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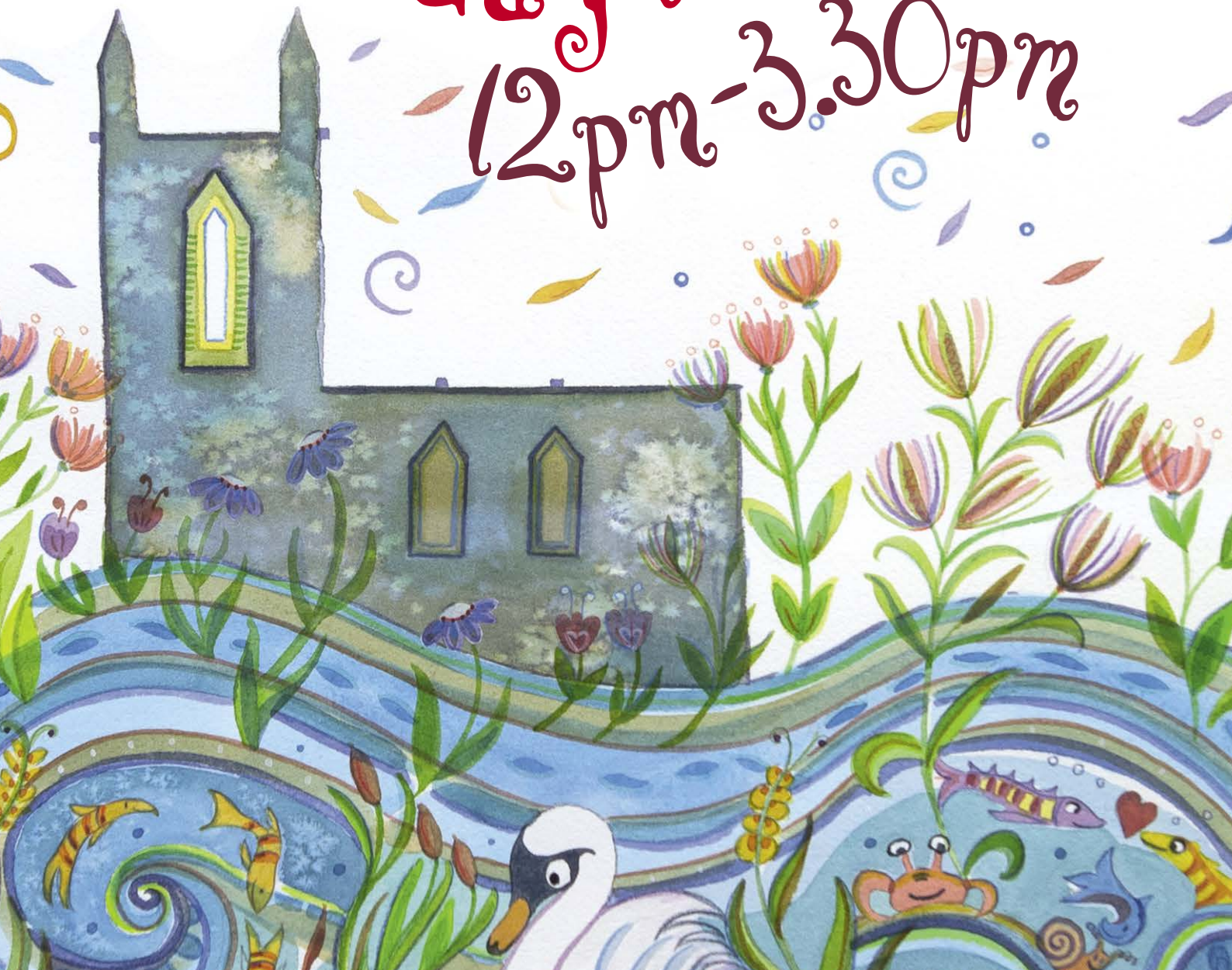
JUNE 2019



Summer Fête

Saturday 15 June

12pm - 3.30pm





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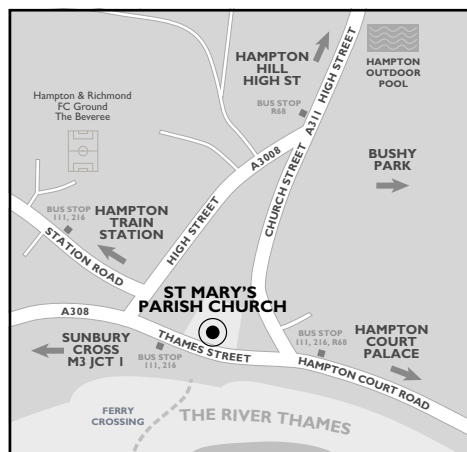
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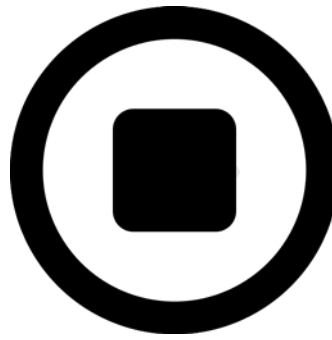
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PAUSE



REST



RESTORE

I'll let you into a secret...

If you try and contact the vicar every now and then you will be told that he is on a course. This often means that I am away training and improving my skills. Listening to experts on how to run a church, school or charity more effectively or keeping up to date with the latest safety procedures.

However sometimes when you are told that I am on a course, it is a different type of course entirely. It might not be the instructive, educational type of course but rather a course with green rolling hills, pockets of sand and little white balls flying around. Sometimes the course that I am on is a golf course.

The most restorative thing I have found to do, the thing that most washes away the stresses of the moment, is to spend some time with old friends or new acquaintances enjoying a round of golf.

TIME

Time is the most limited of our resources. It does not matter how successful you are, how many people are influenced by you, the money or supplies you have, your time will always be limited. Time is also constantly creeping past us. No amount of effort can pause or reverse it.

A rabbi calls time the most sarcastic force in the universe: 'a slick treacherous monster with a jaw like a furnace incinerating every moment of our lives.' It is a never-ending entropic force which engulfs us.

The surprising thing in the Bible is that the very first thing that God declares to be Holy, Holiness being something that is set apart to be special for God, is not a building or place. It is not a person or a priest, but rather a day. The first thing that God makes Holy is the sabbath - a time to rest and stop.

REST

The fact that one of the very first things mentioned in the Bible is for us, following the example of God, to not do anything for a portion of the week jars with a world that calls us to constantly do more.

However it is not entirely surprising. We can so often be consumed by what we are doing that the Biblical call to stop and pause is a reminder to remember the core of who we are. We are called to be, rather than to do. We are called to find our primary identity is what we love, what we find joy in before we go out and plough ourselves into working for those things. If we work first we become defined by our activity not by our love.

We see this in the life of Jesus who leads an incredibly busy three years of ministry. Thousands starting to follow him, dozens upon dozens healed, a movement started that shook the Roman Empire in a period of time that most of our strategic planning would consider a blink in time. Yet again and again we see examples of him withdrawing, praying, pausing and resting.

In stopping and pausing I cannot rest behind the lie that I can bury the scars and hurts of my heart beneath my activity. In a time of rest I have to face up to me; the good parts and the bad. I'm reminded of my true role in my life. That the world continues to revolve, that things move forward whether I invest energy into them or go and play a round of golf. The salvation of this world is not dependent on my effort but rather Him who I follow.

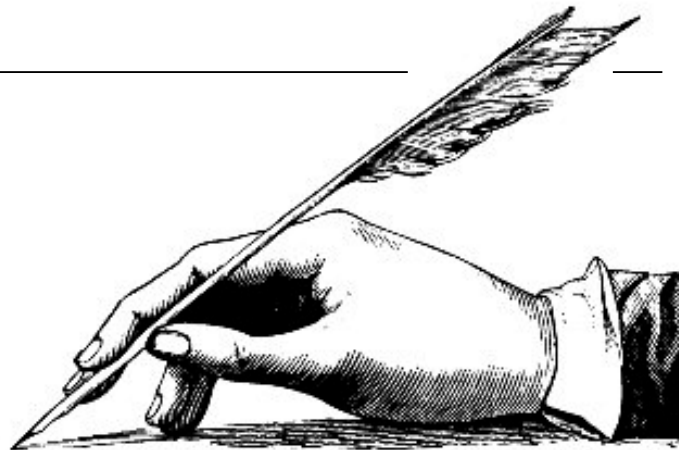
So this summer; as holidays are booked in, fetes attended, barbecues with friends enjoyed; let us not just do those things from a place of indulgence but knowing our souls are being restored by pausing and resting.

Blessings, Ben

From the Registers

Baptisms

19 May Harry Ray Aaron Spencer-Taylor
. Ruby Eva Belle Spencer-Sweeney



Funerals

5 April Harry John Austin, aged 87 years, of Dean Road, to St Mary's Church,
then to South West Middlesex Crematorium

9 April John West, aged 93 years, of Buckingham Road, to St Mary's Church,
then to South West Middlesex Crematorium

15 April Johanna Karoline Sinnatamby, aged 82 years, of Chelsea Close, Hampton Hill,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

29 April Joan Rita Constance Chapman, aged 96 years, of Ormond Drive,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium
followed by a Memorial Service and Holy Communion in St Mary's Church

29 April Lynne Catherine Evans, aged 69 years, of Sandown Court, Hampton Road,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

30 April Diana Elizabeth Backhouse Murphy, aged 94 years,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium

30 April Irene Baker, aged 96 years, of Hampton Care Home,
to Randalls Park Crematorium

SERVICE TIMES AT ST MARY'S

SUNDAYS

9.30am Holy Communion
A choral service with traditional hymns

11am Sunday Praise
A family friendly contemporary service with
youth and children's groups and crèche

6.30pm Prayer Book Evensong
A gentle, traditional service

WEEKDAYS

9am Morning Prayer
(Monday – Thursday)

11.30am Holy Communion
(Wednesday)

10am First Steps Toddler Praise (Wednesday)
A service for pre-school children with craft,
games and refreshments.



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

St Mary's Church Summer Fête Saturday 15 June 12pm - 3.30pm



Over 25 traditional stalls including tombola, plants, raffle, toys, books, face painting, cakes and coconuts!

Refreshments include a barbecue and a traditional English tea tent.

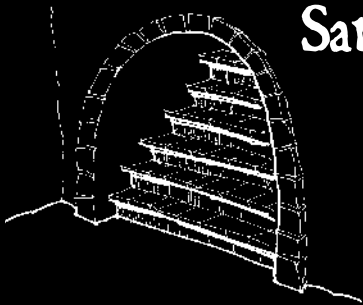
Take the opportunity to go inside the church where you will be amazed by our fantastic floral display. Plus there's a giant bouncy castle, a healing tent and entertainment from Radio West Middlesex. This year we will also be road-testing a giant Scalextric set! (see page 6).



Come and join in the fun...

CRYPT TOURS

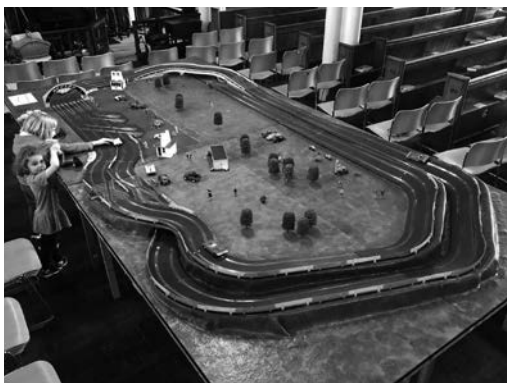
Saturday 15 June **ENTRY FREE**



Entry strictly limited to 8 per tour. Tours at 12.30pm, 1.15pm, 2pm and 2.45pm. Please note the entrance to the crypt is very steep. Strictly no under twelves.

A Vicar and a Churchwarden walk into a pub...

... to overhear Jolly Coopers' landlady, Jane Witham, in the final throes of bidding on eBay for a giant Scalextric track – in fact a giant Scalextric track modelled on the Le Mans circuit. If bidding was successful this would be a great feature at Hampton's Classics in the Green Car Show, being held this year on 7 July on the village green in Station Road.



Vicar Ben and Churchwarden Nally's ears pricked up. What's not to like about a giant Scalextric replica of Le Mans? 'Have you won?,' 'What's the latest bidding?,' and, more importantly, 'When do we get to have a go?'

Bidding was tense but ultimately Jane emerged victorious. She had won. Now all she had to do was get it picked up and store it somewhere. Now remember, this is a GIANT Scalextric. Not the sort of thing you can keep under your bed.

Eager to test it out Ben and Nally came up with a cunning plan. 'We can store it. But can we play with it first please?' So, in a perfect partnership of church and community, local gardener Billy Witham picked up the beast in his van and delivered it to the Jolly Coopers. Amid much huffing and puffing it was then hoisted over



into church for a road test. As you can see from the pictures, everyone had a great morning and can't wait to get it out again and give it another spin. It now lives below the church – not in the crypt itself but in the old boiler room now known as 'Nally's Office.'

Come and join Ben and Nally at our Summer Fete on 15 June. If you are lucky they might let you have a go...

**Have a go on the
Giant Scalextric**

**St Mary's Summer
Fete 15 June**

**Hampton Village
Traders' Association
Classics on the Green 7 July**



Introducing our new Children and Families Pastor

Beatrice Parish, a pupil at St Mary's Hampton CE School, interviews Laura Woodhead about her new role at St Mary's Church.

What is your new job at St Mary's church?

I am the Children and Families Pastor. That involves working with all of the children in the church and wider parish from ages 0-11 years old.

What things will you do at St Mary's Church and around the parish?

On Sunday mornings we have two groups for children, Mini-cosmos for ages 3-7 and Cosmos for ages 7-11, and I'll be in charge of those. I will also help to run our toddler group, Oasis, on Monday afternoons in the church hall and our Toddler Service, First Steps, on Wednesday mornings in church. I'll be going into local schools, like your school, and doing assemblies and other services.

Part of my job will organise baptism preparation for families who want to bring their children to St Mary's church for baptism. I'll also be running St Mary's church holiday club in the last week of the summer holidays. I'm sure I'll be involved in lots of other things!

Why do you like working with children?

I think it is great fun working with children! Children bring a new perspective to things and have great ideas. I enjoy having fun with children and teaching them about Jesus. I love getting to know their parents and families and look forward to building up relationships with the families at St Mary's church and the community.

What do you do in your spare time?

I like to go rock climbing with my husband, walking in the countryside and spending time with friends.

What experience do you have working with children?

My previous job was at a church in Woking. I was there for nine years doing a similar role to this one at St Mary's Church. Before that, I helped at a lot of children's clubs as a volunteer. I also have a degree in Children's and Youth Ministry.

What are you most excited about in your new job?

Lots of things! There are exciting things happening at St Mary's and it is really great to be involved as the church grows – there are lots of families coming to the church and I'm really looking forward to meeting them all.

What is your favourite animal?

That's a good question!
My favourite animal is a giraffe!

What's your favourite colour?

I like turquoise. We got married last year and my wedding colour scheme was turquoise!

What's your favourite ice-cream flavour?

I love salted caramel!



For further details of what St Mary's can offer children and families, please contact Laura at:
laura.woodhead@hampton-church.org.uk



Children's Holiday Club 2019

Dates: Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 August

Time: 10am-12.30pm

Venue: St Mary's Church, Hampton

Cost: £5 per family

Ages: 5-11 years

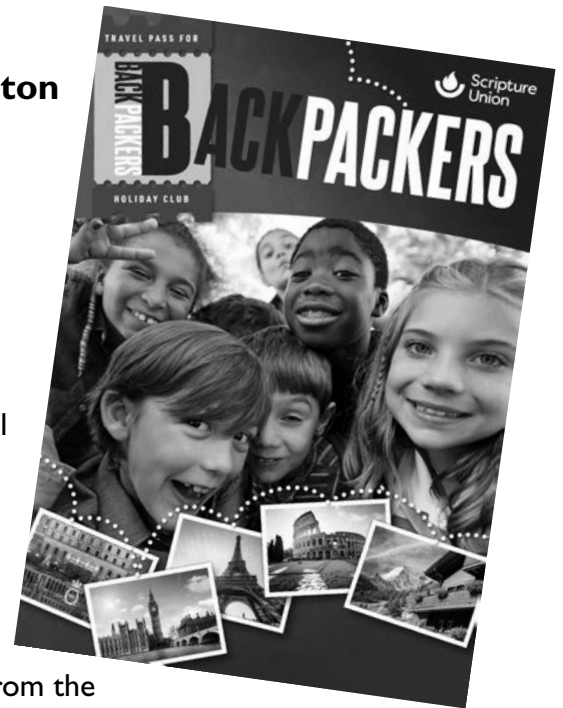
St Mary's is hosting its annual summer Children's holiday club from Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 August 2019. Each session will run from 10am to 12.30pm and activities will

include crafts, games, bible stories and discussions and songs. There will be light refreshments provided for the children during the morning.

The cost is £5 contribution per family, which covers the whole week and helps to cover the costs of the activities.

The theme this year will be 'Backpackers' and we will be travelling with Jesus as he arrives in Jerusalem and exploring the events of his last week on earth. The programme focuses on the awesome stories from the Gospel of Matthew and will help children to learn more about Jesus and God's great love for them.

If your children would like to come and join in the fun, please contact Laura, our Children and Families Pastor: laura.woodhead@hampton-church.org.uk. A registration form will then be sent to you to be filled in and returned at least two weeks before the event.



Mini COSMOS

FOR INFANTS 3 TO 7 YEARS

Mini-COSMOS begins in the church service and then the children leave for their own activities in the church hall.

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month during our I am service.

We come back in time for a blessing in the service.

COSMOS

FOR CHILDREN OF JUNIOR SCHOOL AGE

COSMOS meets in the hall during our I am service for activity, craft and fun.

We meet on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of the month during our I am service.

We come back in time for a blessing in the service.



FIRST STEPS BABY & TODDLER PRAISE

An opportunity for babies, toddlers and their grown-ups to get together for singing, stories, crafts and Jesus.

Every Wednesday during term time at 10am.

St Mary's Church, Thames Street,
Hampton TW12 2EB

Contact Laura Woodhead for further details:
laura.woodhead@hampton-church.org.uk

BIBLE STORIES SINGING CRAFT & JESUS



FOR BABIES, TODDLERS & THEIR GROWN-UPS

A safe space for your little ones to play while you relax, have a cup of tea and make friends.

Our weekly activities include craft, singing and story-telling. If your baby is still too young to join in with some of these activities then we have baby mats so your baby can still enjoy watching the older toddlers play.

We are here every Monday during term time, 1.30–3pm

St Mary's Community Hall,
Church St, Hampton TW12 2EB

Contact Laura Woodhead for details:
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BELL RINGING AT ST MARY'S

If you live near St Mary's you will have heard the church bells calling parishioners to the Sunday 9:30 service. This old tradition of change ringing is a speciality of the UK and there are over 5000 towers with bells hung for ringing. Whilst the bells in different towers vary in number and weight, the principle of ringing is the same everywhere and once you have learnt to ring, you can practise the art in any location where there is a band of ringers.

We have a renewed bell ringing activity at St Mary's with a regular practice night on Wednesdays from 8pm to 9pm. We would welcome new ringers to our band, no previous experience is necessary. We are now training complete beginners, any age from about 12 upwards. It is not a strenuous activity – just a normal level of physical fitness is required.

Our eight bells are original to the present church building and will soon be 200 years old. As part of our ringing development we are working towards an overhaul of the bell mechanisms and a refurbishment of the ringing chamber. This is a substantial project and we will be embarking on fundraising soon, more to follow in the Harvest edition of The Parish Link.

In the meantime, if you are interested in joining us as a ringer or just want to learn more about the bells and ringing, please get in touch.

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, Ringing Master
ALISON WARD, Tower Captain

For anyone who would like to combine pleasant physical and mental exercise.

WEDNESDAY 8pm PRACTICE

JONATHAN WILLIAMS, Ringing Master
jonathan.williams@hampton-church.org.uk

Quiz Night

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A fundraising event to
raise money towards
refurbishing MTV's
outdoor space

MTV
Youth

HAMPTON

MTV Youth move to a New Home

Written by Nick Neilan

On Friday 3 May, MTV Youth opened its doors for the start of term in our newly refurbished premises – the Bungalow (adjacent to St Mary's Hampton CE Primary School).

It's fantastic to be back together again on one site and feedback from our volunteers and young people has been great. It already feels like home and the young people have been hard at work giving our new premises its own distinct, personal touch – planting flowers, decorating mugs and completing a wonderful 3 week spray art project where they painted words which they felt represented the club's values. In those first three weeks of term we've also baked and decorated MTV biscuits, made slime, learned how to wire plugs, made soft toys using the sewing machines, decorated acetate unicorns, performed drama skits, played interactive games, hunted for chocolate eggs as well as having good games of football and basketball on the floodlit courts.

Thank you to our brilliant team of adult volunteers and young leaders who make a difference in so many ways and everyone who supports the club behind the scenes. We would also like to say a big thank you to everyone who voted for our project when we successfully applied to the LBRuT Community Fund last year to pay for the refurbishment of the building and also to the Council contractors who have partnered with us to do the work.



A YOUTH CLUB FOR YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 8-14

Friday evenings, 7-8.30pm during term time

Activities include football, crafts, drumming & other games.

To find out more about MTV please visit our website at mtvhampton.org.uk.

To get in touch or to find out how you can become a supporter of the club please email: info@mtvhampton.org.uk

MTV
Youth
HAMPTON



Blessed are they who walk according to the law of the Lord.

SUMMER FULL CHORAL EVENSONG

followed by light refreshments in the Church Gardens

6.30pm SUNDAY 14 JULY

St Mary's Church, Thames Street, Hampton TW12 2EB



Pitoni – Cantate Domino

Stanford in Bb – Magnificat and Nunc dimittis

Bainton – And I saw a new heaven

Stanford – Beati quorum via

Parry – Chorale Prelude on Wesley's Hampton

JS Bach – Praeludium in D major (BWV 532)

Praising God in song, led by the expanded choir of St Mary's, Hampton, Evensong will follow the Book of Common Prayer. This can provide a wonderful moment of reflection and peace, surrounded by beautiful choral music and beginning and ending with our triumphant organ. Weather permitting, light refreshments to follow will be in the church gardens, serenaded by the full church bells.



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*I will meditate on
all your works and
consider all your
mighty deeds.*

PSALM 77





News from Mandimba

Our partner parish of Sao Paulo's Mandimba is part of a growing Christian community and now has five outlying congregations, all looked after by Padre Austen. Each congregation has a catechist – a leader who has some training, but is not ordained and therefore cannot take services such as Holy Communion. For this, they need a visit from Padre Austen.

These congregations are between 18 to 90 km from Mandimba, but the distance is not the only challenge in visiting them. During our visit last October, we were able to experience for ourselves how difficult travel can be. The local roads are mostly dirt tracks – bumpy and dusty in the dry season, muddy and/or inaccessible during the wet season. There is no form of public transport to the remote congregations, which are most easily accessed by a motorcycle. Up until now, Padre Austen has been dependent upon the goodwill of others in the local community who may be travelling to those areas or willing to lend him transport.



When we met the congregation at St Anna's, Mongola (31 miles from Mandimba; a journey which took 1.5 hours on roads and tracks, followed by a walk and then a 40 minute boat ride across the lake) they said how much they wished Padre Austen could visit more than four times a year.

In previous years, we have also visited the congregations at Mitende, Messangulo and – after a number of unsuccessful attempts – Marcos 18, the most remote congregation.

So, we have purchased a motorcycle which should significantly help Padre Austen to visit and minister to these congregations. During a special service at Sao Paulo's when 16 members were baptized, Bishop Vicente also blessed the new motorcycle – and Padre Austen tried it out! Thank you to all those who have supported this purchase.

FIONA ROWETT

Chair of the Hampton Mandimba Partnership team



Greece in St Paul's Steps

Written by Hilary Hart

Very early, on a Monday morning in May, a group of 25 pilgrims set off from Gatwick airport to fly to Thessaloniki, Greece, to start a pilgrimage following the footsteps of Paul's secondary missionary journey.

Our first destination was Kevala, formerly known as Neapolis, where Paul landed in Greece travelling from Troas in Asia Minor. This was Paul's first landing in Europe. Kevala is a seaport about 150km east of Thessaloniki, and outside one of the main churches in Kevala is a beautiful mosaic illustrating Paul's arrival.

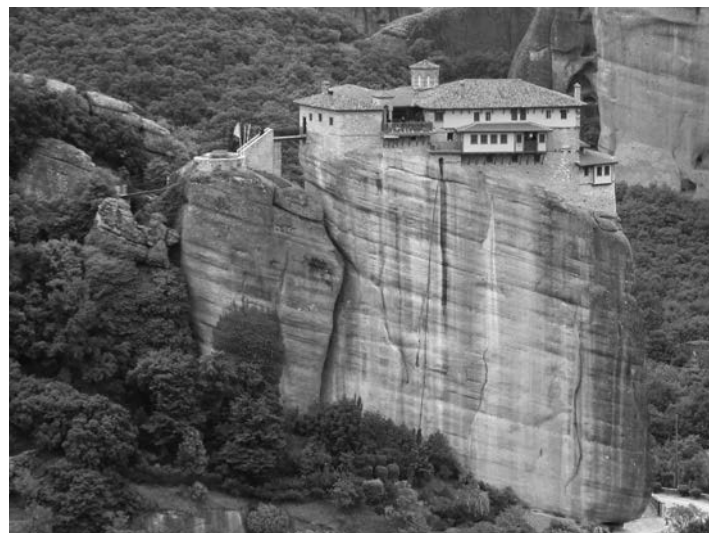
From Kevala we were able to visit the site where Paul baptised Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth, who was the first European to be baptised. The site includes a fairly modern small Greek Orthodox church, or basilica. Dodging showers, we celebrated communion in the grounds and were able to renew our baptismal vows by the stream where Lydia was baptised.



Travelling a little further north we visited the remains of the old city of Philippi, which was re-established as a Roman colony by Julius Caesar. It was here that Paul and his companion Silas, were thrown into prison after Paul had healed a slave-girl who had been making money for her owners by fortune-telling. The archaeological site is very extensive and we were able to visit the Agora, or market-place where Paul would have been put on trial and see a cell similar to the one in which he and Silas would have been imprisoned.

Our next stop was Thessaloniki, the second largest city in Greece with a huge university, the Aristotle University, which in 2014 had about 40,000 students. Our first stop was the acropolis, the highest point of

the city where we had a wonderful panoramic view right down to the waterfront. We were then able to visit the cathedral of Saint Demetrios dedicated to the patron saint of Thessaloniki. We were indebted to an amazing coach driver, who managed to manoeuvre our coach through the narrowest of streets lined with parked cars, without touching anything!



From Thessaloniki Paul travelled to Beroea, but we made a detour so that we could visit the monasteries of Meteora. The Meteora is a rock formation hosting one of the largest and most precipitously built complexes of Eastern Orthodox monasteries. The six monasteries are built on immense natural pillars and hill-like rounded boulders that dominate the local area. In the past the monks were winched up to the monasteries in nets; thankfully there is now a very bendy road so we could drive there. Each monastery has its own church containing a rich selection of icons.

Continuing south we visited Delphi, a town on Mount Parnassus in the south of mainland Greece. It is the site of the 4th Century BC Temple of Apollo, once home to a legendary oracle. I had not realised how mountainous Greece is, there was still snow visible on some of the mountain tops, whilst we basked in warm sun at lower levels. Whilst in Delphi, the sky darkened and we watched a storm blow in across the valley, accompanied by thunder and forked lightning, luckily the worst of the storm passed us by.

Next stop was Athens, which Paul and Silas reached by boat. Athens is full of archaeological remains. From the Aeropagus on Ares Hill next to the Parthenon, there is wonderful view of the city. Here



Paul and Silas spoke to the Athenians about his God who made the world and everything in it, and some of the crowd became believers. There are so many archaeological sites in Athens that even when visiting restaurants, it is not unusual for the remains of something to be clearly visible.

Our final day was spent in Corinth, now separated from the mainland by the Corinth Canal. We were able to stop and take photographs of the canal from the bridge. It is an amazing engineering feat but not good if you do not like heights. Paul visited Corinth at least three times. The city existed in Ancient Greece, but was destroyed by the Romans around 146 and re-established by Julius Caesar in 44 BC.

We concluded our pilgrimage with a celebration of communion in the ancient city of Corinth. We were a mixed group of Christians from several Anglican churches as well as a Methodist Minister and two Salvation Army officers. It was very special to share Christ's meal with all these people who we had grown to know over the week, and to sing "How Great Thou Art" as a final climax.

Thank you to the Revds Derek Winterburn and David Uffindell for their leadership and shepherding of our group and to Evie our Greek guide whose knowledge was encyclopaedic and English amazing and who looked after us expertly. We will all have many wonderful memories of our Greek adventure.







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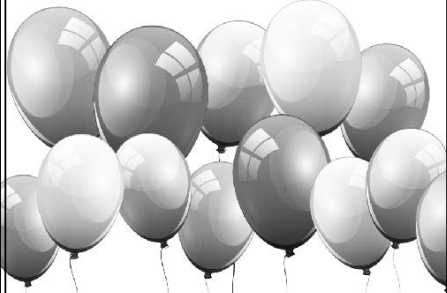
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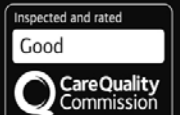
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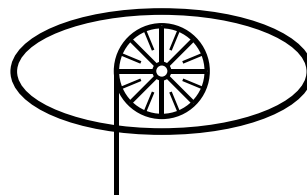


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