

Christ Church Information Golden Jubilee 2002

Welcome to a special edition of our 'Newsletter' on the occasion of the Golden Jubilee of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

Inside you will find a special supplement of memories and reminiscences of Christ Church during the last fifty years.

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Dear Friends,

I hope you will enjoy this special issue of Christ Church Information to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. We have asked several people to write down their memories of the parish and we're very grateful to all who have lent photographs and other items for our Jubilee Exhibition in church.

Dr Peter Fleming, who was a churchwarden from 1995-1997, has rewritten and updated our parish history. The title A Powerful Composition is taken from the description of Christ Church in Pevsner's *The Buildings of England* and the booklet is on sale at £2.50. Peter has worked very hard on this record of the parish, visiting the county record office in Kingston and latterly in Woking on many occasions, and it will be an invaluable record for us. The

printing was done "in-house" as well, by Mike Hammond. So thank you to all who have been involved in the production of the new history.

We also have on sale special Christ Church pens at £2.50 as a memento of the Golden Jubilee. Whatever you are doing over the Jubilee itself I hope that our weekend here at Christ Church will have given a good start to your celebrations.

All best wishes

Celia Thomson

PEACE
BETO
YOU.



Thought for the Season

The Golden Jubilee



Symbols of the Jubilee - Bible, Oil, Bowl and Towel, Bell

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Churches Together Worship for the Queen's Golden Jubilee

The Bible for Faith

At Her Majesty's coronation she was presented with a Bible with the words: "This Book is the most valuable thing the world affords. Here is Wisdom; this is the royal Law; these are the lively oracles of God."

Gracious God, we give thanks for the Bible, 'the most precious gift that earth affords.' May your Word inspire and direct us.

Oil for Anointing

Central to the Coronation was the anointing of The Queen, to bless and consecrate her for her holy office. We remember this and seek to follow the example of The Queen's dedication to duty.

Holy God, we rejoice that in every generation people hear your call to commitment and faithfulness. Through them, may your healing hand bring peace and justice to the nations.

Bowl and Towel for Service

Every Maundy Thursday our Sovereign demonstrates the majesty of Service, as our Lord Jesus did when he washed the disciples' feet and said, "You are to do as I have done for you."

Loving God, we remember with gratitude our Lord lovingly washing the disciples' feet. Help us to be Christ's loving presence in the world.

A Bell for Living in Community

It is the Queen's wish that we celebrate the community life of our nation and the Commonwealth. May this community be a living fellowship of mutual trust, care and compassion.

Generous God, we recognise the joys and challenges of living as neighbours.

Grant that through us, your people, the love of Christ may be shown in our community.

Celia Thomson

The Coming of the Holy Spirit

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

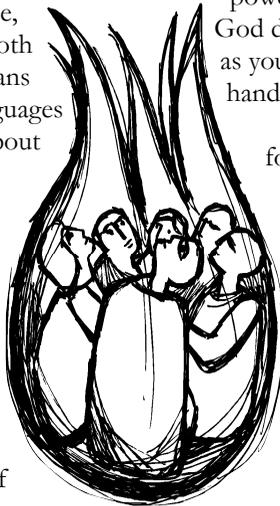
All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine." But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of

Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

"You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power."

Acts 2:1-24



"A Walk in the Park"

The latest guided walk was through a splendid park, with its lake and trees and elegant buildings - we were in Regent's Park. But to begin at the beginning we met with our guide John Barrett at Regent's Park underground station on a chilly Saturday morning in

April.

Our first stop was to see the elegant Park Crescent, designed by John Nash, with its blue plaques to Marie Tempest, actress, and Charles Wheatstone who invented the concertina.

We then went on to see the outside of what was Holy Trinity Church (now the headquarters of SPCK), with its open-air pulpit. Our vicar was not keen on having a similar pulpit in Copse Hill!

From the church we saw the site of two notable buildings that were prominent in the park in the 19th century. The first was the Diorama, a forerunner of the cinema, but it was not a great success and was

demolished after 25 years. The other building was the Colosseum - a large domed building with a massive portico. Here visitors came to see a panoramic view of London painted from the top of St. Paul's cathedral.

So to the most splendid of all the terraces in Regent's Park, namely Chester Terrace and Cumberland Terrace. The latter one is probably the most imposing; it is 800 feet long, and consists of three main blocks linked by decorative arches, with the pediment of the central block adorned by statues.

Then into the grounds of the leading Danish church in London to see a replica of a Viking runic stone. This huge three-sided stone depicts the figure of Christ, a lion in the grip of a serpent and a runic inscription on the third side.

So into the park at last! Our guide told us something of its history from when it was part of a vast forest, to its being taken over by Henry VIII at the Dissolution of the Monasteries and used by him

to hunt for deer. Then on the death of Charles I the land was sold, but restored to the monarchy in 1660, and it has remained Crown land since.

We then walked down one side of London Zoo, and tried to spot and identify the various animals we could see! One interesting story connected with the zoo was when it first opened in 1828 whips had to be left at the gate, but ladies were allowed to keep their parasols but they had to be refrained from poking the animals through the bars.

From the zoo area we walked across the grass to the waterfowl conservation area but we did have difficulty in identifying the various birds in the lake. So to the 'Secret Garden' - not its proper name but so called as few people know of it. Here everyone in our group said it was the highlight of the walk with its great variety of colourful flowers, bushes and statues and also the peacefulness of the surroundings.

We finally made our way from there through Queen Mary's Garden and back to Marylebone Road with all its hustle and bustle!

John Barrett



Stop! **...in the name of God**

14th and 15th June 2002

An opportunity to share a quiet time with God in the company of like-minded people throughout the country.

TIMETABLE

FRIDAY

6:00pm Friday 14th June

Walk of thanksgiving and praise around Cannizaro Park.

We will meet at the gate to Cannizaro at 6:00 pm.

SATURDAY

10.30am Saturday 15th June

Opening service led by the Revd. Celia Thomson in Christ Church.

The Church will remain open for private prayer or a quiet time. Prayers will be said on the hour by Val. Hancock.

Vicar's surgery

On Saturday, the vicar will be available for those who wish to talk to her in confidence.

The church will close at 3.30 pm.

Prayer sheets and candles will be available on Sunday 8th June for those who would like to participate but who for reasons of poor health are unable to come to the church.



Tuesday 18 June 7:00 pm

**A service
of Prayer
for Zimbabwe
at Southwark
Cathedral**

**Wednesday 19th June
3:00 pm**

**Christian Aid Fair
Trade Campaign
Lobby of Parliament.
Please join the delegation
from Churches Together in
West Wimbledon
meeting our MP**

**Sunday 18 August 7:45
pm**

SUMMER CONCERT

**Mozart Clarinet Concerto
Soloist: Seraphina Davey
& other music.**

**CHURCHES
TOGETHER
IN WEST WIMBLEDON**

**QUIZ NIGHT
SATURDAY 22nd JUNE**

**A future date for your diary,
not to be missed.**

**A guaranteed fun evening to
be held at Raynes Park
Methodist Church
incorporating a
Fish and Chip Supper,
starting at 7.30 p.m.**

All welcome.

**Tickets only £7.00
(concessions £5.00).**

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The Bruno Bear Club

Bruno Bear News

Please Contact Clare or Louise for details/dates for Bruno this term.

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The banner features a central illustration of a teddy bear named Bruno wearing a bow tie and a name tag that says 'Bruno'. To the right, another teddy bear is shown in a wheelchair. The background is decorated with a border of small stick figures and a dotted line path leading to a small bear on a swing.

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26 May	TRINITY SUNDAY 10:00 am Guest Preacher Fr Gerard Mitchell SJ 6:30 pm Songs of Praise	2 July	11:00 am Holy Communion 8:00 pm PCC Meeting
29 May	8:00 pm Bible Study - The Miracles	4 July	9:30 am Holy Communion
30 May	9:30 am Holy Communion	7 July	Trinity 6
2 June	Trinity 1 Her Majesty The Queen's Golden Jubilee	11 July	9:30 am Holy Communion
6 June	9:30 am Holy Communion	14 July	Trinity 7
9 June	Trinity 2	18 July	9:30 am Holy Communion
13 June	9:30 am Holy Communion	21 July	Trinity 8
15 June	10:30 am - 3:30 pm: Stop off for God - Church Open for Prayer	25 July	9:30 am Holy Communion
16 June	Trinity 3	28 July	Trinity 9
18 June	7:00 pm A Service of Prayer for Zimbabwe, Southwark Cathedral	1 Aug	9.30 am Holy Communion
19 June	3 pm Christian Aid - Fair Trade Lobby of Parliament. Churches Together in West Wimbledon	3 Aug	2:30 pm Wedding of Sarah Ali and John MCarter 4:00 pm Wedding of Janet Rainbow and Colin King
20 June	9.30 am Holy Communion	4 Aug	Trinity 10
22 June	7:30 pm Churches Together in West Wimbledon Quiz Night - £7 (£5) to include fish and chip supper, Raynes Park Methodist Church	6 Aug	11:00 am Holy Communion
23 June	Trinity 4	8 Aug	9:30 am Holy Communion
27 June	9:30 am Holy Communion	11 Aug	Trinity 11
29 June	Wintershall Passion Play 10:00 - 4:00 pm	15 Aug	9:30 am Holy Communion
30 June	SS Peter and Paul 10:00 am All Age Communion followed by Parish Lunch	18 Aug	Trinity 12 7:45 pm Summer Concert
		22 Aug	9:30 am Holy Communion
		23 Aug	2:00 pm Wedding of Elizabeth Rocksborough Smith and Alex Richards
		24 Aug	2:00 pm Wedding of Jason Collins and Sarah Conway
		25 Aug	Trinity 13
		29 Aug	9:30 am Holy Communion
		1 Sept	Trinity 14

