of thankfulness

Written by Derek Winterburn

At harvest we celebrate God's generous gift of abundant life. We appreciate the creation around us. Further we mark the change in seasons, and give thanks that there is a harvest and that we have food enough for another year.

There are probably no farmers in Hampton. (At least I have never met any!) If we share any experience with them it is probably through caring for plants (whether in gardens or house plants) or in looking after pets.

I have enjoyed visiting various gardens over the summer (like Hampton Court Palace or Kew) and appreciated the colourful borders and been inspired to recreate something at home. Of course these grand places have teams of gardeners and volunteers. Looking just now at the garden of our new vicarage at Hampton Hill I can see only one plant in flower (not counting dandelions). It will take hours of work to make it as beautiful. Again caring for pets takes a great deal of time and expense. But many people find that the trouble is outweighed by the joy that they can bring.

But looking at my garden I am reminded that 'life' is unruly and that our role as humans, made in God's image is to bring out of it order, fruitfulness and beauty. For about 12,000 years farmers have domesticated plants and animals to supply the growth of the human population. And today when most of us don't give a second thought to where our food comes from – more than one in ten of workers in the UK are within the agri-food sector – that's a lot of work! Harvest is a time when we give thanks for their labours too.

Appreciating, being thankful, showing gratitude...

all seem rather small scale. But I think they are very influential. The amount of food we waste is colossal (across the world about a third of all food produced is wasted, in the UK the average household throws away £470 of food – 50% that could have been eaten.) If we took time to appreciate the food on our plate – wouldn't it have greater value?

And giving thanks for our food (perhaps by saying a 'Grace') is a great way of building gratitude into our lives. There is abundant research that shows happier people are people who are grateful.

And lastly celebrating Harvest with gratitude is a way of acknowledging we cannot control everything. Even in this day of hi-tech farming we cannot manufacture life, or manage the climate – it is God who gives the growth (as the Bible says). It is the right thing to do to worship the God who made us, and all things.



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The church organ needs 'a breath of fresh air'

Written by Anselm Frost

St Mary's is blessed with a lovely organ given by William IV in 1831. Its character remains essentially as it was after it was moved within the Church building and expanded in the 1890s, and it retains the beautiful original 1831 pipework. It is considered still to have the "very fine tone" originally reported in The Times newspaper in 1831, and it attracts interest among the local organist community.

The organ is played at least weekly for the congregation throughout the year at regular Sunday services, including major points of the Church calendar.

It is also played, of course, at the annual Carol Service and on Christmas Day, when attendance is several times the average weekly service number. In addition, it is key to non-congregational services involving the local community, notably the services of several schools, weddings and funerals. It is hard to imagine St Mary's and the community it serves without a fully functioning organ!

This is the situation, however, which is now looming: after 120 years of faithful service, the main bellows needs a trip to the organ builder's workshop for a complete rebuild to replace the long-serving leather-work, and a few other

repairs should be carried out (based partly on input from the Diocesan Organ Adviser). The total cost will be around £45,000. While this is a lot of money, it is expected that the repairs will last for many decades – hopefully in the case of the main bellows as long as the original 120 years! The Parochial Church Council has agreed to provide up to approximately half of this sum from existing Parish funds, with the remainder to come from donations (and perhaps some grants). It is hoped to raise this outstanding amount by January 2017 so that the work can be undertaken over a



number of weeks in the summer of 2017. Please consider making a donation; details of how to do so are given opposite. Further information, including a leaflet and a short video, are on the St Mary's website. If you have any questions or would like to discuss a possible donation, please contact David Pimm (organist) (david.pimm@hampton-church.org.uk), Nigel Francis (Treasurer), Paul Revis or me, or any member of the Parochial Church Council, direct or via the Parish Office (020 8941 7221). It will be wonderful to pass the organ on to future generations in a fully functioning state and with its historic character preserved!



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If you are a UK taxpayer and eligible to Gift Aid your donation, you can increase your gift by 25p for every £1 given, helping us further towards our goal at no extra cost to you or St Mary's. Gift Aid Forms are available on application to the Parish Office.

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St Mary's Drama Group's forthcoming production: The Importance of Being Earnest

Written by Andrea Harris

In the early 1890s, Oscar Wilde was one of London's most popular playwrights. Today he is remembered best not just for his plays, but also for his epigrams and his novel *The Picture of Dorian Gray*. The circumstances of his imprisonment and early death are well known but here are some additional interesting facts you perhaps may not know about Oscar Wilde:

- Oscar's father, Sir William Wilde, a well known and successful Dublin doctor, was renowned for his uncleanliness and reluctance to bathe! He had no regard for his clothing, his fingernails were black and there was a thin layer of dirt on his skin! What an enormous contrast to his son Oscar, who dressed in a flashy and dandiacal way designed to draw attention to himself, who taught people how to decorate their homes and preached that the pursuit of beauty should be one of the most crucial things in life.
- As a young man, Oscar proved himself to be an outstanding classicist, first at Dublin, then at Oxford where he proved a brilliant and hard working student.
- While Wilde's real success came with a series of plays that dominated the London stage, he also wrote a series of fairy tales between 1886 and 1889.
- During his time in prison, he found an admiration for Jesus Christ and wrote about his religious convictions. Just prior to his death in Paris on November 30, 1900, at the age of 46, Wilde converted to Roman Catholicism.

Wilde's four years at Oxford (1874-1878) had proved dizzy, personality-changing times and by the time of his

graduation he was firmly committed to the pursuit of pleasure and the careful devising of a public persona. This change of direction in Oscar's life was due in no small part to the influence of two powerful professors – Ruskin and Pater:



Whilst most people are familiar with the life and works of Ruskin, I have been more interested to read of the significant and lasting influence on Oscar of Professor Walter Pater, author of *Studies in the History of the Renaissance* (this somewhat misunderstood work was to remain one of Wilde's most favourite books) and *Marius the Epicurian*. It was his prose style that most influenced the young Wilde, and mostly because of course Pater's ideas seemed to fit Wilde's new-found proclivities. Pater emphasized art for art's sake and urged his students to live with passion, to test new ideas and not to conform to orthodoxy. Pater was a self-declared atheist and spoke of modern human nature as largely evil. The Aesthetic Movement was in full bloom, and its advocates were critical of the heavy, moralistic Victorian taste. Pater himself urged that our short lives should be lived as completely and fully as possible. There was a pursuit of forms of beauty in opposition to the art and architecture of the day and Wilde went overboard into Aesthetics, with his extravagant and ostentatious clothing styles, and setting himself up as an aesthete, poet, writer, and nonconformist. He wanted to be famous or at least infamous and that is precisely what he managed to achieve in a comparatively brief space of time!


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First performed on 14 February 1895 at the St James's Theatre in London, this play is a farcical comedy in which the protagonists, Jack and Algernon, maintain fictitious personæ to escape what they view as burdensome and tedious social obligations. The play's high farce and witty dialogue have helped to make *The Importance of Being Earnest* Wilde's funniest and most enduringly popular play; indeed it is regarded as one of the masterpieces of comedy and has delighted generation after generation of theatre goers.

And now for the best news as an exciting new SMDG production is coming to a theatre near you! Under the direction of Michael Harris, this production of *The Importance of Being Earnest*, to be performed at the Hampton Hill Theatre, is set to be a lively and witty interpretation, with a cast perfect in age for their parts and bringing a freshness to their roles that will truly fulfil

Wilde's vision of "a trivial comedy for serious people". So book your seats now – we need your support, so help us to make it a sell out – you won't be disappointed!



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presentation of

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How does a Parish find a new vicar?

Written by Hilary Hart, Churchwarden



After twenty years as our vicar, Derek Winterburn is moving on to another parish. But he and Sandra are not going far, just next door to St James's Hampton Hill. St James's was in fact founded as an initiative of a previous vicar of St Mary's in 1863! Derek's twenty-year incumbency in Hampton has been well over twice the average; in that time the church has grown stronger and younger, links have been forged with our brothers and sisters in Mandimba, Mozambique and closer to home MTV Youth and St Mary's Church School have begun. He has also served as Chair of Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity, Director of Reader Training and Area Dean of Hampton.

Following Derek's final service on Sunday 16 October, St Mary's Church officially has a 'Clergy Vacancy'. However, the process of looking for a new vicar started as soon as Derek announced his departure back in July. It is the prime responsibility of the two Churchwardens to make the appointment but we have an excellent Leadership Team and PCC who will all be heavily involved.

We have had our Archdeacon, the Ven Stephan Welch, to speak to the PCC about the process and the Leadership Team have met to discuss the way forward. We are giving the congregation a chance to express their views about the person they would like to be appointed, by use of a questionnaire.

The Lord Chancellor is the Patron of St Mary's so anyone wishing to become our vicar has to be approved by her.

Before the post can be advertised we have to produce a Parish Profile. This is quite a lengthy document and needs to outline the PCC's thoughts on:

- the present situation— where we are
- the traditions – where we've come from
- the next chapter – where we want to go to

A small group of people will be commissioned to work on the draft profile which will then need PCC approval. We need to make certain that it truly reflects who we are and what the parish is like and will excite someone to want to become our next incumbent. We need to be honest about what is good about the church and what may be difficult.

Once the profile is produced we are then able to advertise the vacancy. This can be done through the Church Times, the Diocese and The Lord Chancellor's Office. Considerable thought and prayer will be needed to ensure we can attract the right person for the job.

After applications are received a shortlist can be drawn up before interviews take place. Any time when there is a clergy vacancy is always challenging and I would ask everyone concerned to pray about the next chapter in the life of St Mary's. We have been blessed over the past 20 years in having a vicar who has led us forward with vision and has achieved amazing things.

Derek's last Sunday with us will be Sunday 16 October. On this day we will hold a single combined service at 11am. Derek will subsequently be licensed as Vicar of St James's on Tuesday 8 November.

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7, 21 September

5, 19 October

2, 16, 30 November

14 December



For young people of secondary school age

F.A.B. meets in church on some Sunday mornings at 11am and most Sunday evenings for discussion, games, acting, eating and other activities. In the programme there are also occasional socials and trips to Soul Survivor.

For further details contact Sam Waako 07923 331108

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Autumn Term Dates

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4, 18 October

1, 15, 29 November

13 December

Contact

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For infants 3 to 7 years

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For children of junior school age

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Written by Mary Collins

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We also provide a simple craft activity

and finish the afternoon with a story and action songs.

A group of children left us in the summer to start school in September so there is plenty of room. Come and see if it's the place for you on a Monday afternoon from 1.30-3.00pm. The group is run by friendly folk from the church who will introduce you to other members of Oasis to help you feel welcome and quickly make friends.

We meet in term time in our newly renovated Community Hall, just next door to our church. The entrance is on Church Street. Come and give us a try!

Come and join our group for carers, babies and toddlers



We meet on Mondays at 1.30-3pm in St Mary's Community Hall for play, craft, story, songs, coffee, chat and friendship

AUTUMN TERM DATES

- 5, 12, 19, 26 September
- 3, 10, 17, 31 October
- 7, 14, 21, 28 November
- 5, 12 December



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MTV Youth Celebrates 5 Years

Written by Penny Dimond

MTV Youth Hampton celebrated 5 years of the successful Friday night youth club at the last club of term in July. Over 100 young people, parents, volunteers and church members sang Happy Birthday at the party.

During the evening Dr Tania Mathias MP presented four young people with the sought after Jack Petchey Achievement Awards. The annual club awards, for a range of contributions, were distributed by the Deputy Mayor, Cllr Kate Howard. The first Jack Petchey Leader's award for MTV was also presented to volunteer Ian Kersey. Ian was a popular winner voted for by the children who appreciate his good humour, encouraging approach and commitment to leading the football every week, whatever the weather.

MTV Youth Hampton began five years ago when local residents told members of St Mary's Church, Hampton that they were concerned about the young people hanging around on street corners. The church employed a youth worker,

Nick Neilan, first to offer football training and then to lead the Friday night club at St Mary's Hampton CE Primary School, in Oldfield Road. Funding from the Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity, and a large team of volunteers sustained the club, which now draws over 50 young people each week. Alongside the club, MTV offers mentoring and leadership training for the members.

Speaking at the event Ben (17) said 'I think MTV has changed me as a person because instead of me going out on Friday night and causing trouble it gives me somewhere to stay, something to do and keep healthy and active.'

One of MTV's key characteristics has been to provide a safe place for young people to be together, and an expectation that they would grow and take on responsibility. We are therefore delighted that five years on some of the original members are now great role models for the younger members.

MTV Youth starts back for the Autumn term on 16 September.

'Rocket Science'

Written by Ruth McCann

When I found out that Leila had won the scarecrow competition at St Mary's School and it was going to be exhibited at Hampton Court Flower Show, I was overjoyed. Only later when I realised we had to make it did alarm bells start to ring.

Having said that it was a fun four Friday afternoons spent with the children stuffing, painting and gluing. The result was amazing and certainly when exhibited looked outstanding among the other 61, only I may be slightly biased.

A huge thank you to all who visited and voted for us, we didn't win but it was a fantastic opportunity to be part of. We really enjoyed every minute from coming up with the idea to seeing it at Hampton Court.



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St Mary's School is flourishing...

Written by Yvonne Lincoln



As the new term starts we have, not only a full complement of classes from Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, but now we embark upon Year 3 – our first class of Juniors ie Key stage 2 begins! We hold on to our founding principles: the school is inclusive, it is part of the local community and church family, it is part of God's family, every child is respected and cared for and given the best opportunities to learn and grow as a whole child, their mental, spiritual, physical and emotional needs met and their unique individualities respected and nourished. As the children grow, so does the school, with a new teacher starting every year.

At the end of the summer term all the children met their new class teachers for September. The new Reception children came with their teddies for a 'stay and play' with their class teacher and their parents, acclimatising themselves to life in school, their classroom, enjoying meeting their new class mates, joining them in London Class.

The new Year 1 children met with their teacher in July to learn about the exciting things they will be learning in Cairo Class. They can be patting themselves on their backs for gaining some outstanding results in their first year of school. The class about to start in Year 2 as Paris class can be very proud of their hard work this year too, gaining 100% in their phonics testing.

Children who left Paris class in July, begin their new adventure of life in the Juniors, having exceeded all expectations. May was the first time our children were tested nationally – and they have exceeded the national averages and even the Richmond average results. As Year 3 – Quito class – they all have so much to look forward to with their new teacher.

The first big event of the new academic year will be the school's 3rd birthday celebrations on September 22.

In 2013, the Bishop of London officially opened the school with the first Reception class and since then we have had the honour of hosting the Bishop of Kensington, along with the local MP and others who have supported the school from its inception. The school always welcomes volunteers and helpers, after all, our numbers are continuing to grow but we only appoint one new teacher per year. The school, with members of St Mary's Church organised a very special Prayer Spaces activity which provided a special way of deepening the spiritual lives of our children.

So, if you think you can help us in any way, with lunchtimes, hearing reading, working in the library, joining the Parents and Friends Association, by being a governor, then the school would be delighted to hear from you. We are always looking to enhance the children's learning experiences. Please look at the website: www.st-maryshamptonsschool.org.uk

Or, in term time, email the administration office on: admin@stmaryshamptonsschool.org.uk. Do help us to continue to flourish by praying for the staff, governors, helpers and especially the children at St Mary's School.

After birthday celebrations, the children will be preparing to celebrate Harvest on October 4 – another opportunity to thank the Lord for all His goodness to us. Look out for details of our Open Days in the next Parish Link magazine.

In the meantime, governors and parents are looking for some people with wheelbarrows, spades, hedge cutters, loppers and muscles to help clear one area of the premises and prepare a sensory garden. If you have the time and requirements – or can just come and make tea for the workers – we would be really pleased to see you at school, at 10.30am on Saturday 1 October.

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Greener than most?

Written by Derek Winterburn

St Mary's is the first church in the Diocese of London to be granted an Eco-Church award. This is a new scheme that was launched by the former archbishop, the Rt Rev Rowan Williams, at St Paul's Cathedral earlier this year. The programme offers innumerable ways that a local church can engage with the issues of environmental sustainability (worship/teaching, buildings, land, community engagement and lifestyle).

We already have a programme that includes a Care for Creation Sunday, so that by making some updates we were soon eligible for a Bronze Award. For example we have 'twinned our toilets' to support better sanitation in the developing world. We were thrilled to welcome Andy Atkins, CEO of A Rocha, to make the award presentation on Sunday 3 July. Brian Cuthbertson represented the Diocese of London.

A team continues to be active in planning for our Silver Award. Our Prayer Walk is a particular innovation. We are looking next at the energy consumption of buildings.



Did you know about our Churchyard Prayer Walk?

Written by Mary Collins

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'O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height'

St Mary's Hampton Organ – a celebration from the console

Written by David Pimm, Organist and Choir Director

You will see from page 6 that we are asking for donations for repairs to the 120 year old 'bellows' and other leatherwork in the organ at St Mary's, Hampton. So I offer here an organist's perspective on why this is such an enjoyable and effective instrument.

Although first built in 1831, the tonal palette of our organ today is essentially that of its 1890s expansion, that is to say English Romantic. This was a time of a great flowering of English church music from the likes of Elgar, Parry and Stanford. Our organ has the range and variety of tone and dynamics to thunder out, or to sing sweetly and tenderly, without ever being harsh. As HW Baker (1875) writes in verse 3 of his hymn based on Psalm 150:

*O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
Each jubilant chord re-echo around;
Loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
And, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.*

So whether we are singing a great hymn of praise or a meditative hymn such as 'The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want', the organist has at his fingertips a suitable range of pipes to suit the mood and occasion.

The organ is in fact three manual organs, each with its own keyboard, and a pedal organ played with the feet and usually providing the bass notes. There are 32 different ranks of pipes, each rank with its own tonal character and dynamic level. This makes a total of 1,854 pipes ranging in length from ½" (13mm) to 16' (4.9 metres), reaching up towards the roof of the side aisle of the church.

César Franck, the French Romantic composer, spoke in 1846 in loving terms of his new organ at St Clotilde in Paris: 'My new organ, it's like an orchestra'. Whilst our Bishop & Sons organ is not a French Cavallé-Coll organ, it owes much of its design to the same romantic movement in organ building. And I often share that same feeling of having an orchestra at my fingertips.

The core foundation stops on the Swell organ (the top manual) all come from

the original 1831 Bishop organ and blend beautifully together for a gently lyrical and pure tone. I often use these to accompany softer parts of our communion settings. Coupled with the bigger foundation stops on the Great Organ (the middle manual), these begin to build up just the tone that Parry would have expected for his 1912 Chorale Prelude based on the hymn tune 'Hampton', written by SS Wesley in 1831 or 1832, when he was briefly our first organist at St Mary's. And, of course, Parry wanted to achieve expansive wide-ranging dynamic gestures (think of his famous hymn-tune 'Jerusalem'). To reach the fortissimo climax of his Chorale Prelude on Hampton, I gradually add more stops on the Swell organ including the full-bodied Cornopean (a reed stop), and 'couplers' which add the pipes an octave above, or an octave below those being played on the Swell organ, or both for a really powerful effect. All the Swell pipes are inside an enclosed box with Venetian-style shutters on the front, which need some re-alignment, and are controlled by a separate pedal at the console allowing a fabulous restrained rumbling sound when shut and a crescendo to the climax, reminiscent, on a smaller scale, of the kind of sound we are familiar with hearing in a Cathedral.

The Swell organ also has two gentle reed stops: the Oboe and the Clarinet which can be used separately or together for beautiful solo lines, such as the counter tune in John Rutter's anthem setting of 'The Lord is my shepherd' or the haunting recently written Christmas Carol 'What child is this' by Thomas Hewitt Jones.

Our romantic organ is perhaps less well-suited to baroque music but it is perfectly versatile enough to carry it off elegantly. English organs in many parish churches lack the clarity in the big bass



pipes for the bold or dancing German baroque pedal lines. But we are blessed with both a gentle Double Diapason which has a clarity of tone unusual for this period and a wonderfully well-defined, but not over-powering pedal Trombone which can be used, very authentically, for the baroque music of North Germany: Buxtehude, Böhm and, of course JS Bach.

The Trombone can also bring a fabulous gravitas to the last verse of a big traditional hymn or Christmas Carol or indeed to some of the more modern songs (such as 'In Christ alone' –Townend & Getty) which we occasionally accompany with both band and organ. Unfortunately the Trombone reeds are currently delayed in their response, causing a rather ragged effect, which it is planned to fix as part of the currently proposed work.

The Great organ (middle keyboard) is where we find the body of full, characteristically organ-sounding, tone used for accompanying congregational hymn-singing. It builds up from an Open Diapason with a very pure sound at pitch (the pipes visible at the front as part of the organ case

designed by Sir Arthur Blomfield). We add higher harmonics making the sound increasingly bright, but not over-powering. On top, the Trumpet can provide the crowning glory to a full chorus, perhaps for 'Thine be the glory' (Handel) on Easter Sunday or can be used as a solo stop, for example for the whole range of English Trumpet voluntaries (from Purcell onwards) or for Handel's Water Music, all so favoured for weddings.

We have softer string and flute stops on both the Choir and Swell organs for the most delicate of sounds (perhaps during communion). The Viol d'Gamba on the Choir organ (bottom manual) has a wonderfully rich tone. The Harmonic Flute stop on the Great Organ has a silky smooth tone.

Finally, I should say a word about the console. This is of 20th Century origin, developing through the 1955 and 1975 major repairs. It is of a very comfortable design with all controls readily to hand and the layout very much as a visiting organist would expect, although it is lacking in some of the electronic stop change aids that one would now add in a full reconstruction. The keys and pedals are not unduly worn at this stage having been reconditioned in 1975 at the same time as the installation of the 1970s electronics (transistors and diodes) that take the signal from the keyboard to the pipes; this is currently working satisfactorily and so is not scheduled for repair at this stage.

All in all, the range of tonal quality of the pipe work, the scale of the instrument and the comfort of the console make it a joy to play. They provide the palette to create a sense of occasion for a wide range of services and events, using music from right across the organ repertoire. But above all the organ has the versatility and the suitability to the building size to achieve its primary purpose of helping us all to 'Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making music in our hearts to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father.' (Ephesians 5:19,20)

I am indebted to our Deputy Organist Nick Gray for much of the historical information about the organ in his 2006 'History of the Organ at the Parish Church of St Mary the Virgin, Hampton'.



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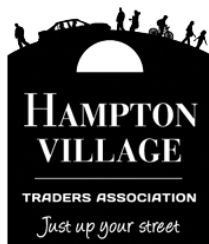
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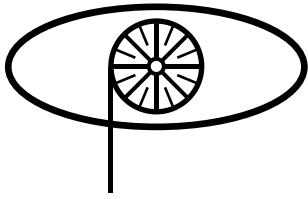
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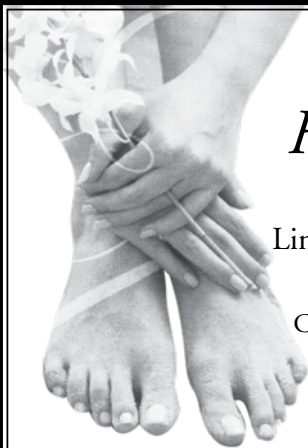
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Service Times

Sunday

8am

Holy Communion

A quiet, traditional service

9.30am

Holy Communion

A choral service, with liturgical structure and traditional hymns

11am

'Sunday Praise'

An informal service using a mixture of old and new music (Children's groups and crèche)

6.30pm

Prayer Book Evensong

A gentle, traditional service or

Refresh Informal Service

(4th Sunday)

Monday to Thursday

9am

Morning Prayer

First Steps

(Fortnightly Wednesday mornings at 10am)

A service for carers and young children with craft, games and refreshments

Home Groups

Meeting every fortnight in people's homes for Bible study and prayer.

Further details: Derek Winterburn 020 8979 3071

Pub Lunches

Bi-monthly get-togethers.

Further details: Parish Office 020 8941 7221

Teatime Fellowship

Meets first Thursday in the month in St Mary's Community Hall, 2.30-4pm.

Further details: Pat Felstead: 020 8979 9990

Men's and Women's Breakfasts

A full English feast! 8.30am Saturdays periodically in the Hall

Bookclub

Meets in the Jolly Coopers on the first Monday of the month (2nd when there is a Bank Holiday)

Choir

For keen and able singers of any age. Practice Friday evenings 7.45pm, for 9.30am Sunday Services. Trainee choristers (adults and children) welcome

Contact: David Pimm on 020 8399 2404

Worship Band

Plays at 11am Sunday services

Additional singers and players always welcome. Tuesday 8pm practice

Contact: John Winterburn on 07816 855941

Bell Ringing

For anyone who would like to combine pleasant physical and mental exercise. Tuesday 8pm practice

Contact: Alison Ward on 020 8979 9848

Friends of St Mary's

Help care for the upkeep of the building by fund-raising and social events. Discretionary annual subscription fee. All welcome

Contact: Nigel Francis 020 8941 1467

St Mary's Drama Group

Perform several plays each year. Actors and backstage help always welcomed

Contact: Andrea Harris 020 3560 5796

Children and Young People at St Mary's

We have activities for children and young people of all ages at St Mary's, see pages 11 to 14 for further details.

