

CHRISTIAN AID?

What is, or ought to be, the hallmark of christian aid? We hear much about Christian Aid (with capital letters) but not so much about the everyday kind with small letters. During May there will be the annual house-to-house collection and the United Service for Christian Aid in Hampton Hill and many other places. But each year we find that many grudge their giving, sadly and difficult though it is for many of us to understand. The reason must be that many people have in no way understood the principle behind christian aid, which is surely that christians try to follow their Master and Lord in giving without strings or expecting any return.

If we look at the Bible we find that from the beginning God is a self-giving God. First He creates. He does not demand any response and is indeed rewarded by rebellion. Yet He continues to show love to disobedient generations. He sends His Son, Jesus, who continues the way of selfgiving love. Jesus did not count the cost to Himself of His efforts on behalf of others. He continued to show love even in death. At Pentecost God still showed His love for His people by sending His holy Spirit to strengthen and fill his disciples with love. The Spirit enabled them to demonstrate in their own lives that same self-giving they had seen in Jesus. And those early followers of Jesus lived out that life so well that we today know something of it.

If we are to be true followers of Jesus we will ask God to fill us with that Spirit of love and service that knows no boundaries. We will not find out if we will be rewarded or recompensed before we embark on a certain course of action. We will expect no thanks and not be deterred from doing good by the response which is negative or even hurtful. We shall not be able to do this in our own strength. We should be otherwise just like the majority.

At Pentecost (or Whitsunday as the English still like to call it!) let us rejoice in God's gift of the Spirit which is still available to us now. Let us join in our worship with gladness. Let us throw away our grudges and grievances and learn afresh to love and serve without expecting any reward.

Nicholas Chubb

Our Easter Celebrations: GOOD FRIDAY – Children's Service

On April 1st at 10.00 a.m., the church was crowded with young families for a special Good Friday Service. My family and I have attended this service for the last three years and each year I have been impressed with how Betty Stewart conducts the proceedings and captures the children's interest, a none too easy task as they range from tots to teens.

This year the hymns, prayers and talks were interspersed with lively dramatic scenes and dialogues presented by the senior members of the Sunday School, and Naomi Chubb accompanied one of the hymns on her guitar, most ably. Finally, whilst the children were helping to create the Easter Garden, each family was presented with an activity envelope containing Easter cards to colour and a most intriguing Easter game to prepare and play.

It was a delightful and thought filled service. Thank you so much Betty.

Jane Ormerod

THE THREE HOUR DEVOTION

There is a mental impact on entering the church on Good Friday; the church which is usually so alive with flowers is stripped and sad and full of the solemnity of the day. When in the past I have attended St. James's for the three hour service on Easter Friday there has been a different person in the pulpit every half hour but this time it was whispered to me as I entered that the Rev. Nicholas Chubb was to take the whole three hours.

His theme was of the people who looked on Jesus during the last hours of his life on earth, how they saw Him and how they reacted. It was very interesting and thought provoking and as more and more people came I am sure that many wished that they could have heard it all.

Alison Thompson

I was only able to come to church for the last hour of Nicholas Chubb's tour de force. Nicholas put before us the last group around the cross. Mary, mother of Jesus — what were her thoughts as she followed Jesus's course from his conception through the Power of the Holy Spirit to His seemingly bitter end: Mary, wife of Cleopas who had known Him so profoundly, and Mary Magdalene, redeemed from sin, once more in tears at Jesus's feet. Then John, the special disciple, closest of His followers; Jesus himself, who in the midst of His suffering yet found the Spirit to remember His mother with love and commit her to the care of His friend, to think of and redeem the dying rogue by His side, and to end His human task on this earth with the triumphant "It is finished" as He committed His soul to His Father.

Nicholas ended with a reading of a remarkable meditation on the Centurian on whose life the crucifixion had such a great effect that he there and then acknowledged the Son of God and allowed Him to alter his life.

I know that each time I re-read the familiar Easter passages I shall read them with fresh insight. Thank you Nicholas for your great offering.

Margery Orton

Holy Saturday — 7 p.m. — and the peace and tranquility of our church welcomed us to an hour of meditation in preparation for the wonder of Easter Day; to help to bring us to a state of spiritual readiness and acceptance of the magnificent blessing bestowed on us by God through His Son on that first Easter Day.

Nicholas introduced the service to those of us who had never participated before and he also told us that it used to be the custom — and sometimes still is — for baptisms to take place at this Easter Vigil. I think it a marvellous gift for anyone to begin their Christian life at such a service, on such a night.

We had appropriate readings from the Old and New Testaments by various members present. Each reading was followed by a collect and a silence for personal meditation.

After the readings and prayers, the Easter Candle was lighted and one by one we all went up to Nicholas to receive a candle of our own. As the number of candles, and the light from them, grew, the light in church was warm and glowing; it had travelled from one end of our semi-circle to the other, just as Jesus asked that His Word should be spread from one end of the world to the other.

The love and companionship that night was, to me, a living tangible thing and I feel very privileged to have been a small part of such an experience. It made, for me, a very special occasion of this Easter — especially followed by our wonderful Family Eucharist on Easter Day. My love and thanks to all who made this Eastertide one I shall never forget.

Ursula Pearce

An Easter Sermon

It was my turn to preach at Easter Sunday Evensong. The Old Testament reading from the Lectionary was the account of the crossing of the Red Sea by the Israelites and the destruction of the pursuing Egyptian army. One of my reactions; "Those poor old Egyptians, what can I say?" Rabbi Albert Friedlander spoke at the time of ancient Rabbinic teaching of God's compassion for the Egyptians. And Victor Gollantz' anthology, a Year of Grace, contains this little story attributed to Rabbi Johanan:

"When Miriam's horrifying song of triumph over the Egyptians rose into the heavens, the angels who stand around God's throne and minister to Him began to sing with her. But God said, "My children lie drowned in the sea, and you would sing?"

I enjoyed, after all, preaching that sermon.

Hannah Stanton

We cannot attempt in these pages to give a full account of our Easter celebrations. But the one thing which should not go unmentioned is the dedication shown both by our organist and the choir members, which created some wonderful music over the Easter period. Thank you to all of them.

A VERY SPECIAL EASTER

This Easter provided an experience for me which I shall never forget. It was Violet's wonderful healing on Good Friday, which she describes so simply in her own testimony. The tremendous joy of it and its miraculous nature can only be gauged if one saw her beforehand and afterwards. Violet had left hospital after a serious illness, very weak indeed. She had lost almost all control of one of her feet so that she was fitted with a calliper and needed a Zimmer frame to walk; even a wheel-chair had been ordered for her. When I saw her on Maundy Thursday afternoon she was very down hearted.

The one thing Violet had not lost even in that sad state, however, was her faith in God's love for her and His goodness. Both she, and Margery, were convinced of His power to heal her, and it was in that spirit that they prayed in the name of Jesus, very simply and full of trust.

And when I saw Violet on the morning of Easter Saturday she was literally dancing around her flat! Her leg was — and is now — stronger and healthier than it had been ever before. Violet walks as steadily as any other sprightly person. When she returned to the hospital later, her doctor said: "But this is impossible." Walking aids and wheelchair are returned, Violet's shoe with the calliper sits in the corner, obsolete — a tangible reminder of her remarkable cure. As Violet replied to the doctor: "Jesus healed me."

As for me, this Easter Saturday I found it difficult to think of our Lord dead in the tomb, but I knew with real rejoicing "Jesus is indeed alive."

"Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. I tell you solemnly, anyone who does not welcome the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it." (Mark 10 v 14-15).

Hilde Bucknell

"THANK YOU"

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all who have been so kind to me during my recent illness, each one has put so much love and care into practice. On Good Friday a really wonderful thing happened. Margery was paying me a visit, I was rather down as I felt my right leg was getting weaker and the frame seemed heavier to push. Before Margery left she prayed with me and as she did, it was as if an electric current was going through my leg. After her departure my whole room was lit up by a very bright light which I believe was the Holy Spirit. I then fell asleep. When I woke up I got off the settee and walked normally out to the kitchen and I knew I was healed. Before sharing with anyone I just jumped and leapt and praised the Lord, tears of joy streaming. I shared it with several friends who rejoiced. I had been reading about the healing Jesus did and was confident that He would do it for me. I then prayed for forgiveness for various things. Surely the Lord is good in using His handmaid for His glory. I am reminded of a Sunday School hymn:

She only touched the hem of his garment
As to His side she stole
Amid the crowd who gathered around Him,
And straightway she was whole.

Violet Clark

THE PRAYER CIRCLE

"Jesus asked, "DO YOU BELIEVE THAT I HAVE THE POWER TO DO WHAT YOU WANT?" , "Yes Sir," they replied. Then He touched their eyes and said "as you have believed so let it be," and their sight was restored."
(Mat. 9 v 28-29)

"Jesus said "If only you have faith AND NO DOUBTS whatever you pray for in faith you will receive." (Mat. 21 v 21-22)

St. Julian of Norwich tells us that "Prayer one-eth the soul to God", (unites the soul to God) so — if in need, sadness, anxiety, pain, sickness, joy — turn to the Almighty God in Prayer.

There are a number of people at St. James's who feel called to pray for those in special need. Ring 979 5868 if you would like them to pray for you or yours and the message will be passed on immediately.

Margery Orton

MOTHERS' UNION DEANERY DAY

Having been invited I attended the Mothers' Union Deanery Service in St. James' Church on March 25 — the celebration date of The Annunciation.

I scarcely know how to put my thoughts into words — it was a lovely service and so enjoyable that I felt I was shining when I arrived home. All around me I could sense the warmth and friendliness of the Mothers as I received their happy greeting of the "Peace".

The Liturgical Dance Group gave, to my mind, the most beautiful of their portrayals. Hilde Bucknell as Mary was so simple, so wondering and devoutly accepting. Eila Severn, always graceful, made a powerful and impressive angel, and all four participants were truly artistic in the controlled movements of the dance, which was so much the right length that I wanted a little more. Congratulations to this group who work so hard and so achieve their easy looking results.

Nicholas spoke of Mary accepting the Angel's news "Let it be to me according to your word" and continued by saying that it is for us likewise to accept what the Lord wishes of us and not to expect it to be easy. I add as the hymn says: *"Not for ever by still waters do we ask our way to be*

But for strength that we may ever live our lives courageously."

The Revd. David Vanstone then led the Intercessions with his strong clear voice and after the Eucharist the banners returned, and out into the rain which seemed to matter less.

Alison Thompson

From the address by Rosemary Johnson, London Diocesan President, in the afternoon: The Mothers' Union supports a total of 126 workers throughout the world — all nationals, working in their own country of origin. We have 2 workers in this country — one in Hackney and one in Manchester. One of these has recently spent 6 weeks in India, in order to study custom, so that she may more easily understand the problems of immigrants in her area.

London Diocese runs its own "Needy Families Holiday" for two weeks each year for Mothers and children in a hired bungalow in Winchelsea. All catering and care is done entirely by M.U. members, aided by volunteer students who are housed in caravans nearby, and who help to amuse the children during the day and are free in the evenings. Any student over 16 who would like to volunteer their services, the dates for this years' holiday are 16th-29th July.

Our Message Home service is increasingly used — this consists of an answerphone, available at all times for any youngster who has left home to leave a message to be taken to their parents without having to disclose their whereabouts. Messages are relayed within 24 hours by our M.U. Branches, or via the Parish Priest. Continual publicity is needed and cards and posters are frequently left at various points in London, particularly at Railway stations and coach termini.

As the largest Women's religious group in the country, we are often consulted by parliament on such issues as Widow's allowances, abortion, divorce, T.V. and recently we have been asked to help with the complex issue of Test Tube babies and the ethics of surrogate Mothers, commonly known as 'Rent A Womb' as obviously there are many moral and legal issues to be investigated here.

These services, plus many more domestic ones, are paid for by the efforts of our members. Membership is open to all — the only qualification being baptism and belief in prayer and the promotion of Christian Family Life.

Pat Young, Presiding Member, Hampton Deanery

PENTECOST



CELEBRATION

SATURDAY 21 MAY, 10.00 - 18.00h

OPEN DAY

(BARBECUE IN THE EVENING)

SUNDAY 22 MAY AT 18.30h

WORSHIP AND PRAISE

Rosemary Harthill on Radio 4 "Thought for the Day" once spoke of the woman who missed seeing the Christ Child as she could not get there because of her oughteries — the things she felt she ought to do. While I deliver 23 copies of "The Spire" I sometimes wonder, I do not know, if they are read and if the readers ever visit St. James or if they have oughteries?

Now is your chance to come to see your beautiful church, because St. James' church is beautiful. It is beautifully constructed in good proportions and serene flowing lines. The splendid stained glass windows and the flowers which lovingly decorate it are worth quite a long quiet look.

But more than all that the caring love and interest that is generated in the congregation can uplift one in sorrow, warm one in loneliness, strengthen one in trouble and make one rejoice in happiness. This is what you may feel on entering St. James' on the Open Day on May 21st, when we hope there will be many things to interest you.

BARBECUE ON THE CHURCH LAWN

Please come back at 7.30 on Saturday evening to round off the day on a really happy note. Or if you have not been able to make it in the daytime, come along and sample some good food and some even better fellowship. Tickets will be available beforehand from any member of the Open Day Committee; or you could pay on the night. For information please ring Hilde Bucknell, 979 3529.



THE CHURCH IS PEOPLE WALKING WITH GOD

"Come and see what St. James' stands for and what the Church can offer you." That is what it says on the leaflet which is going into every house in the parish to invite people to our Open' Ey and Sunday Worship this Whitsun — our very special Pentecost Celebration.

We *would* like you to come and see because we feel the Church does have to offer something very important. And for your sake we would like you to discover it.

What does St. James' stand for?

As the logo at the top of this page says "The Church is people walking with God". Christians are people who are learning, gradually, what God asks of them and what He promises them. God asks us to put ourselves under his authority and to serve our fellowmen. And He promises that this serving will not seem an onerous duty, but will be the natural expression of a genuine love of our fellowmen. God promises that He Himself will enable us to follow Jesus, and have Christ's obedience, love, and joy. He promises that we can indeed be the body of Christ, on earth, now. The various exhibits around the church are examples of the practical outcome of this. Of course they cannot show everything that goes on. And, in any case, our ways of putting Christian love into practice are not the only ones. If we lived in a different neighbourhood the activities we feel called to generate might be quite different. But we hope that you will see how St. James' stands for a body of people who care, and who know that they are serving God in their fellowmen.

And what can the Church offer you?

It offers fellowship and a genuine welcome to everyone who approaches valuing each individual equally as a person. And it offers something else as well.

In walking with God we gradually learn that His commands and His promises are of absolutely vital importance. The actual practical details will be different for each individual life. What is the same for *all* Christians is the conviction that a growing knowledge of God, growing understanding, and growing faith are the most precious things in one's life. The message of the Bible becomes Good News indeed and it becomes urgent to share this Good News. The Church offers us a helping hand along a way that provides endless joyful surprises and leads to a goal that becomes more and more desirable the closer we come to it.

This cannot be illustrated so easily by static exhibits. But we hope that our special evening of Worship and Praise on the Sunday will let you see what we are trying to say. Please do come along on both days and do not hesitate to raise these matters with us. There will always be people available to talk to you.



Pentecost is a very significant festival in the Church's year. The outpouring of the Spirit at Pentecost made possible a fuller human response to what God did in Christ. The experience of the power of the Spirit emboldened the disciples to live and preach the Gospel with a dynamic and a joy that had seemed impossible only a few weeks before at the crucifixion of Jesus.

This year we wish to especially witness to the joy and power to bring new life to all in our weekend celebrations. Details of Saturday's happenings appear elsewhere, and are very exciting. Sunday evening we complete the weekend festivities with a special service of Praise and Witness, in Church, commencing at 6.30 pm.

The format of the service will probably be along the lines of singing, proclamation of the Pentecost story from Acts, and statements of personal belief. Subsequently we have obtained the services of a Christian Folk/Rock Music Group called "Burnt Oak". The programme has been designed to appeal to a wide cross section of the expected congregation.

We hope the evening will be a joyful new experience for many, and not just gimmicky. Many people are finding renewed spirituality after hearing the Gospel presented with the vitality that these new musical ministries possess.

The following appeared on a programme prepared by a church group looking forward to Burnt Oak's second visit:

"At last! They're back! Some folk haven't been the same since last year. We all look forward to a super evening with zany humour and great music, professionally put together in a carefully considered style and with the sure foundation of Jesus Christ. These lads are committed Christians, serving Jesus in all they do, giving Him first place in their lives, showing that being a Christian can be fun and not boring as some folk will tell you."

Please come. Tell all your friends and neighbours, particularly young people. We hope to really fill the church to overflowing and experience the joy and power of the spirit moving amongst us and filling and renewing us.

FLOWERS FOR OUR OPEN DAY

We shall need lots of flowers and flowering shrubs to beautify the church for our festive Pentecost weekend. Please bring your gifts of flowers on Thursday 19 May and leave them in the church (which will be open most of the day) or in the church porch. They will need a good deep drink in buckets of water (which will be available) before being arranged the next day.

The chancel will be decked with the traditional red and white flowers such as red paeonies and white lilac and broom, and so these will be particularly welcome — and it would be especially helpful if you would let me know by Monday 16 May if you will be able to bring red and white flowers as it will be necessary to order some if we are not promised sufficient. In the rest of the church, where space permits, we would like to see garden flowers and shrubs of *all* colours, so please see if you can raid your own or your friends' gardens to make a splendid show.

We would also much appreciate help in arranging the flowers from 10 am on Friday 20 May.

Roma Bridges



JOE BOYLE

The last part of the journey back to Canada for Col. Joseph Whiteside Boyle began on 14th April. In accordance with the Chancellor of the Diocese of London's ruling and the Licence of the Home Secretary the mortal remains of Joe Boyle were reverently lifted from his grave in St. James' Churchyard at 7.00 am and placed in a coffin to be transported back to Woodstock, Ontario. Only the nameplate on the original coffin survived the ravages of wet over sixty years, to prove that the bones were indeed his. The final act was quickly over in under half an hour witnessed by the Vicar, Bill Robinson and Len Rockliffe, the local police officer and health inspector, a representative of the Canadian repatriation committee, and the necessary undertaker's men.

In due course, when the ground has settled, a new memorial slab will be placed over the grave recording both the original interment and the later removal of the remains.

DAVID PAILTHORPE

When we met at church on Maundy Thursday for David's funeral, we felt the spirit of love and sadness but also that of rejoicing for a Christian life, spent in the serving of others. The well-known words of St. Paul from Corinthians about love took on a deeper meaning and as the service ended with the hymn "Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son, Endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won" we realised how appropriate was this message to David's life and death. Hannah Stanton prayed for David on Easter Day, in the context of the Resurrection and we realised with a profound sense of gratitude the truth and splendour of the Easter message and were glad to understand that David's struggle had ended, that the victory had indeed been won.

This year Easter had for me and I expect for many of us a greater meaning because of David's death. On Easter Day one sat among the beautiful flowers given by his many friends and offered by Avon to St. James' for the festival.

David was a part of the life of our church for many years: to some, he was known as a faithful choir member, to some as a stalwart on the Liturgical and Social Committees, who was always reliable, always available to help, whether with the lighting or the sound in the church or the hall, or general behind the scenes work at parties and socials. David was a respected and understanding member of the Monday Centre team, and to all he was a friend with whom one could converse and exchange opinions with enjoyment. I remember him interpreting Jeremiah at a Welcome Service a few years ago, others will recall his splendid voice as Christ in an Easter-tide service. Apart from all these contributions to the corporate life of the Church, David lived with his extended family — Avon thinks that they have fostered over ninety children — and they and their own children have always opened their home to others. David and Avon shared this work and together enjoyed the riches and satisfaction which must have come from this generosity of spirit.

We shall all miss David, but we know that after his long and painful illness, he is now at peace with our risen Lord. This realisation must be a joy to Avon in her sadness and loss.

"And now we give you thanks, because through him you have given us the hope of a glorious resurrection, so that although death comes to us all, yet we rejoice in the promise of eternal life; for to your faithful people life is changed, not taken away, and when our mortal flesh is laid aside, an everlasting dwelling place is made ready for us in heaven."

Margaret Taylor

FROM A TALK BY CANON PAUL OESTERREICHER

(To be continued next month)

Roman attitude: If you want peace, prepare for war.

Jesus' teaching: If you want peace, prepare for peace; abandon preparations for war.

3 ways of looking at war:

1. War is a good thing. The holy war, the crusade. It cleanses.
2. War is evil, but often an unavoidable necessity. It has to be limited.
3. The pacifist aim is to counteract evil by alternative strategies.

To be confronted by evil and not to resist that evil is to surrender one's humanity.

To resist with the weapons of the evil-doer is to enter into one's humanity.

To resist with the weapons of God is to enter into one's divinity.

To fight evil with weapons is better than not to fight at all. But there are better ways of fighting than with weapons.

Hilde Bucknell

IT CONCERNS US ALL

DROUGHT AND FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

INDIA: Discrimination against Untouchables

BABY FOODS IN THE THIRD WORLD: Milk companies flout code

DISARMAMENT

LIFESTYLE: Reduce your consumption of energy and resources

REFUGEES

INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY: Small is beautiful

CAMPAIGN COFFEE AND WDM TEA: Help third world producers

BIAS TO THE POOR: Churchmembers must act positively on behalf of the poor and disadvantaged both in our society and throughout the world

Bewildered? So many pressing issues! Disheartened?

What on earth can I do about it anyway?

"Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing because he could do only little." Edmund Burke (1729-1797)

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Christian Aid Week

May 16 - 21

Some of the above problems will be tackled with the money collected then.

TIME FOR A CHUCKLE

A Sunday School teacher (not at St. James'!) had asked the children to bring some object which illustrated a story or saying from the Bible. Predictably only three of them had remembered – and, again predictably – one little girl had brought a toy lamb. It reminded her of the Good Shepherd, she said. The teacher praised her and gave her a packet of smarties. Another child held – no less surprisingly – a candle to represent the light of the world. Another congratulation and gift of smarties, while the teacher anxiously considered the third offering. This was brought by Desmond. Now Desmond was thick, everyone knew this; and Desmond was clutching a lollipop. What on earth was the lollipop to symbolise? A thought came into the teachers' head – maybe it was something from the apocrypha – she was not so hot on those. But then she asked Desmond and was very surprised at his answer. He was illustrating, he said: "Hold fast to that which is good."

AROUND THE SPIRE

Audrey Shilling, the Church Army Sister whose work in the East End we support – hopes to be with us during Open Day on May 21st. This will be a good opportunity for people to meet her again and find out how work is progressing on the project to convert the old slipper baths into a Community Centre.

Thank you to all those people who came to the Austerity Lunch held in Holy Week. The money raised, £25, was sent directly to the Ethiopia Famine Relief Fund, of which Christian Aid was a co-founder member. The band of helpers were excellent ranging in age from the very young to the slightly older, and young Jeremy Atkinson drew the Raffle with outstanding accuracy, that is, he drew his mother's ticket first and his own last! A young man with a proper sense of the right order of things! The sale of Christian Aid produce i.e. coffee and tea, raised another £11.50.

There is to be a Hampton and Hampton Hill Carnival again this year on September 17th. The Hampton Council of Churches are considering the possibility of entering an Ecumenical Float, more on this later but keep the date in your diaries. Also in the Autumn the Council of Churches are again sponsoring a series of talks by speakers from different countries on the situation at present prevailing in that country. This should prove to be a very interesting series; again more details later. The talks will be held at All Saints fortnightly on Mondays.

The Bishop Wand School in Sunbury are holding their Annual Fete on June 18th.

The Save the Children Centre for Vietnamese Children at Hampton Court House are holding a Grand Fete there at 2.30 pm on June 11 to raise much needed funds. It will be opened by Toby Jessel MP and include a Dragon Dance. Gifts and practical help are requested.

We were very sorry to hear recently of the death after a long illness, of Mrs. Kathleen Webb of St. James' Avenue who was a faithful distributor of the Spire for many years. Our condolences go to Mr. Webb at this sad time.

Congratulations to Liz and David Sharman, until recently members of our congregation, on the birth of their second son, Neil Alexander.

FROM THE REGISTERS

Weddings	9th April	Stephen John Andrews and Kim Rowena Ball
	16th April	Denis Michael Chapman and Kim Phyllis Crane
	20th April	Robert William Mackenzie Gordon and Cynthia Holmes
	23rd April	Terence Edward Gill and Avril Margaret Smith
	30th April	Gordon James Bell and Jill Sanderson
Funerals	19th March	Mabel Louise Thomas Laurel Dene aged 94
	31st March	Ann Elizabeth Wolfe Laurel Dene aged 100
	31st March	David Thomas Pailthorpe 113 Queen's Road, Teddington aged 42
	13th April	Ernest Peter Butt 38 Holly Road aged 85
	13th April	Kathleen Louise Webb 61 St. James' Avenue aged 71

MAGAZINE APPEAL FUND

Some kind people have already handed me their donations — they must have made a note in their diaries. As you know, the Parish Council has to subsidize The Spire by over £250 as the income from our much valued advertisers does not by any means cover the printing costs. Each issue costs in excess of 10p and there are twelve issues a year.

What can one buy for a pound or one pound fifty these days? If you enjoy reading The Spire — and our census of opinion last year showed that most of its recipients do — then a small donation would be very gratefully received by

Margery Orton, 30 St. James's Road, (on behalf of the Editorial Board).

If you are sending a cheque, please make it payable to the PCC (Parochial Church Council of St. James').

We thank you very much in anticipation !

CHEMISTS ADDITIONAL DUTY ROTA

May	8	Martin, F G (Chemists) Ltd, 28b Priory Road, Hampton
	15	Kirby, E & R, 53 High Street, Teddington
	22	Boots the Chemists, 59 Broad Street, Teddington
	29	Manley, D G, 122 High Street, Teddington
	30	Manley, D G, 122 High Street, Teddington
June	5	Thomas D R, 113 Stanley Road, Teddington
	12	Manley, D G, 122 High Street, Teddington

<i>Date</i>	<i>Communicants</i>		<i>Attendance</i>	<i>Pledged Offering</i>	<i>Other Offering</i>
March	13	115	120	280	18
	20	98	120	87	16
	27	116	128	319	22
April	3	198	252	76	33
	10	97	107	123	12
	17	105	127	98	15

Pledged Giving by Bankers Order March £212

Easter Envelopes £126

DATES TO NOTE

May	8	5th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER, ROGATION SUNDAY	
		Morning services as usual	
		18.30 Evensong for Rogationtide	
	9	14.30 Ladies Choir, Vestry	
	10	09.30 Holy Communion	
		10.30 Editorial Board, 75 St. James's Avenue	
		15.30 Liturgical Dancing, Church	
		20.00 PCC, Vestry	
	11	20.00 Good News Group, 75 Burtons Road	
	12	ASCENSION DAY	
		06.00 Holy Communion	
		20.00 Holy Communion	
	13	19.30 Scouts AGM, Parish Hall	
	14	ST. MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE	
		10.00 Churchyard Working Party	
	15	SUNDAY AFTER ASCENSION DAY	
		Morning services as usual	
		18.45 United Service for Christain Aid Week, Methodist Church,	
	17	09.30 Holy Communion	[Percy Road, Hampton]
		15.30 Liturgical Dancing, Church	
		CCG AGM, Rectory School	
	18	20.00 Good News Group, 75 Burtons Road	
	19	19.15 Holy Communion	
		20.00 Koinonia	
June	21	10.00 - 18.00 OPEN DAY)
		19.30 Barbecue on Church Lawn)
	22	PENTECOST (WHITSUNDAY))See centre pages
		Morning services as usual)
		18.30 WORSHIP AND PRAISE with "Burnt Oak")	
	23	Ladies Choir, Vestry	
	24	09.30 Holy Communion	
		Tuesday Club Coach Tour, "Historic London", with guide -	
	26	19.15 Holy Communion	[Mr. V. Gosling]
		20.00 Koinonia	
	29	TRINITY SUNDAY	
		Services as usual	
	31	09.30 Holy Communion	
	1	20.00 Good News Group, 75 Burtons Road	
		Mothers' Union Outing to Loseley House, nr. Guildford	
	2	19.15 Holy Communion	
		20.00 Koinonia	
	5	PENTECOST 2	
		08.00 Holy Communion	
		09.30 Parish Communion with Parade	
		18.30 Evensong	
	6	14.30 Ladies Choir, Vestry	
	7	09.30 Holy Communion	
		20.00 Tuesday Club, AGM, Wayside	
	9	19.15 Holy Communion	
		20.00 Koinonia	
		20.00 Hall Management Committee, 249 Uxbridge Road	
	11	ST. BARNABAS THE APOSTLE	
		10.00 Churchyard Working Party	
	12	PENTECOST 3	
		Services as usual	
	14	09.30 Holy Communion	
		10.30 Editorial Board, 75 St. James's Avenue	
		20.00 PCC, Wayside, Area Dean's Visitation	