



**60-second interview with Emily D'Silva our new pastoral assistant**

*Who inspired you most to become involved with the church?*

Joel He was the one who first planted the idea in my mind. Watching and being a part of his Ministry since then has been incredibly inspiring.

*What are your favourite books of the Old and New Testaments?*

Ruth and Matthew.

*What is the best advice you've ever been given?*

If you can't be good, be careful.

*With whom would you most like to be locked in a church?*

I'd like to be locked in our church with Stephen Hales- from what I've read so far he was quite an interesting guy.

*What is your favourite kind of music?*

I love lots of different kinds. Probably my favourite would be anything you can turn up loud and really sing along to.

*What is your favourite carol?*

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (for the reason given above).

*What is your favourite service of the year?*

I love Midnight Mass... the anticipation, the celebration, singing the descants to carols.

*What is your best childhood memory?*

My seventh birthday party. My mum made an amazing cake, decorated with Pocahontas coming down a waterfall in her boat, the Chief

behind a fence of chocolate matchsticks, and John Smith on the lookout by the river.

*What is your favourite book, film or play?*

The best novel I've read in recent years is *CrocAttack* by Assaf Gavron and my favourite play is *Journey's End* by RC Sherriff.

*How do you like to spend your spare time?*

I love doing crafty things – you can't beat an evening of embroidery or card making.

*What are your hopes for this coming year working at St Mary with St Alban?*

I love the idea of 'fostering faith and friendship' that encompasses our Mission Action Plan. I am really excited about moving forward with that at the heart of our Church community, and 2012 provides some unique opportunities such as the Diamond Jubilee and the Olympics.

*As told to Carol Morey*

**Parish Registers**

**Holy Baptisms** – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*

January 22: Jonty William, son of Sarah and Serge Gwynne

January 29: Rebecca Claire, daughter of Matthew and Claire Simons; Austin Peter, son of Linda and Adrian McAsey

February 12: Rosie Anne, daughter of Julie and Stephen Robinson; Thomas Louis, son of James and Marilyn Alexander

**Funerals** – *We remember with thanksgiving the lives of:*

January 16: John McDowell, aged 54

January 27: Whitney Burnham, aged 18

February 1: Nancy Hill, aged 87

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**Lent Discussion Courses**

Lent is always a good time to reflect on your faith. Why not come to one of our Lent Discussion Groups which meet in the Parish Hall (Mina Hogan Room)?

There's a morning group meeting on Wednesdays 10.30am-12noon (starting February 29<sup>th</sup>) and an evening group on Thursdays 8.00-9.30pm (starting March 1<sup>st</sup>). The sessions will involve a short study of a key Old Testament story, followed by discussion about how we might relate it to modern life. To find out more or book a place please ring Susan Jacobs (morning course – 8943 0503) or Cathy Randall (evening course – 07712 598721). Newcomers are always welcome.

*Joe Moffatt*

**St Mary's & St Peter's School**

**History**

One of our school governors, Chris French, is currently compiling and researching the history of the school. We are almost at the stage of pulling material collected from the school archive into an informative book which we hope to sell at the start of the new school year. We would like to hear from anyone who was a past pupil of SMSP. If you, a member of your

**Hampton Deanery Day of Prayer**

**Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> March**

**Prayer Gathering: 7.30pm, St Mary's, Teddington**

On 15<sup>th</sup> March the Bishop of Kensington, Paul Williams, will be spending the day in the Hampton Deanery, meeting and praying with clergy and others in the community. In the evening there will be a prayer gathering which will incorporate a jazz liturgy to the texts of Thomas Traherne. All are invited to join us in church at 7.30pm.

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**Lent Appeal: Giving Ministry**

**Wheels**

The parish is once more supporting the Diocese of London Lent Appeal for its partner dioceses in Angola and Mozambique (ALMA). Previous years have raised funds for building schools; providing wells; funding children's work; and clergy training. This year the Appeal is called 'Giving Ministry Wheels', and aims to buy a decent 4x4 vehicle for each diocese. Angola is just one diocese, five times the size of the UK. Mozambique has two dioceses, each 1.5 times the size of the UK.

On a recent visit to Mozambique I saw first-hand the essential need for such vehicles. The so-called 'parish' I visited had a mother church in a provincial city but had a further 8 churches in outlying towns and villages, some of which were up to 100 km away on mainly dirt roads. It is essential that relatively new and isolated congregations get visits from bishops to conduct confirmations and from diocesan staff to help with community development and HIV work.

I urge you therefore to be generous to this appeal, knowing that it will make a very real and practical difference. Gift-aid envelopes are available in church. Please make cheques out to 'Church of St Mary with St Alban (Lent Appeal)'.

family or a neighbour went to the school, please contact Amanda Rymel. We are asking people to fill in a brief form recounting one or two aspects of school life. Chris French will then contact a few individuals (if they are agreeable) should he require further information.

We are also hoping to have a sponsor to contribute towards printing costs so that the book's individual selling price can be reduced. Again, please contact Amanda if this interests you or you have any suggestions regarding possible sponsors.

Amanda Rymel  
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### Exploring the Christian Faith

Each Thursday for 4 weeks in January and February close to 25 members of the congregation come together to ask questions, listen and exchange views about the Christian Faith.

The group drove the agenda which has been a journey across the Christian Faith, looking at what it means to different people in their everyday life; where it sits with other religions; the response and role of the Church of England in a secular world to issues of sex, war and science. The differing views and questions have been explored in a warm, safe and sensitive environment. For me it has been an opportunity to reflect on and challenge some long held views/perceptions. The seamless way in which personal and potentially emotive issues have been handled in our groups belies the time, skill and care put into the preparation by both the leaders – Caroline Halmshaw and Cathy Randall – as well as the clergy team.

The success and popularity of these past few weeks is evident in the intention of the majority to continue these sessions.

Sarah Turley

### Christingle

A Christingle service is often associated with Christmas. However, this year we decided to separate the two and hold our Christingle service in February at Candlemas – the celebration of the recognition of Jesus as the Light of the World, which fits perfectly with the

symbolism of the candle in the Christingle. The service, raising money and awareness for The Children's Society, was enjoyed by around 180 people including over 100 children, many members of the Uniformed Organisations and Sunday school.



It was a real team effort with the Christingle oranges being assembled by parents and children from the Sunday school, readings given by members of the Youth Group, prayers read by a group of Beavers and Cubs, and Brownies reading us stories of how The Children's Society works with people in varying areas of need. The captivating and lively talk was given by The Rev. Mary Hawes, the National Children's Adviser to the Church of England, and our Assistant Priest.

The children collected loose change in candle shaped boxes, and many adults made donations during the service. We raised a fantastic sum for the Children's Society of £805.

Emily D'Silva

### **Super Soup Lunch** **Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> March at 1pm**

in the Parish Hall  
 Supporting Christian Aid  
 All donations giftaidable  
 Everyone welcome  
*Let's Bowl Over Poverty*



### Electoral Roll Revision

The Roll is being updated during March. Those who have recently changed their address and/or name on marriage should – please – check that these details are recorded

on the old Roll, a copy of which is on the Church notice board. New members of the congregation and those who have reached the age of 16 since the Roll was prepared last March/April will, we hope, wish to express their commitment to our Church by being

included on the Roll. Enrolment forms are on the table at the back of the Church where I will be available to deal with any queries. Alternatively, please contact me on 8977 3990.

June Hill – Electoral Roll Officer

### Diary for March

<b>SERVICES</b> –	<b>Sundays:</b> Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am Family Communion and Sunday School at 9.45am
	<b>Wednesdays:</b> Holy Communion at 9.30am
	<b>Monday-Friday:</b> Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm
	Fairtrade Fortnight continues until March 11th
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 8pm Time for Prayer 8.30pm, followed by Compline, 9pm
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent Baptisms 12 noon
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Supper for newsletter deliverers, 7.30pm
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room 10.30-12 noon
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Parish Pub Lunch at The Anglers, 12.30pm Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 8pm
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent Fairtrade Diocesan Service, St Paul's Cathedral, 6pm Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30pm
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Plain & Pearl Knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 10.30-12 noon
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Deanery Day of Prayer with Bishop of Kensington, concluding with Evening Worship, incorporating jazz liturgy, 7.30pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mothering Sunday Family Parade Service with distribution of daffodils, 9.45am followed by Tradcraft Stall in the Hall
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 2.30-4.30pm Marriage Preparation Evening in Parish Hall, 7.30pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 10.30-12 noon
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 8pm
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Passiontide begins) Baptisms 12 noon Choral Evensong with music and readings for Passiontide, 6.30pm
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Plain & Pearl Craft (Sugarcraft), Parish Hall, 7.30-9.30pm PCC meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 10.30-12 noon
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Lent Discussion Group, Mina Hogan Room, 8pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Super Soup Lunch for Christian Aid, Parish Hall, 1pm
Sunday April 1 <sup>st</sup>	Palm Sunday Family Communion with Palm Procession, starting in Parish Hall, 9.45am