

Christ Church Information

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Dear Friends,

Spring seems to have come very early this year and I would like to thank all those of you who look after the church garden. So many people have said to me recently how lovely it is looking and how much they appreciate the bulbs and the flowering shrubs as they walk through the church yard. So thank you for all your hard work.

Easter gives us the confidence to look forward in hope. Thank you, too, for all your interest in my recent visit to Zimbabwe. For the people I met there, and countless others, the future seems uncertain at best and bleak at worst as starvation threatens and the violence and lawlessness continue. Please continue to pray for them, as this does give hope and encouragement in dark times.

In the immediate future we say a sad goodbye to Bishop Peter as he leaves us to take up his appointment as Bishop of Bath

*and Wells. His farewell service is in the Cathedral on Sunday 28th April at 3 pm. Christian Aid week looms ahead and thank you in advance to all those who will be collecting in the neighbourhood. Last year we collected a spectacular **£3539.63** which really does make it worth the effort. On Wednesdays in May we shall be having a series of 4 Bible Study sessions on the miracles of Jesus, using Canon Jeffrey John's Book *The Meaning in the Miracles*.*

In the meantime I wish you all a very joyful Eastertide.

All best wishes

Celia Thomson

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BE TO
YOU.

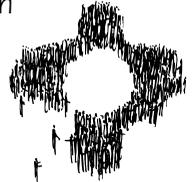


Thought for the E a s t e r

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead and indeed is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him'. This is my message for you."



Jesus' ministry began in Galilee whence his disciples followed him to his death in Jerusalem. Now, after the terrible events of the last three days, they are told by the women bearing the angel's message that he has gone ahead of them into Galilee. It's almost as if it goes full circle. There is work to be done, to carry on the work of Jesus in the joy of his resurrection.



And wherever we are, it is our Galilee, where we are called to be disciples, where we are called to keep walking in the faith. And we will always find that Christ has gone before us, a peacemaker in a world that has no peace, a healer in a world that is broken, a saviour in a world that needs to be saved from its selfishness, its violence, its pride and its greed. And though we may walk through valleys of darkness and despair, and through times of crucifixion, the resurrection hope remains because the church is the community of hope, the community of love, the community of Jesus who offers us life, life in all its fullness.

Season

Hope



*In him we knew a fullness never
known before,
In him we saw a man fully living.
In him we see the God who cannot
be seen;
In him all things that will be, or
have been,
Have roots and take their being.
The universe and all its millions
teeming,
Seen and unseen, in him find their
meaning,
Their reason and their value.
He lives in those who, breathing
with his breath,
Source of their life, and conqueror
of their death,
Together form his body.
Through him alone a world by sin
defiled
Finds its forgiveness, and is
reconciled,
His death our peace and healing.
In him we know a fullness never
known before,
In him we saw a man fully living.*

From St Paul to the Colossians
1:15-20 Translated by H.J. Richards.

Celia Thomson

STOP IN THE NAME OF GOD

Over the weekend of 14-16 June the Retreat Association is encouraging people of all Christian traditions to explore the potential in silence, stillness and prayer. Silence for some is an essential part of their prayer lives, while for others it is a new discovery; for yet others it is a hoped for dream! At Christ Church we are going to participate by opening the church on Saturday 15 June from 10am- 4.0pm, for a drop in day, as it were, come when you can, for as long as you can manage, even if only 10 mins! There will be prayers said on the hour.

More information nearer the time. If anyone would be interested in coming on a 'Walk of Praise' (weather permitting) on Friday 14th please let me know. As we all know Christ Church is a bit off the beaten track, this is an opportunity to join in with other churches in God's wider family, this can be a very powerful witness as a group of Christians to

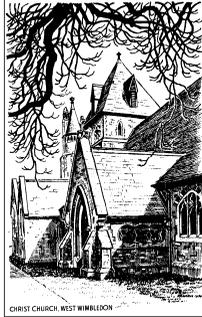


the local community. Please put the date in your diary and 'Stop in the name of God' as your gift to God and to yourself.

With love in
Christ

Val. Hancock

FROM JUBILEE TO JUBILEE
1897 - 2002



A celebration of
the life of the parish from
Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee
to
Queen Elizabeth's Golden Jubilee

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2002

An all day event at Christ Church,
Copse Hill, 10 am- 4 pm

Tours of the Church

Morning Coffee & Afternoon Tea

Exhibition of Parish Memories

Cake Stall

Church Quiz

Children's Activities

Bell Ringing

Church Needlework Display

Plant and Produce Stall



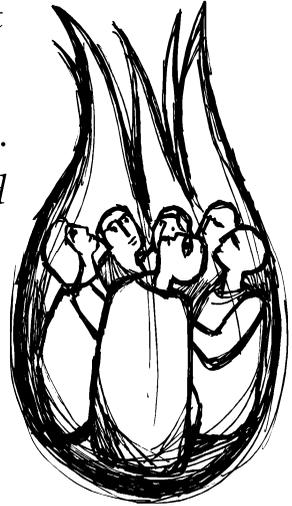
Live Music

5 pm Lecture by Richard Milward

*I would like to thank everyone at
Christ Church for their love and
support during my recent illness.
Your prayers sustained Brenda and
myself during a difficult time.*

Thank you.

Peter Clark



Out of the depths
I cry to you,
LORD
LORD, HEAR MY VOICE!
LET YOUR EARS BE ATTEN-
TIVE TO THE PRAYER OF
YOUR SERVANT

'Oh! What a beautiful morning'

On a sunny Saturday morning in February a group from Christ Church gathered at Embankment underground station for another of John Barrett's guided walks of London.

At the appointed hour we walked into the Victoria Embankment Gardens where John explained the major reasons for the building of the Victoria Embankment in the 1860s. One reason was to relieve the traffic congestion in the Strand and Fleet Street, and the other was the construction of a sewer which would divert untreated sewage from reaching and polluting the river Thames.

We then walked a few paces to see the York Watergate built in 1626, and now about 110 metres from the Thames, but when built was on the riverside. In the 17th century all the big riverside houses had their own river stairs as the Thames was then the easiest way of getting around London. The York Watergate led to the mansion of the Duke of Buckingham.

So into Buckingham Street to see one of the houses originally lived in by Samuel Pepys, then onto John Adam Street where we heard

something of the history of the Royal Society of Arts, whose premises were designed by the Adams brothers. The Society is perhaps best remembered for the examinations it organised for many years in 16 subjects including typing and bookkeeping, for the benefit of the working classes.

After hearing something of the history of the Adelphi built in 1770s and since demolished, we made our way down to the Embankment again. Here we heard about the Savoy Hotel, built in 1889 and how it became fitted with 'ascending rooms' (lifts). We also admired the statue of Robert Raikes, the founder of the Sunday School Movement.

Nearby we observed a plaque stating that the BBC had their first studios here from 1923 -1932 (this was not 2LO). So round the corner to see the Queen's Chapel of the Savoy, parts of which date back to 1510. The church is defined as 'a private chapel of the Sovereign in the right of the Duchy of Lancaster, free and exempt from all ecclesiastical jurisdiction', and when the National Anthem is sung here the second line is 'Long live our Noble Duke' - the Queen is the Duke!

So after one or two further stops, we entered the terrace of Somerset House from Waterloo Bridge. The building had been designed by Sir William Chambers, and was built between 1776

and 1801 on the site of an earlier Tudor palace. What our group enjoyed seeing most was the splendid staircase leading to the Navy Office Boardroom, the painting of Lord Nelson and the children (plus one of our group!) running in and out of the fountains in the courtyard!

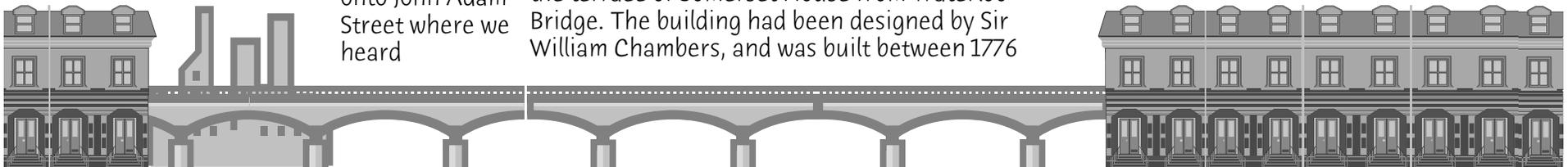
We then visited the National Trust's smallest property - it is the remains of a bath, restored in the 17th century, and said to be Roman.

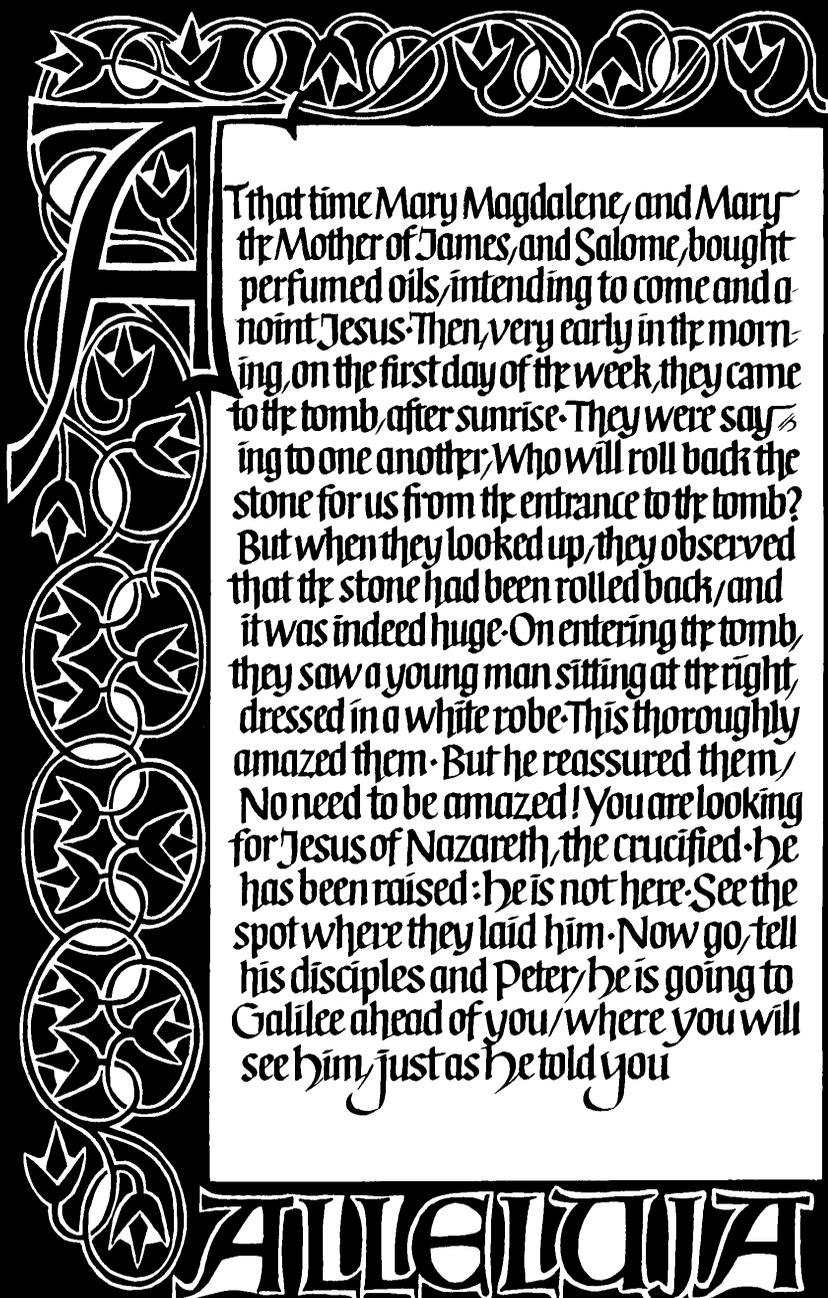
Next stop was St. Clement Danes church, (of Oranges and Lemons fame), where we heard something of its history from its rebuilding by Sir Christopher Wren to its appointment as the Central Church of the Royal Air Force. From the church we walked to see 'The Old Curiosity Shop' built in 1567 and now a listed building.

Then into Lincoln's Inn Fields where we saw the house lived in from 1790 - 1807 by Spencer Percival, who when Prime Minister was assassinated in the lobby of the House of Commons, then to our last stop outside No.65 - where at one time lived William Marsden, of Marsden Hospital fame.

And so to the nearest pub/coffee bar for refreshments.

John Barrett



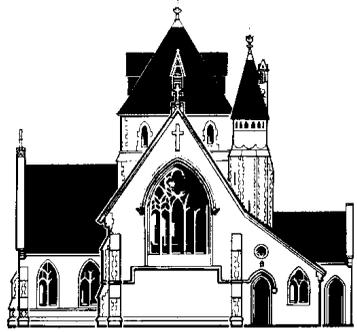


At that time Mary Magdalene, and Mary the Mother of James, and Salome, bought perfumed oils, intending to come and anoint Jesus. Then, very early in the morning, on the first day of the week, they came to the tomb, after sunrise. They were saying to one another, Who will roll back the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb? But when they looked up, they observed that the stone had been rolled back, and it was indeed huge. On entering the tomb, they saw a young man sitting at the right, dressed in a white robe. This thoroughly amazed them. But he reassured them. No need to be amazed! You are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, the crucified. He has been raised: he is not here. See the spot where they laid him. Now go, tell his disciples and Peter, he is going to Galilee ahead of you, where you will see him, just as he told you.

ALLELUIA

CHRIST CHURCH WEST WIMBLEDON

FUND FOR MAJOR REPAIRS, FABRIC FUND



The Financial Background

In the past few years Christ Church has more or less broken even on routine income and expenditure, allowing for a reasonable annual cost (app £15,000) for repairs and improvements. Some larger items have been covered by special fund raising efforts, but deficits occurred when there were higher repair and improvement costs in a year. The last financial year has been an example. In the past few years these additional costs have been covered by bequests, in particular the Christie bequest in 1996, which have enabled the church to meet the additional expenditure when it has arisen. This cushion is however reducing.

It is not going to become much easier in the immediate future. The 2002 budget is looking for a breakeven position with approximately £12,000 for significant repairs (path, east wall, damp in Truman room, hall decoration, belfry tower cracks, some hall repairs) which are not yet costed; but the provision does not look generous. As a final backstop there are the RSDT trust funds. The use to which they can be put is not fully clear, but they provide an important annual income, and they should be looked on as usable only in an absolute crisis.

The proposed way forward

The Finance Committee have proposed the establishment of a Fabric Fund, with a number of principles for the operation of the fund, namely that :

- It should be long term with the intention of building up to a reasonable level before use (£50,000 was mentioned).
- It should be reserved for significant unforeseen costs that could not be covered by special appeals. General items such as those in this year's budget should be met from revenue or fund raising, and there is often a good response to appeals for specific purposes.
- It should be primarily to secure the fabric of the church, but important improvements were not ruled out if the fund reached a sufficient level.

Legacies have been a major source of funds in the past and we hope people will continue to remember the Church in their wills. Legacies could well be directed to the Fabric Fund.

John Davey



Notice Board



Friday 19th April 7.30 pm

JAZZ AND CURRY EVENING

with
MERTON YOUTH JAZZ
ORCHESTRA

Tickets £25 to include
three-course supper and
all drinks.
Proceeds to Merton Music
Foundation
and Christ Church Fabric
Fund.



Wednesday 15 May 10.30 -
12 noon

COFFEE MORNING

at
28 Melbury Gardens SW20

In aid of Church Funds.

BIBLE STUDY

THE MIRACLES OF JESUS led by **Revd Celia Thomson**

Wednesdays
8, 15, 22 & 29 May
7.45pm for 8pm
Truman Room

We shall be using
Canon Jeffrey John's book:
*The Meaning in the
Miracles*
Price £7.99

Please sign the list in
church if you are able to
come.

*Everyone will need a copy of
the book which will
be ordered in advance.*

SPONSORED SLEEP OUT FOR THE HOMELESS

Churches Together in West Wimbledon
Friday 19th April 10 pm St Matthew's Churchyard.

Please sponsor this event.

Charities supported include
*the local King's College Soup Run,
Sacred Heart Church Soup Run,
Merton Churches Asylum Seekers' Support Group*
as well as bigger charities such as
Shelter, Crisis and Centrepont.

Sponsorship Forms at back of Church

A poster for Bruno Bear News. The background is a grid of small stick figures. The main content is in a black-bordered box. At the top left, it says "Bruno Bear News" in large white letters on a black background. To the right, contact information for Louise Roberts (020 8879 0971) and Clare Pickard (020 8947 2196) is listed in white on a black background. The central part features a large illustration of Bruno the bear, wearing a bow tie and a vest with "Bruno" written on it. Above him is "The Bruno Bear Club" logo. To the right of Bruno, a text box says "Bruno Bear Club re-opens on Thursday 11th April". Below Bruno, another text box lists dates when the club is closed: "Thursday 2nd May (election)" and "Thursday 6th June (jubilee week)". The bottom of the poster is decorated with various small bear illustrations and more stick figures.

Bruno Bear News

Louise Roberts
(020 8879 0971)
Clare Pickard
(020 8947 2196)

The Bruno Bear Club

Bruno Bear Club re-opens on Thursday
11th April

There will be no
Bruno Bear Club on
the following dates:
Thursday 2nd May
(election)
Thursday 6th June
(jubilee week)

Christ Church 'Information'

CHURCH DIARY

April to June 2002



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| 31 Mar EASTER DAY | |
| 2 Apr 11.00am Holy Communion | |
| 7 Apr Easter 2 | |
| 11 Apr 9.30am Holy Communion | |
| 13 Apr 2.30pm Memorial Service - Jill Foot | |
| 14 Apr Easter 3 | |
| 18 Apr 9:30am Holy Communion | |
| 21 Apr Easter 4 | |
| 24 Apr 8.00pm Annual Parochial Meeting | |
| 25 Apr 9.30am Holy Communion
2.00pm Outing to Denbies Vineyard, Dorking | |
| 27 Apr 11.00am Walk in Regent's Park | |
| 28 Apr Easter 5 | |
| 5 May Easter 6 | |
| 7 May 11.00am Holy Communion | |
| 8 May 8.00 pm Bible Study - The Miracles | |
| 9 May ASCENSION DAY
8.00pm Sung Eucharist | |
| 12 May Easter 7
Christian Aid Week | |
| 15 May 10.30 - 12 noon Coffee
Morning 28 Melbury Gardens
8.00 pm Bible Study - The Miracles | |
| 16 May 9.30am Holy Communion | |
| 19 May PENTECOST
10.00am All Age Communion | |
| | 22 May 8.00pm Bible Study - The Miracles |
| | 23 May 9.30am Holy Communion |
| | 25 May FROM JUBILEE TO JUBILEE
10.00am - 4.00 pm Church Open Day
5.00 pm Lecture by Richard Milward |
| | 26 May TRINITY SUNDAY
10.00am Guest Preacher Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ
6.30pm Songs of Praise |
| | 29 May 8.00pm Bible Study - The Miracles |
| | 30 May 9.30am Holy Communion |
| | 2 Jun Trinity 1 |
| | 4 Jun 11.00 am Holy Communion |
| | 6 Jun 9.30am Holy Communion |
| | 9 Jun Trinity 2 |
| | 13 Jun 9.30am Holy Communion |
| | 16 Jun Trinity 3 |
| | 20 Jun 9.30am Holy Communion |
| | 23 Jun Trinity 4 |
| | 27 Jun 9.30am Holy Communion |
| | 29 Jun Wintershall
Passion Play
10.00am - 4.00pm |
| | 30 Jun SS Peter and Paul
10.00 am
All Age
Communion |

But hallow the
LORD
CHRIST
in your hearts.

