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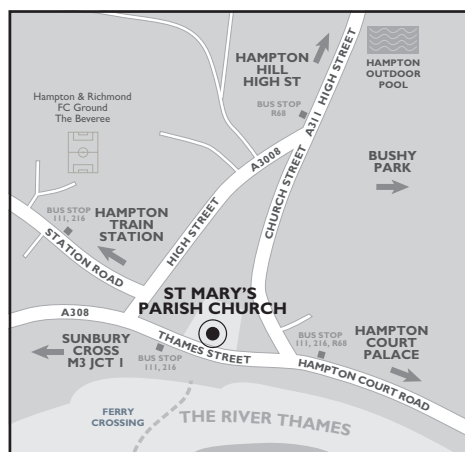
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St Mary's Church Summer Fête

Saturday 20 June
12pm - 3.30pm



Come along to our annual Summer Fête. Over 25 traditional stalls including tombolas, raffles, bric-a-brac, face painting, cakes and coconuts!

Refreshments include barbecue, traditional English tea tent and ice-creams.

Take the opportunity to go inside the church where you will be amazed by our fantastic floral display. This year's Flower Festival theme is *What a Wonderful World* and will feature displays from the seven continents.

Plus there's entertainment from the Live Swing Band, Radio West Middlesex and children's entertainer Billy Bonkers!

Free Children's Entertainer 1pm + 2pm

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Over 25 Stalls

Flower Festival

Crypt Tours

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50p
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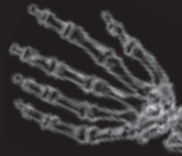
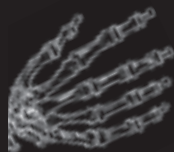
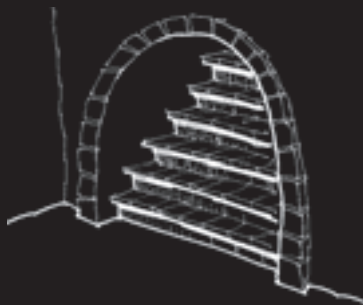
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Saturday 20 June

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From the Registers

Baptisms

31 May.....Bethany Gwen Flavin

Weddings

1 May.....Turlough Oliver McGivney to Deborah Nicole Lamb

Funerals

20 March.....John Frederick March, aged 98 years, of Chichester Close,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

26 March.....Baby Barnaby Hedley Short, aged 0 Stillborn, of Fairfax Road, Teddington,
to St Mary's Church, then to Teddington Cemetery

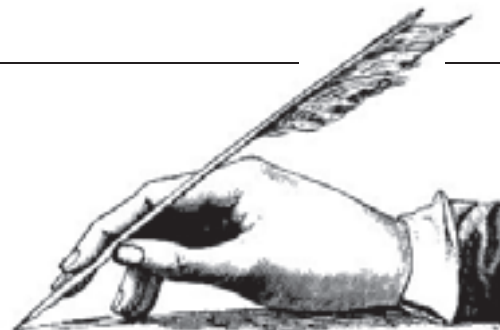
30 March.....Patricia Rosetta Lucas, aged 94 years, of Manor Gardens,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

1 May.....Phillip Maurice Lyford, aged 85 years, of Bloxham Crescent,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

18 May.....Phyllis McNeill, aged 86 years, of Byatt Walk, Hampton,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

Interment of Ashes

25 April.....Marshall Cobbald Lees



*'Dearly beloved, the Scripture
moveth us in sundry places....'*

Full Choral Evensong Sunday 21 June 6.30pm

Henry Purcell, Stanford,
John Rutter, John Stainer, John Keeble,
Hubert Parry, SS Wesley,

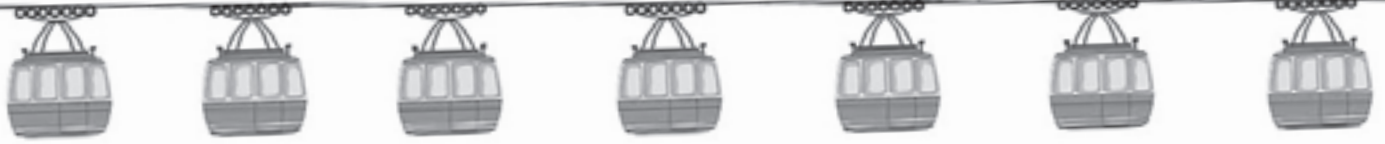
Our Parish Choir will lead us in the latest of our occasional full choral evensongs at 6.30pm on Sunday 21st June. We will enjoy the rich tradition of English choral music settings of scripture, from Henry Purcell to John Rutter, using the Book of Common Prayer service of Evening Prayer.

*'Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom
and knowledge of God!*

*How unsearchable his judgements, and his
paths beyond tracing out!*

Romans 11:33





Home or Away?

Written by Derek Winterburn

A few weeks ago we enjoyed a trip on the Emirates Air Line. This was not a plane flight to Dubai – but a cable-car ride from Canning Town to Greenwich, across the Thames! It was great fun and there were super views across to the City. The link has been open for three years now. We hadn't planned to come home that way, it was just a happy accident.

I think many would agree that there is so much to see in London (or even in Richmond), yet so much that we haven't seen. I went to Kensington Palace for the first time only a few months ago. Often it is only when we have a visitor to show around that we make the effort to go to the famous places.

I agree that 'travel broadens the mind'. I have found experiences abroad hugely enriching. In the summertime many of us take the opportunity to explore new places on holiday. But there is just as much to see 'on our doorstep.'

In spiritual matters, new or 'exotic' things fascinate many people, and the treasures closer to home seem tired. For example, just now there is a great deal of attention being paid in the media to 'mindfulness' which is usually a repackaging of a style of meditation with a Buddhist origin. Yet the Christian churches (and Jews) in their own

traditions have taught prayerful meditation for centuries. 'In the morning, while it was still very dark, Jesus got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed' (Mark 1:35). Indeed the very first psalm begins 'Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night.'

Recently I have been reading lots of the psalms and I have been struck by how articulate the writers were in expressing their emotions. So much of modern counselling aims to encourage people to talk about their feelings. The psalmists were adept in telling God exactly what they were going through and in working through their prayers we can learn that language. Again there are resources on hand to help us live life more fully.

Many people find the Alpha course a helpful introduction into a spiritual path. Over ten weeks we explore what life is like when Jesus is our teacher. We will be running another course in the autumn.

Whether you are away or at home this summer time, I hope that you think and feel more deeply and benefit from the experience.

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St Mary's Drama Group News Update

Written by Andrea Harris

A big thank you to all our supporters who turned out for our most recent production of *Annie, One, Two, Three* – a murder mystery directed by Helen Smith on our 'home ground', St Mary's Church Hall. This proved an unusual thriller by David Summers, which was, we are pleased to say, very well received by audiences who clearly appreciated this particular genre. The large cast relished the opportunity to entertain members of our church congregation in addition to the many members of our wider parish community who are always such stalwart supporters of whatever we strive to do. Please continue to do just that!

You may be interested to learn that SMDG is always delighted to welcome new members to the Group and that includes actors of ALL age groups AND those very important people who have other valuable skills to contribute, be they directors, set designers and constructors, painters and decorators, hair and make up stylists, as well as those able to help with costumes, props and dare we say the odd 'prompt'! If you're passionate about the world of theatre, we want to hear from you!

Our autumn production is Noel Coward's *This Happy Breed* and this will be performed at the Hampton Hill Playhouse on October 28, 29, 30 and 31. Written in 1939 but not staged until 1942, the story concerns the working class Gibbons family between the end of one World War and the outbreak of another and deals with many interesting topics - social

justice, personal trauma, British politics in the 1920s and 30s and even the arrival of such advances in technology as crystal radio sets and the replacement of gas lights by electricity! The Daily Express newspaper wrote at the time of it being 'history dramatised in the back parlour and a most moving portrait of small people living greatly.' Casting is almost complete although there MAY be a smaller part for someone out there keen to tread the boards again, or indeed someone who fancies having a go for the first time. Please get in touch; we should love to hear from you.

Contact **Sue McMillan** (SMDG Secretary) **020 8941 1267**

Most happily for the Group, this ambitious choice of play will be directed by our very own doyenne of stage and theatre, not to mention founding member, Jean Wood who has also recently agreed to take on once again the role of Chairman of SMDG. Thank you Jean!

This follows the retirement from this important post of Norma Beresford after several years of enormous commitment and hard work that also extended to costumes, props and the like and the Group has expressed its sincere appreciation of all that Norma has done during her time with SMDG.

Meanwhile SMDG committee and other members will as usual be running the Grand Raffle Stall at the annual St Mary's Fete to be held on 20 June so do come along to say hello and buy a ticket - you could even be the winner of a fabulous first prize sum of money!

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Church Flowers at St Mary's

Written by Michael Harris



I am writing this article to ensure all in our parish know about our flower group, in the hope that more people will join us or consider using us to commemorate important events in

their lives. I have been organising the flowers for almost two years now and have been delighted with the positive encouragement and feedback I have received. I would like to thank the members of the congregation for donating money to enable us to provide the weekly flowers in church.

For those who do not know, we arrange the flowers in memory of loved ones or to mark special occasions at the request of members of our congregation who give £25 (or more if they wish) for us to use to create the weekly displays. With this money we create five arrangements each Sunday for the two altars and for the book of remembrance cabinet. We also provide wedding flowers and for this our charges start at £350, which provides a very full church flower scheme for your special occasion.



Naturally costs rise depending on the flowers chosen by the happy couple but we are happy to work with you and ensure the scheme is as you want it for your special day. If any of you out there in our parish would like us to do something for you in this regard, please use the contact options at the end of this article. I would be happy to discuss your requests.

This year our Flower Festival takes place on 20 June as part of the church fete. Our theme this year is 'What a Wonderful World'. We will be creating displays that take us across the seven continents, using flowers to capture the essence of each of these vast areas of our world and celebrate God's bounty to us. We will be putting this display together on Friday 19 June and welcome all who wish to help. If you would like to help with this display or donate money for the project please contact me: again details are below.

My aim is to make the process of flower arranging enjoyable for all who come along to help and our current group certainly spend a lot of time laughing and amazing ourselves and our congregation with our end products. It is wonderful the

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power flowers can have to lift the spirits and enchant the senses. Please join us and experience this uplifting feeling. Why not come along to St Mary's on Saturday 20 June to see what we have created and bring friends and family with you? I am sure you will enjoy the day our fête team provides.

The flower team are always looking for new members and we would welcome anyone from our parish or beyond, churchgoers or otherwise, to join us. My hope for the coming year is that we develop a team who can share out the weekly flower arranging duties so no one is having to do more than 4 weeks in a year, and to see the team who arrange the wedding flowers growing even larger.

As I have said earlier, flowers have a power that can touch and lift the human spirit; help us to do just that for our community. Once more thank you to all who support the flower group already and I look forward to hearing from our wider community both to join our group or



to use us to help commemorate or celebrate the things special in your life and in the lives of your families.

Thank you for taking the time to read my article.

Michael Harris

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Why Thameside Harmony could be good for your soul

Written by Angela Sharp

Are you familiar with barbershop singing? Does it conjure up visions of four, slickly-dressed men wearing straw boater hats singing sweet little tunes with enviably-accurate close harmonies? Well, think instead of a group of over 20 ladies singing anything from traditional barbershop standards (or polecats as they're called) like San Francisco Bay Blues to famous pop hits like Mamma Mia and classic songs such as A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square, and having fun while they do it, and you'll have a better idea of what Thameside Harmony is like.

Formed in 1986, three of the original ladies still sing with the group. It attracts a wide range of members, both in terms of age and background. Although you don't need to read music you do need to have a fairly musical ear and to be able to hold a tune. After several weeks trying the group out, and only when ready, prospective new members have a fairly relaxed audition with the Musical Director in which you sing with three other ladies in the part that best suits your voice.

In barbershop the different parts are known as bass, baritone, lead and tenor. You sing a capella – ie without accompaniment - but conducted and guided by the Musical Director. Bass is, as the name suggests, for those



Singing at St Mary's Church

with pretty deep singing voices, baritone and lead would probably suit many voices - the lead, as the name suggests, often singing the melody line - and tenors have to be able to sing pretty high notes at times. Don't worry if you have no idea to which group you might belong. You can be advised about that once you've tried the group out for a few weeks and maybe tried different parts.

Thameside Harmony is one of 50 ladies barbershop groups which belong to LABBS, the Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers, the umbrella charity which organises competitions, a convention once a year and occasional opportunities to go on courses. Most recently there was a Quartets day – singers can form quartets usually from within their group when they have enough confidence and knowledge, and there are separate quartet competitions which can be of an incredibly high standard. Some of the group competitions are a sight to behold too. Just look at the LABBS website and you'll

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see photos of be-costumed ladies demonstrating the moves that can go with some of the songs to make them more exciting to watch.

While Thameside isn't as large as some of these, nor perhaps quite ready to reach the dizzy heights of top-level competition, its members aren't strangers to local competitions and festivals, including most recently the Bournemouth Music Festival and the Richmond Music Festival, and also performs occasionally at 'singouts' – concerts that often take place at community groups, care homes and places like the Hampton Christmas Parade and the Walled Garden in Sunbury. We also sang at St Mary's Church in 2014 (see photo).

No-one is pressured into doing singouts – you need to know a lot of the repertoire before you do and learning that can take a while, but this is helped along by being given a print out of the sheet music for each song in the repertoire, and 'teacher tracks' on cds or in MP3s, often with all four parts present, or with 'your' part louder than the rest so you can learn it at your leisure outside rehearsal time. Everyone knows it takes time to learn songs and we are very patient and understanding while you learn.

Now Thameside Harmony is entering into an exciting phase, having just appointed a new Musical Director, Jasna Vantur. Originally from Slovenia, Jasna is a highly-musical, multi-award-winning singer in her own right, and has sung in and conducted a wide range of choirs. Now a mum of three young children, this classically-trained, friendly lady has taken on the Thameside ladies as she finds her feet in the world of barbershop. No doubt, Jasna's technical excellence will rub off on the group as she



Welcoming Jasna to the choir

coaches us into shape, and we will enjoy the experience as Jasna also has a great sense of humour and a relaxed demeanour. She will also be directing us as we learn a new song alongside our usual repertoire as we take part, along with a number of other local choirs, in the celebrations to mark the 500th anniversary of Hampton Court on Sunday 1st November.

If you've read this and think you might want to join us we'd love to have you aboard.

We meet on Wednesday evenings from 7.45pm until 10pm at the White House Community Centre, Hampton TW12 3RN.

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MTV Youth has been thriving this term with large numbers of children enjoying the outdoor space, playing football, cricket and wacky Olympic games. Special events coming up include our Spacehopper challenge – where the children bounce to raise money for the club. We will also enter a MTV team to the NPL Water Rocket challenge on 17 June, so are having lots of sessions to plan our theme and make and practice firing the rockets. We will hopefully maintain our record of winning a trophy at this event.

We'd really like to appeal to everyone in the Community to become Supporters of our club – if you would like to find out more please email us at info@mtvhampton.org.uk

Our Supporters' Wall



NEWS FROM OUR SCHOOL

Since Easter, school life has been full – as ever!

The children were engaged in a week of fitness that included a visit from Hampton and Richmond Borough Football club. The Latin and Ballroom Club presented the fruit of all their practising with a showcase event with some friendly competition – and trophies! Cairo Class visited the Natural History Museum to see the dinosaurs. Their theme for the half-term was The Lost World.

Governors have continued to have discussions with the Borough over safety outside the school and we expect some work to be done over the summer holidays. We also are planning some major landscaping to the outdoor areas in the school to create a rich learning environment, with an all-weather shelter, a gardening area and a trim trail.

Linking with caring for the natural environment outside, the Rogationtide celebration this year was a great success: the sun shone brilliantly on everyone as we asked God's blessing on the grounds. As the school grows year by year new staff need to be recruited. All our posts were filled, and we were very pleased with the new appointments. Similarly we were gratified by the demand for places for the 2015 Reception and we now have a waiting list.

Lastly – we were visited by Ofsted, and at the time of going to press we were eagerly awaiting the outcome!

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Human Foods that can be Toxic to your Dog

Written by Dr Vicky Hall

Vet at Willett House Veterinary Surgery, Hampton

Dogs are generally intrigued by what we are eating and while it is ok to give them the occasional tit bit it is important to be aware that some foods can be extremely dangerous to our favourite furry friends! Here are a few of the common culprits that can lead to an emergency trip to the vets.



CHOCOLATE:

Chocolate intoxication is a common problem in dogs especially around Easter and Christmas.

Chocolate contains caffeine and a stimulant known as theobromine which are both poisonous to dogs. The level of theobromine varies in different types of chocolate but the general rule is the darker the chocolate the more dangerous it is, with cocoa powder containing the highest levels of theobromine. Clinical signs are normally noticed within the first 24 hours after ingestion. Depending on the quantity and type of chocolate eaten, the signs shown can range from vomiting, diarrhoea, restlessness, seizures or coma in severe cases. If you are concerned your dog has eaten chocolate please contact your local veterinarian at once. Depending on the amount ingested your vet may make your dog vomit or feed him charcoal to help absorb any chocolate left in his stomach.



RAISINS AND GRAPES:

The toxic substance within raisins and grapes is currently unknown. It has been reported that ingestion of even a small number of raisins can lead to kidney failure in dogs and as such is always considered an emergency. This is definitely a food to avoid! Dogs suffering from raisin toxicity can show vomiting, diarrhoea and lethargy which can proceed to anorexia, a transient increase in urination followed by either a decrease or not urinating at all. Dogs that manage to survive acute intoxication may have persistent kidney disease.



XYLITOL:

This is a relatively unheard of toxicity in dogs. Xylitol is an artificial sweetener that is

commonly found in sugar free chewing gum and diet foods. In humans, eating xylitol does not affect our blood sugar levels but in dogs eating just a small amount can cause a marked drop in blood sugar levels leading to clinical signs such as lethargy, disorientation and vomiting with signs progressing to collapse and seizures.



ONIONS:

Onions and all members of the onion family (garlic, cloves and shallots) can lead to gastrointestinal (stomach and intestine) upset and can also damage a dog's red blood cells if ingested in large enough quantities. Signs of poisoning usually start to show a few days after ingestion and may include weakness and lethargy and will sometimes produce

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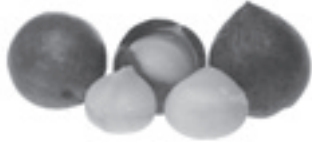
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orange to red tinged urine. These dogs should be seen by a veterinarian immediately and in severe cases may require a blood transfusion.



MACADAMIA NUTS:

Although not usually fatal, ingestion of macadamia nuts can cause dogs to experience weakness, especially in back legs, depression, low grade fever and they appear to be in pain. Signs normally begin 12 hours after ingestion and may persist up to 48 hours. Although only transient more severe signs may benefit from veterinary care.



AVOCADO:

Avocado can commonly cause vomiting and diarrhoea if ingested by dogs. This is due to a substance called Persin that is contained in the leaves, fruit, seeds and bark of avocados. Ingestion of the stone can also lead to obstruction requiring urgent veterinary care. Avocado is especially toxic to birds, rabbits and some larger animals including horses where it can cause breathing difficulties and a build up of fluid around the heart.



If you are concerned that your dog may have ingested any of the above please contact your local veterinarian for advice and guidance. The vet will normally ask the age, breed and weight of your dog and then the amount of the toxic food thought to have been ingested and at what time. If they have eaten chocolate the vet will also ask you about the type of chocolate ingested and the quantity of cocoa written on the packet.

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Modernising the Hall

Written by Nigel Francis

Exciting plans are afoot to refurbish St Mary's Community Hall and bring it up to modern standards. This summer the stage will be taken out and in that area the floor will be built up to the level of that of the main hall and new cupboards built along the sides. We will also be completely redecorating the main hall. The plan is that new flooring will be laid throughout during the autumn half-term. All this should mean that there will be a much larger floor area enabling larger functions to be accommodated, the chairs and tables which are presently stacked in the lobby will be stored in the cupboards out of sight and the décor will be much enhanced.

This will not be all! Next year we plan to enlarge and refurbish the kitchen bringing it up to modern standards and allowing catering for the larger functions. At the moment when there are three people in the kitchen it is crowded so the extension will be very welcome. At the same time we are planning to install a new Universal Access toilet which will meet modern specifications.

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Parson Black was granted the living of Hampton by the Duke of Cumberland, of Culloden fame (or notoriety if you are a Jacobite). He was the favourite son of George II so possibly persuaded his father to confirm John Black in the post.

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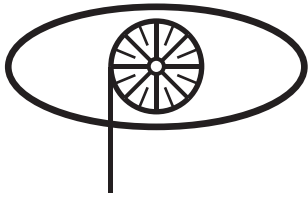
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