

the sea from varying heights along the way. One scout, Gabriel, described it as "a rare opportunity that I wouldn't have wanted to miss. It was really exciting!"

My favourite part of any camp is always spending time round the campfire together at the end of the day. Singing, talking, laughing and being mesmerised by the crackle and dance of the flames. There was plenty of unforgettable campfire time during the week with James' rendition of the Banana Song (it has to be seen to be believed), singing along to Lily's guitar, and lots of stargazing with Paul...



Emily D'Silva

On the group's return to Teddington one parent commented that he had never seen his scout "happier or more exhausted coming back from any other trip"-music to a leader's ears! A very successful week, huge thanks to all involved- in particular my fellow leaders, Alex Rigge, Paul Hayman, Amanda Webb, and Alex Reynolds.

Emily D'Silva

### Tea please Vicar

On a perfect afternoon about thirty of us gathered in the shaded Vicarage garden to share delicious food and much fellowship. The setting was provided by Joe and the tea and tables were lovingly prepared by our very own culinary queens, June and Josie, who served us mouth-watering savoury sandwiches, jam and cream scones and of course cakes, to accompany the simple pleasure of a cup of tea and a chat. Thank you to the three Js for organising both fun and fellowship.

Christabel Davies

### Parish Registers

**Baptisms** – *We welcome into Christ's Church:*  
20th July: Lucy Joyce, daughter of Richard & Sally Hatch; Jenson Kazuma James, son of Liam and Tomoko Hoult

27th July: Jessica Louise, daughter of Stephen & Emma Bergin

3rd Aug: Jacob Flynn, son of Russell & Helen Bragg; Hebe Sally Cecilia, daughter of Nicholas & Laura Luck; Camille Rose, daughter of Simon Mumme & Anna Parker Smith

10th August: Leo Arthur, son of James & Katherine Smith

**Wedding** – *We wish every blessing on the marriage of:*

16th Aug: Greg Western and Olunmi Oke

**Funeral** – *We remember with thanksgiving the life of:*

1st Aug: Doreen Blackmore, aged 83

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## NEWSLETTER SEPTEMBER 2014



### StMARYwithStALBAN PARISH CHURCH of TEDDINGTON

### WW1 Centenary Service of Commemoration

On the evening of Sunday 3rd August, instead of the church bell being rung, the congregation were called to worship by the sound of a lone piper playing a series of laments. The occasion was the Service of Commemoration for the Centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. The plaintive pipe-music set the tone for what was to be a reflective and very moving service. Our Vicar, Joe started by welcoming everyone, including the Lady Mayor, Jane Bolton, and her entourage and representatives from the RNLI, the Sea Cadets and the Royal British Legion. The uniformed representatives carried their Standards to the High Altar during the Processional hymn. Joe said prayers for all those who died and suffered in the war and asked for God's peace and healing on us all.



Fred Squire

Philip Skerrett read a short piece that he had written about the pipers of the Scottish regiments (many as young as sixteen) who, unarmed, had led their comrades 'over-the-top' across no-man's land playing rousing music. Their moral-boosting role soon made them obvious targets for the German machine-guns. Organist Peter Mence played Vaughan Williams' 'A New Commonwealth', during which four candles, representing the four corners of the world, were lit and placed on the altar. Then four poems concerning the war were read by members of the



Fred Squire

congregation. At the end of each poem one candle was extinguished, symbolising Sir Edward Grey's statement that 'the lamps are going out all over Europe'. Between the reading of the poems we sang the hymn 'It came upon the midnight clear' usually associated with Christmas but appropriate in this context because it calls upon mankind to 'hush the noise, ye men of strife / and hear the angels sing'.

Our own Mary Hawes and The Rev Jack Knill-Jones, Vicar of St Peter & St Paul then read out the Roll of Honour, the names of the fallen from World War 1 which are inscribed on memorials in Teddington. Between 'The Last Post' and 'Reveille', both played perfectly by trumpeter Jonathan Spencer, there was a two minute silence in which to remember not only the dead but also those left wounded and disabled and also to reflect on the consequences of that terrible war.

The Sermon was given by Rev Canon Dr Michael Brierley, Precentor of Worcester Cathedral. He took as his theme the parable of the 'Lost Sheep' from the Gospel reading and likened it to the story of the British Army WWI Chaplain, Geoffrey Studdert Kennedy, whose selfless bravery earned him the Military Cross and whose dispensing of Woodbine cigarettes and spiritual aid earned him the nick-name

'Woodbine Willy'. The Service ended with a commitment to peace and to live as good neighbours.

The mechanised horrors and human tragedies of World War 1 were in complete contrast to this beautiful and contemplative service with which it was commemorated. The congregation had an opportunity to compare their reflections on the event over drinks served in the churchyard after the service on a lovely summer evening.

Terry Brown

### Vicar's Viewpoint

As I write, the news from the Middle East is getting more desperate by the day. The situation in Syria, Gaza and Iraq is beyond comprehension and leaves me broken-hearted. After our very moving service to commemorate World War One on August 3<sup>rd</sup>, the following observation was made:

**1914 - 1918:** Teddington War Memorial lists the names of 337 men killed over four years around the world.

**Gaza, 8 July - 3 August 2014:** SCF list the names of 373 children killed over 26 days.

While the plight of Palestinians in Gaza is horrifying, the persecution of the minority Christian community in Northern Iraq by ISIS is truly terrifying. If we do nothing else, we must at least hold these people in our prayers. The following prayer has been written by the Chaldean Patriarch Louis Sako. I simply offer it as a way of keeping solidarity with those from a much more ancient church than ours who are suffering so much.

### Prayer for Peace in Iraq

*Lord, the plight of our country is deep and the suffering of Christians is severe and frightening. Therefore, we ask you Lord to spare our lives, and to grant us patience, and courage to continue our witness of Christian values with trust and hope. Lord, peace is the foundation of life; grant us the peace and stability that will enable us to live with each other without fear and anxiety, and with dignity and joy. Glory be to you forever. Amen.*

### Our (not so) new Youth Pastor

Developing our work with young people is one of our top priorities. I'm therefore delighted to announce that the PCC has appointed a part-time Youth Pastor. I'm also very pleased that Emily D'Silva, our pastoral assistant who has been working with us as an intern for the past 2½ years, was considered to be the best candidate for this job; and has now taken up this post. Emily has been recommended for ordination training but on the condition that she spend a further year gaining experience in the church and doing some basic theological study. So it works out well for her to be working 4 days a week as our Youth Pastor and balancing that with some study.

This appointment will help us to build on the success of our Upper Room group which meets on Sunday mornings and to extend our Sunday evening provision of activities. It is also envisaged that Emily will pioneer some work in our local secondary schools and develop links with neighbouring churches.

Joe Moffatt

Hampton Fuel Allotment Charity is able to award grants for gas and electricity to low income families living in Hampton, Hampton Hill, Hampton Wick, Teddington, Twickenham and Whitton. The family income may come from part-time wages, low incomes or benefits. The grant could be as much as £520 and parents can reapply after twelve months. Contact: Mrs J Price, Grants Manager, HFAC, 15 High Street, Hampton TW12 2SA. Tel: 020 8941 7866

### Scout Camp

The final week in July saw 16 Scouts and 4 leaders from the 1<sup>st</sup> Teddington Scout Group journey to Torbay in Devon for a week of camping and adventure.

The eldest 7 of these scouts have just 'graduated' with their Chief Scout Gold – the highest award you can achieve in Scouts – and are forming an Explorer Unit at 1<sup>st</sup> Teddington so they can continue their scouting journey with us.

Our first activity was hiking, and whilst the

younger scouts spent a tiring day getting to know the locale and honing their map reading skills, the eldest scouts set off on a self planned two day hike to Dartmoor. They returned from their 30-mile round trip exhausted but very proud of what they had achieved.

The nearest beach provided much enjoyment over the week, a small cove where we swam, relaxed, played Frisbee and football, and all got very excited when a grey seal dropped by to say hello. We also visited the nearby town of Paignton, where the waterslides of Splashdown

provided a very welcome cool down from the heat of the day. One particular highlight was going Coasteering – suited up in wet suits and helmets, being taken on a guided scramble along the cliffs and being invited to jump into



Emily D'Silva

### Diary for September

<i>SERVICES</i> –	<i>Sundays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion (Prayer Book) at 8.00am</i> <i>Morning Worship (30 minutes) at 9.00am</i> <i>Parish Communion (with Sunday School) at 10.00am</i> <i>Holy Baptism (most Sundays) at 12 noon</i>
	<i>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am</i> <i>Church Mice Toddler Service, 10.30am</i>
	<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Tuesday 2nd		Baptism Preparation, Parish Hall, 8pm
Wednesday 3rd		First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, Topic: <i>Incense in Church</i> . 1-2.30pm.
Thursday 4th		Church Times Cricket Cup Final, Diocese of London v. Lichfield, Southgate CC, 11am Contemplative Prayer in Church, 8pm followed by Compline, 8.30pm
Saturday 6th		Wedding, 1pm
Sunday 7th		Patronal Festival Preacher at 10am Festival Communion: Canon Tom Moffatt, followed by children's entertainment and party in the hall and parish picnic in Udney Hall park.
Tuesday 9th		Plain & Pearl knitting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Thursday 11th		Parish Lunch, Royal Oak, 12.30pm Traherne Reading Group (4), weekly meetings until 16th October, Mina Hogan Room, 2pm. details from gerrygregory38@aol.com. All welcome
Saturday 13th		Time to Talk, St Peter & St Paul, 10.30-12noon
Sunday 14th		Holy Cross Day
Tuesday 16th		PCC Meeting, Mina Hogan Room, 7.45pm
Thursday 18th		Service of Wholeness and Healing, 8pm
Sunday 21st		St Matthew the Apostle Presentation of Confirmation candidates at 10am Eucharist Choral Evensong, 6.30pm
Tuesday 23rd		Plain & Pearl craft, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30pm
Sunday 28th		15th After Trinity <b>Confirmation Service</b> with Bishop of Kensington, 10am

### Looking ahead

Sunday 5th October Harvest Festival Parade Service, 10am. Harvest Supper in Hall, 6pm  
Sunday 12th October A Service of Music and Readings inspired by Thomas Traherne with contemporary jazz by King/Cave Collective, 6.30pm