

Guides Borough Camp 6-8 July

We arrived on site on Friday evening and helped put up tents, before enjoying hot dogs for tea and excitedly waiting to find out who we were sharing a tent with – then it started to rain. After lots of giggling and chatting we eventually got to sleep. The next morning we chose which sport activities we wanted to do from rounders, volleyball, tug-of-war and 5-a-side football. A well-earned lunch followed, after which we then had more fun activities, including: caving, climbing, losing our way in the maze(!) and spending our pocket money in the Tuck Shop. The evening was spent around a massive camp fire, together with other guides, scouts and brownies from the district, singing the usual camp songs, which we always enjoy. Sadly, the evening was brought to an abrupt halt when the heavens opened and, soaked to the skin, we ran for shelter in the marquee where we were treated to hot chocolate with marshmallows. Luckily, the guiders managed to revive the fire so they could carry out an enrolment ceremony for the newer guides as planned. In the morning we did manage a quick assault course before striking camp early because of the miserable rain. Despite the weather it was all great fun, so thank you Kathy and we look forward to next year's camp.

Philippa Leyden and Amelia Maycock

Plain & Pearl – our social Knitting and Craft Group for anyone who enjoys “making things” meets on the 2nd & 4th Tuesday of the month from 7.30pm in St Mary's Parish Hall. We chat, eat cake, swap ideas, and if the mood takes us, knit & sew. Have you got an old project lurking in the cupboard because it went wrong a long time ago? Bring it along and we will help you get back on track and finish. One member is now wearing a lovely jumper she started 5 years ago! In July we gave away over 40 starter knitting packs with instructions on how to knit a simple scarf or a square for a blanket for the orphanage we support in the Limpopo, using wool & needles generously donated. September 25th Craft (booking required for this session) we'll be learning how to make bead napkin rings.

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Parish Registers

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

22nd July: Henry William, son of Alex & Victoria Heaton; Alexander Nicholas and Benjamin Scott, sons of Nick & Victoria Bradley

5th August: Eleanor Rose, daughter of Nick & Jennie Simpkin; Robert Douglas and Annabel Joan, children of James & Vicki Reaff

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

3rd August: Dr Peter Venables, aged 92

10th August: Violet Gerschwiler, aged 98

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Vicar's Viewpoint

The story of Jesus feeding the five thousand from just five loaves and two fishes reveals a God whose generous love exceeds our expectations. We very often get far more than we bargained for.

That's certainly been my experience in this parish. The little I'm able to offer in ministry is far exceeded by the gifts I receive in return: the gifts of friendship, encouragement, interest and support, to name but a few.

It's also been true of recent events. The Parish Olympic Fete started out as a small idea shared by just a few of us. It ended up being a huge event with well over 50 volunteers contributing in all sorts of ways and what seemed like 5,000 people (well at least 500) being fed, entertained and brought together for a very special celebration. I've been overwhelmed by the number of people who have said how much they enjoyed it. The experience of being overtaken by hundreds of children as we ran a lap of the park with our Olympic torches will stay with me for a very long time.

I'm hugely grateful for the many hours of hard work and resourcefulness which was offered by so many, not least my colleagues in the parish office, Emily D'Silva and Julia Hornsby. But there was certainly an extra dimension to it, a dynamic all of its own which felt like we were being blessed from on high.

Likewise, the Olympic Teas in the churchyard. As the time trialists whizzed by and a large crowd cheered on Bradley Wiggins to his gold medal, the Teddington WI provided another example of feeding the five thousand, this time with delicious cakes and 'Eton Mess'. In doing so they raised £687.00 to be split between the church and Marie Curie Cancer Nurses, for which we are very grateful. But it also helped to create a real carnival atmosphere that everyone enjoyed. Another instance, I believe, of God taking the small things we are able to offer and transforming them for the benefit of others.

Looking back, we have also experienced a sense of blessing on our new 9am Sunday Morning Service. This began in May as a small initiative to add a different kind of service to our existing pattern of worship. It only lasts 30 minutes and involves three hymns, one reading, one short sermon and some prayers. It is intended to be child-friendly but not exclusively for children. Initially we said we would try it for three months and see how it went. But since the first week we have regularly had around 30 adults and 25 children attending, all of whom have been very positive in their comments. So the Parish Church Council has resolved that the 9am service is here to stay. With baptisms almost every week at 12 noon this now means four services most Sunday mornings. I couldn't manage this without my fellow priests, Mary Hawes and Rosamond McDowell, to whom I'm very grateful. To have both of them is one more example of God blessing us in ways beyond our expectation.

Finally, we look forward to our annual Confirmation Service at the end of the month. The Bishop of Kensington will be confirming 7 young people and 5 adults at the 10am

service on September 30th. We pray that they will be increasingly aware of God's generous love and find themselves to be a source of blessing to others. I list their names below in the hope that you might keep them in your prayers.

Best wishes

Joe Moffatt

Young People:

Jennifer Brett, Alexander Cozens, Oliver Jackson, Samuel Jackson, Frank Minah, Beatrice Sayer, Victoria Sayer.

Adults:

Liese Brandt, Jessica Fisher, Graham Hornsby, Julie Robinson, Samantha Tasker.

Parish Olympic Fête – Plenty Of Fun!

What a triumph this event was.

The "opening ceremony" involved the all-singing-all-dancing **Go Glee club** from St Mary's & St Peter's School performing five chart-topping numbers to an enthusiastic crowd, the result of a week's expert coaching from their inspirational tutor, Emily Lambros. This came after a short warm-up act by the Vicar with the Bishop of Kensington, who was our special guest for the afternoon.

The "heats", taking place in Udney Hall Gardens, included such well known sports as javelin-straw throwing, dry water-polo, penalty shoot-outs, egg-and-spoon races and beating-the-Bishop on the rowing machine; also on offer were Olympic torch-making, flag-design, biscuit-decorating and face painting; as well as the traditional flailing arms and legs on the bouncy castle, and lastly an almighty tug of war between children from Collis and St

Mary's and St Peter's Schools. Parishioners and people from outside the parish of all ages flocked in their hundreds, with a permanent queue at the Pimms tent.

The "semi-finals" took the form of the torch relay in which a lap of honour was run by all children holding up their torches which they had made earlier in the craft tent, to the theme tune of *Chariots of Fire*. Two genuine Olympic torches were present thanks to the generous loan of Rachel McLean (for her work with For Sanity's Sake, www.forsanitysake.com) and Anjula Devi (for her contribution to children with special needs).

The "finals" were exclusively an indoor event in the Hall where the official opening ceremony, the culmination of 70 days (or indeed 7 years) meticulous planning was unveiled and transmitted on our own big screen, live from the Olympic Park. It seemed apt that as the audience settled down, several hymns were sung, including *Jerusalem*, *Abide with me*, and *Bread of Heaven*.

Bronze medals go to all who came to take part and celebrate this wonderful event in our community. **Silver** medals go to all the willing volunteers who helped tirelessly, as well as Paul Munkenbeck for providing bouncy castles, gazebos, and PA systems, Foundry Fitness and Little Kickers for running some of the sporting events, and Billy Manning and Sam Ellis for keeping us fed and watered throughout the afternoon. And **gold** medals must be awarded to Julia and Emily who put on the whole party and have inspired a generation.

Arabella Green



'Twickeree' 2012

Every three years the Scout Groups of Richmond upon Thames District gather in Marble Hill Park. This time nearly two thousand participants enjoyed a weekend on the theme of the Olympics and togetherness. There is nothing like the driving rain of the British Summer to bring everyone together in the spirit of the blitz! Each group put on an activity for all participants. 1stTeddington was no different and took to our allocated sport of Rhythmic Gymnastics like ducks to water. A creative assault course, manned by parent

helpers, was just as popular with grown-ups as young people. On Saturday lunchtime we enjoyed a street party and on Sunday we enjoyed a barbeque with group members past and present. A good warm up for 2015, 1stTeddington's 100th Anniversary!

Alex Rigge - 1stTeddington Scout Leader

1stTeddington meet on Wednesday evenings in the parish hall and offer an exciting programme for 6 to 18 year olds. We are always looking for more help so if you are interested please email ed.wilson1983@gmail.com

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>Wednesdays:</i>	<i>Holy Communion at 9.30am</i>
		<i>Monday-Friday:</i>	<i>Morning Prayer at 9.00am, Evening Prayer at 5pm</i>
Saturday 1st			Wedding at 1pm
Sunday 2nd			13th after Trinity Holy Baptisms, 12 noon
Wednesday 5th			First Wednesday Club, Mina Hogan Room, 12.30-2pm. Topic: Baptism
Thursday 6th			Silent Prayer in Church, 8.30pm
Saturday 8th			Wedding at 1pm
Sunday 9th			14th after Trinity Holy Baptisms, 12 noon Youth Group, Parish Hall, 6.30-8pm
Tuesday 11th			Plain & Pearl, Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Thursday 13th			Parish Lunch at The Anglers, 12.30pm
Saturday 15th			Young Children's Guide to the Church (including reception for Baptism Families in the hall) 10am Wedding at 2pm
Sunday 16th			15th after Trinity Sunday School Outing to Godstone Farm, 9.45am
Tuesday 18th			Bishop of London visit to St Mary's & St Peter's School to Open new and refurbished buildings and Dedicate the Icons Tea Club, Mina Hogan Room, 3-5pm
Saturday 22nd			St Mary's & St Peter's School Open Day
Sunday 23rd			16th after Trinity Vigil in Church for Confirmation Candidates, 7pm
Tuesday 25th			Plain & Pearl (beading), Mina Hogan Room, 7.30-9.30pm
Saturday 29th			Confirmation rehearsal, 10am
Sunday 30th			17th after Trinity Confirmation Service with Bishop of Kensington, 10am