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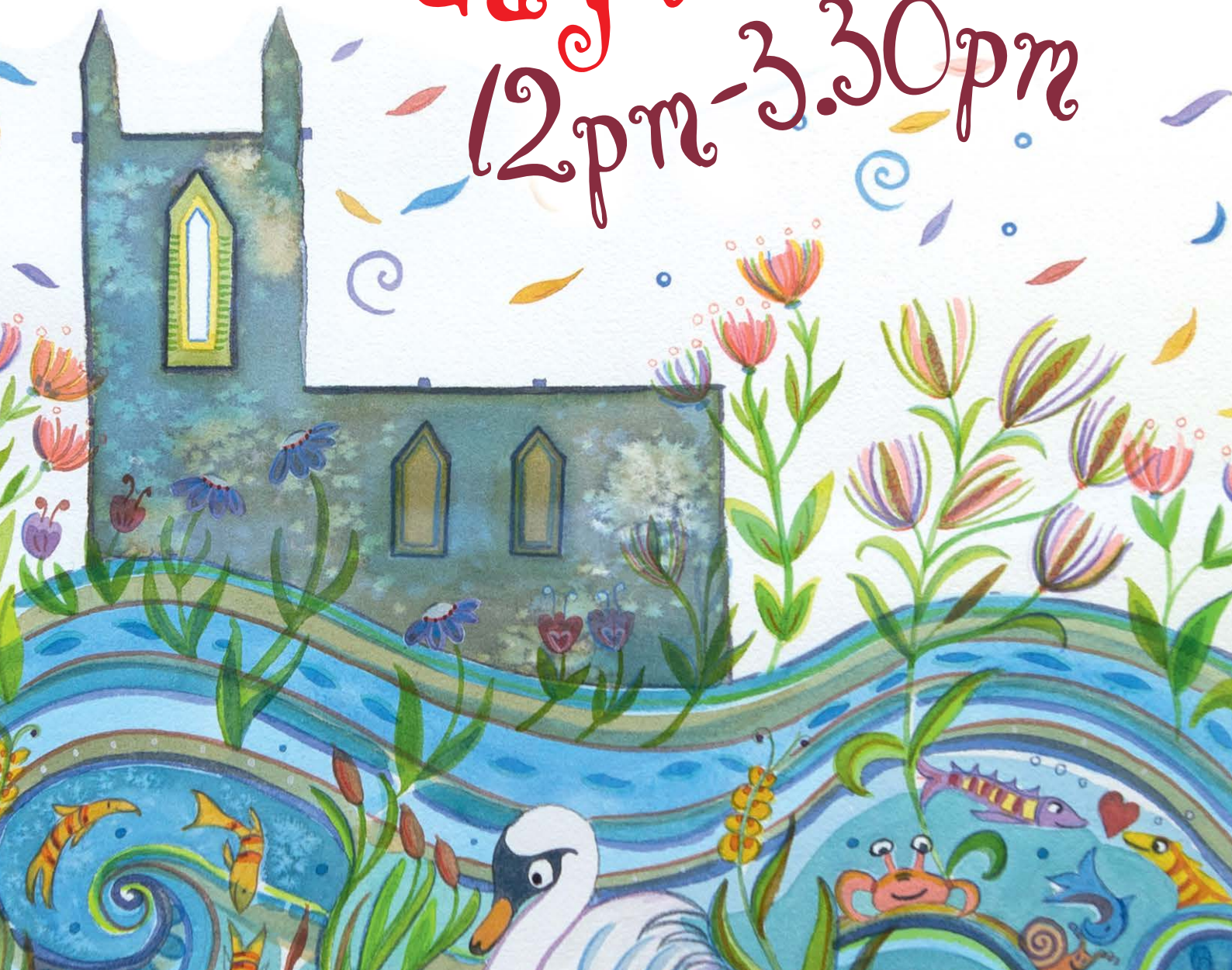
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Summer Fête

Saturday 17 June
12pm - 3.30pm





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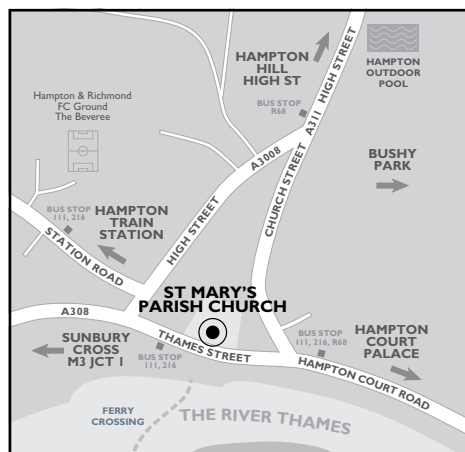
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St Mary's Church Summer Fête

Saturday 17 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 *To the glory of God*.

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

Free Children's Entertainer

Bric-a-Brac • BBQ and Teas

Live Swing Band 2.30pm

Over 25 Stalls

Flower Festival

Face Painting



Entrance
50p
Children Free

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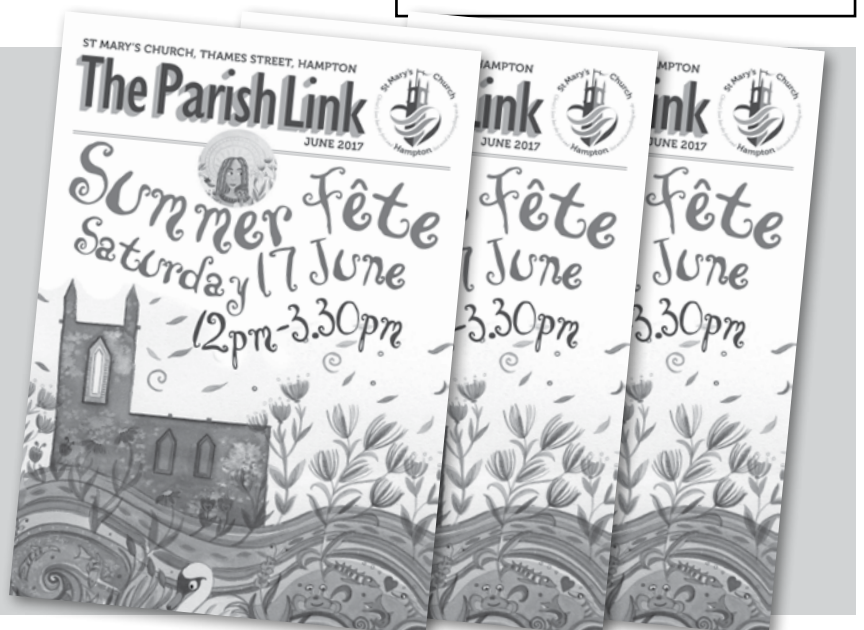
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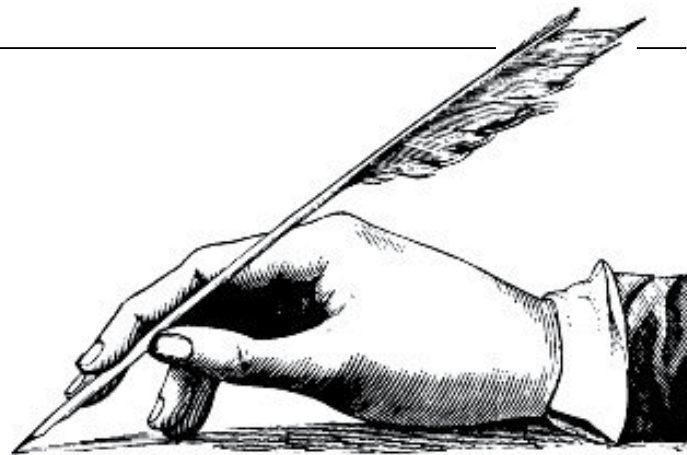
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Baptisms

- 23 April. Arthur Willcocks
21 May Noah Almashoor
. Jacob Almashoor
. Eliza Skye Fletcher



Weddings

- 22 April 2017. Alistair Watkiss to Zoe Armstrong
29 April 2017. John Nowell David Battersby to Claire-Louise Williams

Funerals

- 6 March James Henry Cornes of Hampton Care Nursing Home, to Mortlake Crematorium
8 March Lily Irene Maclean, aged 89 years, of Oldfield Road,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium
21 March Leila Walters, aged 95 years, of Hogarth Way, to St Mary's Church,
then to South West Middlesex Crematorium
23 March Mark Henry Stonehouse, aged 59 years, of Alfred Street, Weston-Super-Mare,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium
6 April. Michael John Ward, aged 85 years, of Cardinals Walk, to St Mary's Church,
then to Mortlake Crematorium
13 April. Christine Clara Richardson, aged 78 years, of Hammond Close, to Mortlake Crematorium
13 April. Dorothy Mary Staite, aged 90 years, of Beards Hill Close,
to South West Middlesex Crematorium
18 May William Jesse Iles, aged 97 years, of Howard close, to South West Middlesex Crematorium

Memorial Service

- 15 May Gail Jaques, aged 78 years of Spring Grove, to St Mary's Church

Interment of Ashes

- 25 April. Mark Henry Stonehouse

'The mighty One, God, the Lord speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to the place where it sets.' Psalm 50:1

Full Choral Evensong – Sunday 2 July 6.30pm

'I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God...' Revelation 21:2

Glorious and powerful God (extract) – Stanford
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis – Stanford in C
And I saw a new heaven – Bainton

Our expanded parish choir will lead us in a full choral evensong. This can provide a wonderful moment of peaceful, grateful meditation on the word of God and a space for Him to touch our spirits. We will follow the order set out in the Book of Common Prayer:

Do join us to praise God with awe and with joy.



Going Somewhere?

Written by Ben Lovell

It was ten years ago yesterday, on top of the Duomo cathedral in the centre of Florence, that I asked my wife to marry me. In the past decade things have changed. We've gone through many things in life. We've seen two daughters born, we've had friends and relatives pass away.

We've had times where the blessings and plans of God are apparent and clear. We've had times when life is messy, when we are not sure where God is. And we now come to a new stage as we move to Hampton and I become vicar of St Mary's.

This next stage of our journey feels clear and certain. It's exciting and we feel a sense of calling to Hampton and St Mary's. However there have been times where we've not known what is next. Normally we've had a sense of what the next step might be, but not where the path will finally lead. I didn't set out to be a vicar when I started working for the church, but I've followed each step and joyfully find myself here.

Throughout the Bible we see God's people being called on a journey. God calls Abraham to leave his home, the Israelites escape slavery for a 40 year journey through the wilderness, Jesus always seems to be on the move, Paul travels Europe telling of the Good News.

We can see the world in two ways. We might see a perfect life as something that is finely formed. We aspire for that moment where everything is unbroken, without blemish and flawless. Like a fine statue; everything in its place and no messy problems.

Alternatively we can see life as something that grows. Every day different, sometimes in need of a prune and sometimes growing furiously. Where success or failure is less about where we are now and more about where we are going.

Where are you going?

A question that is not meant to be accusatory, rather an invitation. An invite to take the next step that is in front of you. To step out and do something that you've delayed.

Jesus promises to be a light unto our feet. He promises to guide our next step. We might want a road map to the final destination, but the promise of Jesus is an invitation into a new life which is different from the one you have now. It requires movement. It requires a step out in faith. Standing still means that we never get to where we are led.

A stationary ship's rudder is useless.

As I start as the new vicar of St Mary's, continuing the amazing journey that so many other vicars have been part of, I do not know entirely what the next season at St Mary's will entail: for me or for the church. I do know that with God at the heart of it and with the courage for us to continue to keep taking another step we will see more of what God has in store for us.

One thing that I do know is that God has guided me and my family. I invite you to join us on this great adventure with God – allowing him to show you and me the next step.

Blessings, Ben



Memories of Summer Fêtes past

Written by Hilary Hart

The third Saturday in June has been 'Fête Day' at St Mary's for well over 50 years. The fête used to be held in the grounds of 'Beveree', which in those days was a home run by Ealing Council. The fête moved to the Churchyard around 1990 before Twickenham Prep School moved to the Beveree site in 1992.

Preparations for the fête always started in good time. Several stallholders held open days in their own homes to collect items for their stalls and these were great community occasions. Coffee, lunches and teas were available. Audrey Richardson, late of Ormond Crescent, ran the 'nearly new' clothing stall extremely professionally and I can remember going through rails of clothing in her garden at a pre-fête event. Joan Chapman ran the grocery stall and she also held a magnificent pre-fête event and collected a huge quantity of produce for her stall. Pat Lewis and Esme Philips held a very tasty 'afternoon tea' event for the toiletries stall – an event which is still happening.

In the week leading up to the fête, a huge marquee was erected in the grounds of Beveree. This was essential if it

rained, but amazingly the only really wet Beveree fête I can remember was in 1976, the drought year when more or less the last rain of the summer fell on fête day. As many stalls as possible crammed into the marquee and it was still a very successful event.

On the Thursday evening, a lorry was packed with all the fête paraphernalia from the church hall and taken down to Beveree. Overnight some of this was stored in the marquee and on Friday a small team erected the 'Happy Home' and 'Coconut Shy'. This often meant taking a day's holiday from work! Then there was still a lot to do on Saturday morning ready for fête opening at 2pm.



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Parish News

St. Mary's Church, Hampton
Village Fayre
 on Saturday
June 16
 at
Beveree
 2pm
 Admission 20p

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ST. MARY'S CHURCH - HAMPTON
FETE

Presents
THE HAVERING GIRL PIPERS
AT THE BEVEREE GARDEN
JUNE 15th - 2pm admission 20p
(Children under seven admitted free)

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I started helping at the fête sometime in the 1960s, washing-up for the 'tea tent' in an old metal bath. In those days we used china cups, saucers and plates so there was always plenty of washing up to do. Later I ran a sweet stall and rapidly learnt how to make fudge and coconut ice, as well as organising a 'Bunty Pulls the String' attraction for the children. The idea was to pull a string which had some sort of sweet attached to it, the prize might be large or small, but everyone got something. The biggest problem was that the strings all became tangled and constantly needed sorting out!



The large marquee was also home to flower arranging competitions with classes for adults and children, local artwork might be displayed, and we had cookery competitions.

There was usually a 'main arena' attraction which included The Havering Girl Pipers, a steel band, Robbo

the Clown, an aerobics display, country dancing, Punch and Judy and Morris Dancing. Finally there were the Children's Sports for many years organised and led by Doug Lewis. Radio West Middlesex have been providing entertainment every year at the fête at least since 1986!

Clearing up after the fête meant packing up the lorry again to take the equipment back to the church hall. This was done very efficiently but it was still quite late before we could finally put our feet up.

Then, as now, St Mary's Summer Fête was very much a community event. There were always plenty of chairs and benches where people could sit for a chat and just watch what was going on around them. Of course in those days we did not have the advantage of being able to open the church for visitors during the fête. So please come along this year on 17 June from 12 noon and see how much the fête has changed over the years.

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St. Mary's Church - Hampton.



Fete
on
Saturday 21st June
2pm at
the Beveree Gardens

Featuring:- **Robbo the Clown**


Admission 20p
Under 12's free

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THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST. MARY, HAMPTON

Parish News



Sat. 20th June

AT **Beveree**

2pm

St. Mary's Church Hampton

Summer Fete

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Tell it like it is

Written by Trudi Murray



Look, let's face it, life's not easy. It's not easy for anyone. If it's easy for you, all buttercups and daisies in meadows of unicorn blossoms, you may as well stop reading right now, because this is not going to be pretty, and I don't want to burst your multi-coloured bubblegum.*

There are bad things in this world. There are messed up people doing messed up stuff in all sorts of new and ever more scary ways that most of us couldn't even dream up.

I don't know about you, but that makes me feel fearful. Wise friends have told me to look at how the world has changed – so much for the better, in so many ways. True, true. But I'm a person who had to stop reading the news and the media chatter for a (long) while as it was affecting me so much – impinging on my daily life to such an extent that it wasn't healthy. It's hard to even think it all through. Just considering all the frightening issues can send me into a tailspin of catastrophising. And the internet doesn't help.** Sigh. It's hard to keep a perspective on things sometimes. Rational thought is a struggle when you're descending down the spiral. If something really bad happens, anywhere, but especially in the UK, I'm in an actual mind battle.

There's a name for this, of course. It's anxiety. I don't like to label it, but I do live with it; full fat, caffeinated, 100%, gold top anxiety. But anxiety's like having an annoying friend (you know the one) who's got your number on speed dial. As soon as you get rid of them, they're back, with another stupid thing you ought to worry about. And they bring their friends round – the magnetic cocktail of depression and OCD! Whoopee. They are all so boring. It's like hosting the worst party ever.***

I'm creative. I paint, draw, write, illustrate. My brain is wired that way. People say that that makes your mind vulnerable, or sensitive. Yes, perhaps there's truth in that, but I prefer to think that if you live in this world and you have a brain, you'll know even a little of what I'm on about. Otherwise it's just me, going mad in my attic all by myself.

There are ways to feel better (and, note to self, writing about it in a local magazine is probably not one of them. Just a thought).

Mindfulness is really great, and practising cognitive behavioural therapy is amazing. Exercise is vital. Friends are good to have – real ones who can spot you coming and won't let you cover it up. And friends bearing cake are really quite excellent, and always welcome.

Church is more than a comfort. My faith in Jesus is everything – a cornerstone, for certain. But in the moments, the heart-pounding sweaty-palms, mind-

racing moments, what helps me more than knowing Bible verses or eternal truths is painting. The physical action of being creative in painting or drawing makes my brain stop whirring, and that lets me focus more calmly on who I am meant to be, what I was born for, and yes, those Biblical truths. That God loves me. That I'm his child. That it's all OK, even if it's really, really not OK.



* I'd love a piece, thanks!

** Don't get me started on all the ways the internet doesn't help. Sigh.

*** And naturally, they make you sit in the kitchen, not in the actual party.

I write more about this and well, everything and nothing all at once, on my blog. Come say hi.
trudimurray.com/blog



SMDG production of Black Chiffon

Written by Didie Bucknall

Black Chiffon was written and originally produced in 1949 as a vehicle for Flora Robson. It is definitely of its time, highly traditional and the first question that entered my head when I saw that St Mary's Drama Group was to present the play in the round was 'how will it work?'

I'm pleased to say that I needn't have worried. Jean Wood's blocking was spot on – none of the characters ever masked anyone else and it was never obvious that backs were turned to the audience. The set, too was excellent – and a lesson to anyone who thinks that 'detail' has to mean over-crowding. Just enough furniture and props to give the impression of upper middle class comfort in the days when lunch was often a paste sandwich followed by a tinned peach but there was always a plentiful supply of spirits for a pre and post prandial cocktail.

The play opens with the 'young set' of the cast – bride to be Louise (Katie Rainbow), and her future sister in law, Thea (Catherine de Roure). Both actresses could have stepped straight off an Agatha Christie movie set – perfect accents, hairdos and costumes, but sadly they were perhaps a little too laid back and certainly did nothing at this early stage to allay the fear that the piece itself was going to be too dated for a modern audience. Admittedly they were not gifted with terribly interesting lines and their main raison d'être seemed purely to be to set the scene, which is a pretty thankless task. James Henry completed the trio of 'youngsters' as Roy, the son of the house and soon to be bridegroom.

If you wish to read more of these reviews please go to: <https://markaspen.wordpress.com/>

Dashing Dalby and his Bountiful Daughter

St Mary's Drama Group at Garrick's Temple to Shakespeare

Nestling on the River Thames in Hampton is a small, picturesque pleasure garden hiding a tiny treasure, Garrick's Temple, built by David Garrick in the 18th Century to celebrate the talents of William Shakespeare. This delightful little building was a fitting venue for Keith Wait's latest drama documentary, Dashing Dalby and his Bountiful Daughter, in which he drew heavily from social history, meticulously researched material of people closely associated with Hampton, and St Mary's Parish Church and its Church Yard, situated just a few hundred feet away from Garrick's beautiful folly. Indeed, the main inspiration for his story may be said to be the 'funny tomb' of Three Men in a Boat fame, which turns out to be the tomb, positioned on the east wall at the end of the south aisle of St Mary's Church, of Susanna Thomas and her mother, Lady Dorothy.



Children and Young People at St Mary's

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during our 11am service.

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



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MTV Youth update

Written by Penny Dimond

This term MTV youth has continued to run on two sites each Friday night and our numbers have been growing each week, peaking at 67 either doing outdoor sports at St Mary's School or indoor games, crafts and cooking at Hampton Baptist church. We've also been able to run several trips over the last few months, thanks to young people being given the Jack Petchey award which comes with £250 to spend on something to benefit the club. Young people have enjoyed paintballing, high ropes and go karting.

Our collaboration with Cut Films has resulted in our young people making a short film designed to encourage their friends not to smoke and this can be found on the following link.

<http://competition.cutfilms.org/video/view/17ce5a49-252a-4e92-ab68-613bbfdbfa6a?comp=3>

It is at this time of year that we review our work and apply to the Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity for our core funding. We are always enormously grateful for this support to our project.

We would also like to record thanks to the Hampton and Hampton Hill Philanthropic Society who have provided generous financial donations to the club over the years, but are now winding up and have donated us their last £130!

More practically, sixteen young people and seven adult volunteers spent a Saturday morning in May washing

cars to raise funds. Our thanks to Hampton Methodist church for donating their venue and everyone who supported the event, which raised £260.



Our annual club survey of the young people gave us some great feedback. The young people conclusively commented that their lives were better for coming to the club. It gave them a chance to meet existing friends and to make new friends, learn new things and have something to look forward to on a Friday night. When asked about what they had learnt from coming to the club they recorded a mixture of skills such as sewing, knitting, science and filming as well as talking about respect, kindness, reconciling with friends they'd fallen out with and having more confidence in talking to people.

Our grateful thanks to our volunteer team who continue to make it happen and for everyone who supports the club through financial support, behind the scenes help or in prayer.

Remaining summer term dates:

Friday 7pm-8.30pm, 9 June – 14 July at St Mary's School and Hampton Baptist Church.

On Friday 7 July everyone will meet at St Mary's School for our yearly awards ceremony and 6 year party.

A message from Matt White, Headteacher



Matt White

It has been wonderful to have been so warmly welcomed into the local community over the last couple of months as I have begun my appointment as Headteacher at St Mary's. We have such a friendly and supportive staff and parent group at St Mary's and I am greatly enjoying my new role. The children are absolutely fantastic. I have enjoyed getting to know them and learning all their names, sharing some wonderful times in collective worship, in the classroom and on the playground. It was also very encouraging this week to launch our staff-parent prayer meeting, which will now become our regular fixture in the school diary. It was so encouraging to see so many attendees, as we gathered to pray for the needs of our school community. It

is such a privilege to serve the local Hampton community and we are all looking forward to welcoming Ben as Vicar this month as we continue to build the fantastic links that we have established between the church and the school.





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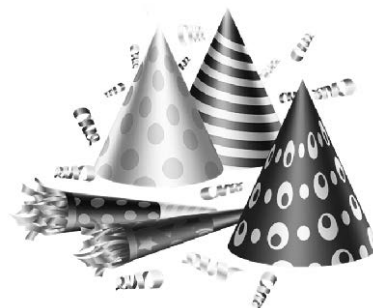
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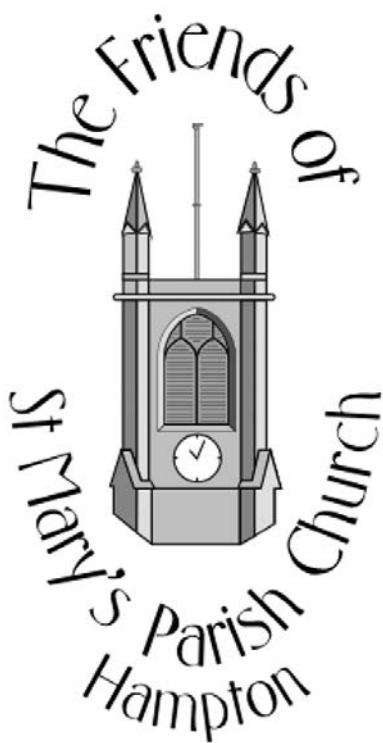
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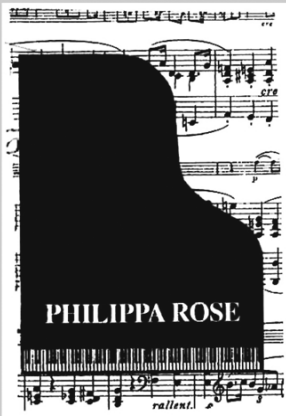
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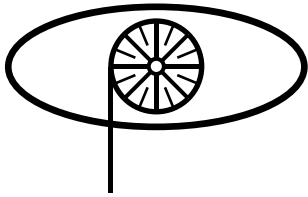
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