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Developments at Church

The Wardens, Nikki our Administrator and I have been involved with building matters again this past week and there are a



number of developments. Please excuse me putting these in list form in this blog:

(1) The new pathway into the side door of the church is finished! I was over at the church today and saw that all the slabs were in position and the cement between them was drying. Mark Hamlin and team have done a fantastic job of this. Thank you team!

We are hoping that this new entrance will enable us to open the church in June. This will all depend on the visit of a fire officer that we have next week. In any case the new pathway is an excellent addition as it provides a more secure way for opening and closing the building.

(2) A pathway has been uncovered for our emergency exit out of the back of the church. We didn't know there was such an impressive slabbed way right out of the grounds onto the pavement next to the main road. The gardening team have cleared this and have also levelled some slabs that had been disturbed by the roots of the bay tree.

(3) The work on upgrading some of the telecommunications inside the tower (Vodafone) has now been completed and the scaffolding inside the church has now been taken down.

(4) Testing has been completed for our electrical equipment and emergency lighting.

(5) Some metal hoardings have arrived to enable us to block off a part of the area at the front of the church where the flints came down from the buttress.

(6) The two quotes we have had in so far for the permanent repairs to the the two sides of buttress where flint stones have fallen are basically for **£44,500** and **£27,800**

(7) The Wardens and I are meeting with a heritage consultant this Friday to further our plans and strategy for the total renewal and repair of St. John's.

THANK YOU for all who have been helping and encouraging in all of these matters.

PLEASE PRAY for the provision of necessary finances so we can further the repairs to the buttress flint work and Grundon Room.

This Sunday is **Pentecost Sunday!**

At Pentecost a special gift came upon the believers. The gift was, of course, the Holy Spirit that came upon them and filled them. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. They experienced an indwelling as the tongues of fire descended. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. (Acts 2: 3,4) The disciples were enabled to speak in languages they hadn't before studied or learnt. This was due to the empowering of the Holy Spirit. So, on Pentecost, the disciples experienced an indwelling **and** an empowering.

Following those events Peter then gives an amazing sermon that cuts to people's hearts and 3000 become believers and are baptised. The believers then share their lives together and so is born the first true Christian church. It is not long before the number of men who believe number 5000 (Acts 4:4). **Amazing!**

We look forward to celebrating Pentecost together this Sunday at 10.30am on Zoom, via your device or telephone. (Details on how to phone in are in the notices section in this edition).

Keep praying and relying on God's Spirit,
Alan

New Sunday Theme "Conversations of Faith with . . . "

Sunday 23rd May Pentecost

Sunday 30th May Trinity Sunday

Sunday 9th June "Conversations of Faith with . . . "

Catch Up or listen and watch again!!

Conversations of Faith with . . . Caroline [click here](#)

Conversations of Faith with . . . Carol [click here](#)



Act of Commitment from 16th May Service

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it. Psalm 24.1

Say, Pray, Commit!

Lord God,

the earth is yours and all that is in it,

the world, and those who live in it;

hear our prayer, accept our service and receive our pledge:

May our worship honour your generous gifts; may we explore together our responsibilities to the creation of which we are a part, in preaching and teaching, in prayer and praise:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May our church buildings be houses of prayer, temples to your glory, and signs of the renewing power of your grace to sustain and refresh all life;

may our use and development of the resources we have inherited be an example of careful nurturing of discipleship and fruitful witness:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May we allow the land we occupy to flourish in your care; may we share and protect both open space and managed earth, and build community with and through the land and all it sustains:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May we live as the body of Christ, fostering relationships within our local and global communities, and raising awareness of how our actions affect our brothers and sisters across the world, having a particular care for the poorest and most vulnerable:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

May we show in our lives what we claim in our words, revealing in our discipleship our love for you, for each other, and for your world, following your command to bear fruit that will last:

for the earth is yours and all that is in it.

Lord God,

we pledge ourselves to your service in caring for your creation,

that your kingdom may grow from the seed of hope into a tree of righteousness and justice for the world,

and the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Reading

Acts 2:1-21

2 When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.

4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit enabled them. 5 Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. 6 When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken.

7 Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? 9 Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,

10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome 11 (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" 12 Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

13 Some, however, made fun of them and said, "They have had too much wine." 14 Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: "Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.

15 These people are not drunk, as you suppose. It's only nine in the morning! 16 No, this is what was spoken by the prophet Joel: 17 " 'In the last days, God says, I will pour out my Spirit on all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy, your young men will see visions, your old men will dream dreams.

18 Even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will prophesy. 19 I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood and fire and billows of smoke. 20 The sun will be turned to darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.

21 And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'



The Friends of City Churches

Not really Eco news this week, The Friends of the City Churches are an architectural heritage charity dedicated to preserving the beautiful and unique churches found within the square mile of the City of London.

The Friends of the City Churches' volunteer, Church Watchers usually help to keep all the churches open to visitors and worshippers on a regular basis. During this time of course they have been closed but you may be interested in their website or visiting when we can. They have a programme of talks, example below

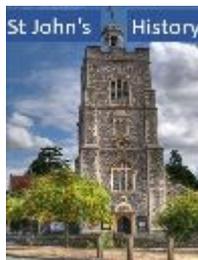
On 27 May 2021 at 2:00 pm, City and Tate Galleries guide Alexandra Epps will present an update

of her literally brilliant talk on modern stained glass in the City. Booking via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/stained-glass-in-the-city-tickets-138528794353>
Still on this theme the U3A in Hillingdon have an Ecclesiastical Architecture Group which organises visits to local churches and further afield. If you are a member of the U3A you can find out more on the website. I think that they have visited St Johns.

Thinking of our church and the surroundings, there is an initiative held in June by Churches Count on Nature . Churches Count on Nature is a joint initiative promoted by Caring for God's Acre, A Rocha UK, the Church of England and the Church in Wales. During a week in June, it brings local people together to discover the wildlife in their local church yard, recording the species they find, combining their results with others which will be collated on the National Biodiversity Network (NBN), a nationwide database of wildlife in the UK. Caring for God's Acre has been encouraging people who help to look after churchyards, chapel yards and cemeteries to celebrate these fantastic places in the month of June, in many ways.

There have been history talks, picnics and abseiling teddy bears! Churches Count on Nature is part of Love Your Burial Ground Week, focusing on the brilliant wildlife to be found in churchyards.

Isaiah 55:12 *You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands.*



Crinkly Boots and a Lady without a nose!

The elaborate 17th century memorial to the right of the High Altar is in memory of Sir Edward Carr who died in 1636. Sir Edward was granted the lease of the Rectory estate and he rebuilt the house on the site, (where Bishopshalt School now stands). Sir Edward was a Justice of the Peace. On one occasion, a riot broke out between the people of the town and the officers of Lady Derby, Lady of the Manor, concerning the ownership of market tolls. Sir Edward rushed down to the town to try and restore order, whether he did or not, I can't tell you.

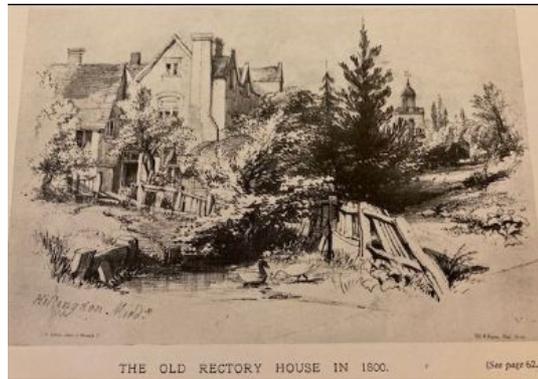
The memorial has alabaster figures of Sir Edward and his wife, Jane (nee Onslow) facing each other at a little prayer desk and their two daughters Philadelphia and Jane in front of them facing forwards. The crests of the Carr and Onslow families are shown – a white hart for Sir Edward, an eagle for Dame Jane. For me, what really makes this memorial special are their outfits and hairstyles. Edward with his baggy trousers and crinkly boots; Jane with her puffy sleeves and her hair in ringlets. At the top of the memorial are 2 figures, one is Justice holding her scales (reminding us of Sir Edward's role as a JP) and another figure snuffing out a long torch, indicating that the couple had no sons to carry on the Carr name.

Sir Edward had an uncle also named Edward Carr. They both lived at The Rectory House and both were Members of Parliament. There is quite a lot written about both of them on the website "History of Parliament Online" although due to them both having the same name, there is quite a bit of confusion about who did what!

Sadly, when a bomb fell in the churchyard in 1940, Dame Jane's nose fell off and was lost. Daughter Jane's head also broke off, but has been glued back in place! **Christine Bartlett**



Memorial of Sir Edward and his wife Jane.



The old Rectory House in 1800.

NOTICES



Please pray for our wedding couples Jay & April and Darren & Michelle, whose banns of marriage will be read at St. Andrew's Church Uxbridge on Sunday 23rd May at 10am for the first time. Both of these couples were due to be married in 2020 and have postponed their special day a number of times.

Lord we pray that as Jay, April, Darren and Michelle get ready for their wedding day, not only would their love for each other grow stronger, but they would become more and more aware of your great love for them.

Amen



The volume of cybercrime on our Borough is unfortunately increasing - join NHW by registering at www.owl.co.uk - this will mean that the Police and NHW can increase the reach of cyber crime prevention messaging to even more of our residents.

Is Your Network Secure? Cyber Aware provides cyber security advice for small businesses and individuals, such as using strong passwords made up of 'three random words' and always downloading the latest software and app updates, that can help you protect your devices from cyber criminals. visit www.cyberaware.gov.uk

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- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

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