

## Craft Materials Swap with Plain & Pearl

**Saturday 21 March. Parish Hall, 2.30pm – 4.30pm**

Spring clean your cupboards and bring along all those bolts of material, balls of wool and ribbons that you have never got around to using. Embroidery frames, upholstery tools, unwanted beads, patterns & books. Goods must be clean and fresh smelling. Please bag up individual items so they are easy to see and swap.

All are welcome, a donation to charity can be made in lieu of swap items. Craft demonstrations and taster sessions during the afternoon.

Refreshments available. Entrance £1.00, includes cup of tea.

**Plain & Pearl** is a voluntary social knitting and craft group.

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## Concert in aid of Welcare

As part of the Brandenburg Choral Festival, the Mozart Requiem is being performed by The Purcell Singers and the Brandenburg Sinfonia, conducted by Mark Ford **on Saturday March 7th at 8pm** at St James' s Church, Sussex Gardens, Paddington W2 3UD. The concert begins with Lauridsen: *Lux Aeterna* and is helping to raise funds for *Welcare*, a church charity that helps to

strengthen disadvantaged families. For more information and tickets, visit [www.welcare.org](http://www.welcare.org) or phone 0207 820 7910. *Margaret Squire*

## Electoral Roll Revision

The Roll is being updated during March/April. 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 available on the table at the back of the Church.

*June Hill, Electoral Roll Officer*


## Parish Registers

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

8th February: Oliver Edward, son of Patrick & Alexandra Whale  
15th February: Edward Robert, son of Stuart & Rebecca Burnett; Holly Amelia, daughter of James & Samantha Pargeter

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

30th January: Kathleen Croad, aged 83  
3rd February: Ernest Rolph, aged 81; Pamela Hodder, aged 92  
13th February: Roger Wildgoose, aged 76

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## MV Havengore and Churchill

Built by Toughts Boatyard to a design by the National Physical Laboratory the *Havengore* was launched in 1956 and served as a hydrographic survey vessel for the Port of London Authority until the mid 80s. One of her earliest ceremonial tasks was 50 years ago when she conveyed Churchill's coffin upstream from Tower Pier to Waterloo station en route to Bladen for burial.

*Havengore* might just be a rusty leaking historical footnote had she not been rescued, after decommissioning, from a lonely estuary mooring by a private individual in 1977 who set about restoring her to her former glory. Her current owner, Chris Ryland has spent the last 10 years completely refitting this elegant launch and *Havengore* now takes a full part once again in the ceremonial life of the River Thames.



The proud Teddington connection led to an invitation to St Mary's to provide a choir of 5 singers to join 40 other invited guests on board *Havengore* for the 50th anniversary re-enactment of Churchill's funeral voyage which culminated in a 20 minute service rocking gently mid-stream opposite the Palace of Westminster and the gentle casting into the river of a laurel wreath surmounted with a golden V for Victory which had been specially made by the Royal British Legion Poppy factory in Richmond.

The service was simple and moving, punctuated by a bugler playing *The Last Post* and *Reveille* either side of the National Anthem but the mood lightened discernibly with a lusty rendition of the *Battle Hymn of the Republic* (Churchill's mother was American). Singing heartily Glory, Glory, Hallelujah, is a good way to warm up when you have been standing on deck for over an hour in an icy wind.

After the service we choristers were invited below decks and rewarded with hot rum punch, sausages and mash and apple pie and custard before disembarking back at St Katharine's Dock. It was a day to remember for us all – we were proud to be there and to be able to represent our parish church for such a public event.



*Susan Jacobs, Emily D'Silva, Colin Davies, Margaret Squire, Chris Miller*

