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## The Online Link St. John's Hillingdon



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### **Your Sunday Service Link (10.30 am):**

Click on the church image above from  
Sunday 10am or on

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89481452808>

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### **We did it!**

We held two services in church last Sunday!

We also managed to pull off a 'hybrid' service for the 10.30am service where we successfully joined together those who were on Zoom (plus those on the phone) with those who were in

church. This new form of combined service had very few problems for our first attempt. Those in church could hear and see those on Zoom and vice versa! From church I was able to interview Rodney who was on Zoom and all could hear from both 'camps'. The music from Zoom came over extremely well in church too. Thank you for all of your supporting prayers in this new venture.

**Booking is required each week for the 9am or 10.30am service in church** and this should be done via Nikki by noon on the Friday before the Sunday concerned.

This past week or so I have been working as an IT network manager and technician in addition to the usual variety of things a vicar does. There was the work putting IT equipment together and testing things ready for the 'hybrid' service. Then we had a visit from Steve from 'Geekabit' who came to update our hardware and software for our internet in church. We have the ability to now incorporate some security cameras.

I also hear this past week that **we have been successful with our third grant application**. You might recall that last winter we were awarded a grant of £24k to help stabilise the cupola. Then in April we were awarded £16k to help with Covid recovery costs. The latest award is for a smaller amount, £4.8k, but this is significant because it comes from the National Churches Trust (NCT) and it is a very competitive process to get an award from them. This latter award will help us get a number of surveys done, including all the roof areas and valley galleys with a view to repair and restoration. We will need to match fund this from our own giving and special gifts, but now we have been awarded this grant from NCT it becomes easier to obtain further grants to help us in our quest to restore and renew our magnificent building.

Keep praying!

**Alan**



**On Sunday 27th June we will be holding a small mini-fayre in our gardens and the church**, as coronavirus restrictions allow, and keeping strictly to restrictions and precautions necessary at that time. **We need your help with this**. We are planning on having some music, a limited number of game stalls, a short heritage talk, a tour of the church, beat-the-goalie, some fun together and some refreshments which will be all supplied in packages. **We will be having a bottle stall and we need you to donate bottles** - wine, spirits, fizzy bottled drinks, etc. Please bring bottles to church during the week on Tuesday or Thursday's 9am- 12pm (wear a mask) . . . . . Alan



Culture creates jobs, supports livelihoods, and brings joy to everyone. The UK leads the world in the creative industries and we can all feel pride in that.

Now, in these challenging times, it's our turn to show our support for culture. With an unprecedented investment through the Culture Recovery Fund, the government is #HereForCulture so it can weather the storm of coronavirus and come back stronger.

And we are #HereForCulture too.

#HereForCulture is a movement that unites the public, government and cultural organisations in support of our fantastic cinemas, theatres, music venues, museums, galleries and heritage.

With more and more culture being curated online, there is no better time to support and enjoy all the new and exciting ways culture is available to us.

By being #HereForCulture, we aren't just supporting the people in the industry, we're also supporting communities across the country.

**At St. John's we were very grateful to receive recently a £16k grant from the Covid Recovery Fund. This funding was distributed by the National Lottery Heritage Fund to heritage buildings impacted adversely by Covid.**



### **St John's re-opening**

It was lovely last week to hear the church bells ringing on Sunday as some people joined us for the 9am service.

We are now open during the week on Tuesday's and Thursday's 9am-12pm for private prayer and reflection no booking is required for this.

For the two Sunday services 9am and 10:30am we ask that you book via Nikki on 07972 618584 or email [stjohnshillingdon@googlemail.com](mailto:stjohnshillingdon@googlemail.com) by Friday Noon. We still have restrictions in place and I will do my best to outline these below for you.

1. Entrance will be via the side door, using the new path created by Mark, Armel and the churchyard team. Note by entering this way there are 3 steps down. If you are unable to take the steps then you can enter by walking along the Uxbridge road to the pathway that leads to the fire exit by the vestry/office. Signs and Welcomers will direct you.
2. You are still required to maintain a social distance. This means that you cannot travel to church

in someone else's car unless they are members of your household or are in your usual support bubble. You will also need to be mindful upon entry that you are still keeping a safe distance from others whilst waiting to enter.

3. Face masks are required to be worn in church and should be put on prior to entry. We do have face masks available at both entrances for those that may have forgotten to bring theirs with them.

4. Hand sanitiser is available at all entry and exit points and must be used when entering and exiting the church building.

5. Seats have been identified in church and we call them stations each station is designed to seat a person, couple or family. You will be directed as to where to sit. This means you might not be able to sit in your usual place.

6. Singing is not permitted in church, but we will have hymns and reflective music at the 10:30am hybrid service, The hybrid service will be live streamed via zoom to other members of the congregation that are unable to attend church.

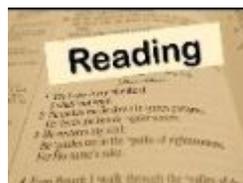
7. The communion will be distributed to you where you are seated during a hymn and is in one kind only (We will be using wafers) and you will be asked to stand after the hymn so that the communion is taken together with those present on zoom.

8. There will be no refreshments provided after the service.

9. Exit will be via the vestry/office Fire Exit.

10. The main church doors can only be used in an extreme emergency. All doors will remain open for the entire service for ventilation and easy exit.

If you have any further questions please contact me. - *Nikki*



## Reading

### **Luke 9: 28-36**

28 About eight days after Jesus said this, he took Peter, John and James with him and went up onto a mountain to pray. 29 As he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. 30 Two men, Moses and Elijah, appeared in glorious splendor, talking with Jesus.

31 They spoke about his departure, which he was about to bring to fulfillment at Jerusalem.

32 Peter and his companions were very sleepy, but when they became fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him.

33 As the men were leaving Jesus, Peter said to him, "Master, it is good for us to be here. Let us put up three shelters—one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah." (He did not know what he was saying.) 34 While he was speaking, a cloud appeared and covered them, and they were afraid as they entered the cloud.

35 A voice came from the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, whom I have chosen; listen to him."

36 When the voice had spoken, they found that Jesus was alone. The disciples kept this to themselves and did not tell anyone at that time what they had seen.



### **Making changes**

I may be an Eco Champion and contribute to the Eco News but I still struggle to make changes, changes that will help the planet.

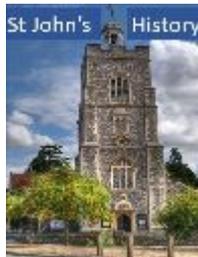
My heating is probably on more than it should be and my food choices may not always be the best but it is important to try and make a change no matter how small.

During lockdown I was able to grow some veg from seed. This year I have grown tomato plants, marrow and courgettes all ready to plant out. It's good to watch the plants grow and taste food that I have grown myself. I'm also trying to take more care in recycling, using separate bins indoors for food, and other waste before putting it on the council bags. It's an extra step but it helps me to notice what I am throwing away and so to try to use less and reuse or repurpose materials.

I have bought fewer clothes, trying to wear all that I have, things I may not have worn for a while. The practice of repair and repurpose has become a rediscovered activity, making a repair a feature of a garment. I rediscovered sewing during lockdown, making clothes using fabrics that are Oeko-Tex certified and using dyes that are GOTS certified. Oeko-Tex® is a worldwide association of independent research and testing institutes for product safety and sustainable production in the textile industry. GOTS is the Global Organic Textile Standard.

**Tips and ideas.** Share your own changes, tips or ideas to help the planet, you can send them to Nikki to be included in the Eco News to share and encourage everyone. **Chris Rodrigues**

**James 1:17** *Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*



### **Charles Thomas Mills**

Charles Thomas Mills, known to his family as Charlie Tom, was born on 13 March 1887. He was the eldest son of [Charles William Mills](#), 2nd Baron Hillingdon and his wife Alice Harbord. He had a younger brother, Arthur Robert Mills. Charles was educated at New Beacon preparatory school, Eton and Magdalen College, Oxford. While at university he was a keen sportsman, especially golf. The Mills family business was banking. Since 1793, members of the family – including Charles Thomas Mills' father, grandfather and great-grandfather – had been partners in the London banking firm Glyn, Mills & Co and Charles continued the family tradition.

Also in 1910, Mills entered parliament with a resounding majority, as the conservative member for Uxbridge. For his first two years in that office, he was the youngest member, known as the 'Baby of the House'.

He was an active parliamentarian, speaking frequently on varied matters. When asked how he managed to juggle his duties as a politician and a banker, he explained that he worked 14-hour days; all day at the bank and then all evening in parliament.

He continued to represent Uxbridge until his death and was succeeded by his brother.

For some years before the war Charles Thomas Mills had served as a lieutenant in the Queen's Own West Kent Yeomanry, but in 1915 he arranged to be reassigned to the Scots Guards so that

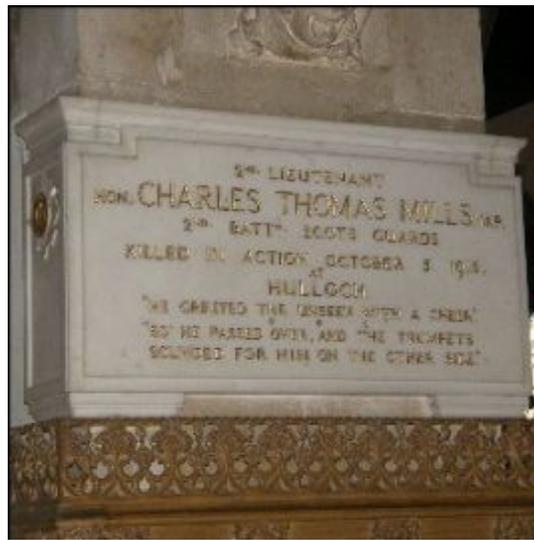
he would be sent overseas more quickly. Just before his regiment departed for France in June 1915 he was given a send-off by friends and colleagues in his constituency, at which he remarked: 'I hope you will be good enough to think of me while I am away. I hope that you will pray that, above all things, I shall do my duty, very humbly it may be, and bring no disgrace upon you and upon my friends down here.'

Sadly, on 6 October 1915, during the Battle of Loos, he was struck in the head and killed by a piece of shrapnel. He has no known grave and is commemorated on the Loos Memorial and the [Parliamentary War Memorial](#) in [Westminster Hall](#), one of 22 MPs who died fighting in the [First World War](#) and one of four who died in a single fortnight.

His memorial plaque in St John's is above the Vicar's stall at the chancel entrance. The quotes on the plaque are : "He greeted the unseen with a cheer." (recalling a line from [Robert Browning's](#) poem *Epilogue*); and "So he passed over and the trumpets sounded for him on the other side." (from [The Pilgrim's Progress](#) by John Bunyan).The plaque also bears the regimental badge and motto of the Scot's Guards. **Christine Bartlett**



The 'Baby of the House' Charles Thomas Mills



Memorial of Charles Thomas Mills.

## NOTICES



Please pray for Trevor and Donesha as they have their banns read for a second time at St John's

*Lord we pray that as Trevor and Donesha 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**



### **Warmer Weather Alert!**

The Metropolitan Police have issued a reminder that although it is tempting to leave your windows and doors open in this warmer weather. it does leave you more vulnerable to burglars!

Each year a number of opportunistic burglaries happen when you maybe mowing the lawn! With the noise of the mower you may not be able to hear the burglar approach.

on average a burglar is only in your property for 7 mins!

Leaving windows open for a school run or quick pop to the shop could find you being a victim of this type of crime and can be incredibly upsetting.

**Keep yourself and your property safe.**

### **How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)**

- 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.

### **CHEQUES**

Payable to:

Hillingdon Parochial Church Council

St. John's Church

Royal Lane

Uxbridge

UB8 3QP

### **STANDING ORDER**

Set up a Standing Order with your bank or building society using these details:

Barclays Bank, 142 High St,

Uxbridge, UB8 1JX

Sort Code: 208916

Account No: 20465615

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