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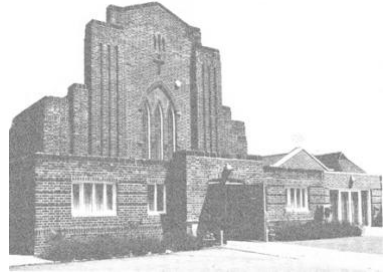
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not for
much longer*



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(hope to fill this position soon)

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From the Elders

Looking Forward? (Part Two???)



Some of you out there, with the facility of long-term memory banks, may remember that in the issue of Grapevine this time last year Keith Holland's elder's article was about looking forward to the summer ahead with plans for holidays, maybe plan the re-designing of your garden, even having a go at losing weight. You may also remember that another large part of his article was our church's endeavors of working towards achieving our own minister.

It was at our Church Meeting at the beginning of March 2023 we unanimously voted in favour of sharing a joint pastorate with Christ Church Uxbridge. Since then a lot has happened in this church. A few sleepless nights, lots of hair pulling, deep negotiations between both churches, all greatly helped and coaxed with patient assistance from our Moderator Rev'd George Watts and our interim-moderator Rev'd Sue McCoan. At last, we have crossed the finishing line but yet to receive our medal. After a unanimous vote from both churches, the Rev'd Wilbert Sayamani has accepted our Joint Churches offer of being our minister, has given his notice of intent and will be joining us soon. The final date of his move and his Induction Service are yet to be arranged.

Also, more good news, our community is to have a new Rector at St Giles' Church. Rev'd Christine Britton has been appointed and will be licensed at a service on Tuesday 16th July at 7.00pm. God has arranged great beginnings for us all. Our community looks forward to working together with re-newed enthusiasm of new challenges, new horizons and long term hopes and desires. To repeat Keith's final sentence.....Let us all embark on this exciting stage of Church life, committed to supporting the work of the God who loves us.

John Miller

Birthdays



June	
4 th	Pat Veale
9 th	Roddy Munro
10 th	Julie Dungey
19 th	Wendy Munn
21 st	Isobel Dungey



July	
11 th	Dennis Osborne
15 th	Peter Williams
25 th	Sylvianne Clark

August	
4 th	Keith Holland
13 th	Elizabeth Tipton



Family News & Dates

Food for Thought

Speaker – Diana May

Wednesday 5th June 1.00pm
to 2.00pm

Liaison Committee

Thursday 6th June 7.00pm at
URC

Festival Forecourt Sale

Saturday 8th June 10.00am
to 12.00pm followed by

**Arts, Crafts & Hobbies
Exhibition from Tuesday
11th to Saturday 15th June**

Prayer Group

in Hardwick Room

Weds 19th June 2.00pm

Prayer Group

in Hardwick Room

Weds 17^h July at 2.00pm

Holiday Club at URC

Monday 29th July to Friday
2nd August

Elders Meetings

and Finance &

Property Meetings

July dates to be arranged

Church Services

Sunday 2nd June 11.00am

led by Neil Mackin

Opening Festival Service

Sunday 9th June 11.00am

led by Jeremy Day

Closing Festival Service

Sunday 16th June 10.30am

At St. Giles' Church

Sunday, 23rd June 11.00am

led by TBC

Sunday 30th June 11.00am

led by TBC

Sunday 7th July 11.00am

led by Maggie Hindley

Sunday, 14th July 11.00am

led by Rev'd Derek West

Sunday 21st July 11.00am

led by TBC includes Holy
Communion

Sunday 28th July 11.00am

led by Rev'd Lesley Goldsmith

*August Services yet to be finalised.
See church weekly blog or news
sheet for updates.*



John Stokes



John Stokes, Dad, was born in Edgware General Hospital in London on 19th January 1932, he was therefore known as an “Edger boy”.

He lived in Hendon for the whole of his childhood with his Mum and Dad. An only child until he was 14, his cousin Billy, known as whippet, lived with him in his early childhood and was his playmate. He grew up as many children did in those days, playing games out in the street with

the other boys (watching them all scatter when his little fox terrier Prince got out and nipped everyone in fun). He also went fishing for newts in the nearby Stanmore Ponds using the matchstick, cotton and worm technique, which he passed on to his daughters. The boys used to trade amongst themselves - 10 little newts for one big newt!

During the war his Mum chose for him not to be evacuated and he remembered nights in the Anderson shelter in the garden and spending time with the other children in the school shelters- even being taught how to knit by one girl as they whiled away the time. He grew up in a time when children were “seen and not heard” and told the story of when he was out shopping with his Mum who was talking to a friend. John spotted a buzz bomb approaching and desperately tried to interrupt the conversation to inform his Mum, who kept telling him to be quiet while she continued her conversation. The bomb fell quite close to them but luckily they were not hurt.

One of his earliest memories was of the occasion of the Coronation of George VI. He was led out into the playground at school with the other children in the rain for some sort of commemoration. He vividly remembered stamping on the worms that were coming to the surface to avoid the wet ground.

He told us that as a little boy he was very disappointed when he saw his first mouse as he expected mice to look like Mickey Mouse and seahorses were an even bigger disappointment as he expected them to be full sized underwater horses, not tiny little fish.

He left school at the age of 14 and went to work at the nearby Romac Radio wireless factory. He was a bright boy and studied hard at night school and Hendon technical college to gain engineering qualifications eventually qualified to become a chartered mechanical engineer. He started work as an apprentice at CAV, in Acton, an engineering company, part of the Lucas group making fuel injection pumps for diesel engines. Dad never talked very much about work, but a recently discovered business card informed us that he was an Account Manager for Lucas Diesel systems just before he retired. He did enjoy his career and made many friends, some of whom he enjoyed meeting up with at The Cavaliers Club until relatively recently.

In his teens, someone at his work encouraged him to attend ballroom dance classes, which turned out to be a good move as when he met Mum, Margaret, at a dance in Wembley town hall, having previously noticed her at a dance at Hendon Tech, she was impressed! He was particularly good at the Foxtrot. Dad and Mum's first date was to Battersea Park, part of the Festival of Britain. Dad remembered them going on the Tree Walk.

Like most young men at the time, Dad did 2 years National service in the Army, in REME, the Royal Electrical Mechanical Engineers. The first year at Arborfield near Reading. On his day off he would cycle all the way back to Kenton to see Mum. He must have done lots of cycling in his youth, which is curious to think of as I never saw him ride a bike.

John married Margaret on 28th August 1954 in Harrow, Middlesex. They spent their week long honeymoon in Torquay. On their return he had to complete his National Service and two weeks after their wedding he was stationed in Egypt in Ismailia on the Suez Canal mending radios and talked about sailing on lake Timsah on his time off. R and R on was in Cyprus when they all hired bicycles and cycled around the island. John and Margaret's first home

together was in Hayes Middlesex. Their first two daughters, myself and Nicky were born there.

He was by all accounts quite a relaxed father; a story was told that the first time Mum left me as a baby with him, she returned to find my pram parked outside the pub with me in it, Dad and Henry the next door neighbour inside the pub.

Once Nicky started school, Margaret trained to be a primary school teacher. She discovered a talent as an artist while at college and John made the frames for her paintings which were also admired when she had exhibitions.

In 1970 the family moved to Ickenham, Middlesex and their 3rd daughter Elisabeth was born.

Dancing continued with regular dances at the Martin Baker (company making ejector seats for military airplanes) social club for many years with a group of friends and family, (including his uncle Ernie). Proper music; although the band wasn't always up to scratch in his opinion. Nothing could compare to his favourite singer, Frank Sinatra.

Dad was a keen fisherman; he enjoyed coarse fishing on the Grand Union Canal and Thames at Eton, trout and salmon when on holiday in Scotland. Mum would sometimes accompany him and spend her time painting. Nicky often accompanied him fishing, and in later years he would take his grandchildren. He kept his fishing tackle in a small brown suitcase and when he caught a fish he would hold it in an old vest (kept in the case for this purpose) while he removed the hook from its mouth. Mum remarked that that was "adding insult to injury!"

Dad was mechanically minded. He loved cars, trains, ships and planes and enjoyed visiting museums and events on those themes. He was a talented DIYer. He could mend and make pretty much anything in the house or garden and fitted kitchens, bathrooms and decorated (and many guinea pig hutches!) Margaret never had to get anyone in to do any of those jobs in the house and Dad always did everything properly. She used to joke that the wall would fall down before any shelf that Dad fixed on it. We remember well assisting him by holding the end of the wood and putting soap on the screws! Dad also kept the cars maintained and many weekend mornings would be spent underneath the Mini

or the Viva, making sure they kept going! Nicky remembers helping him bleed the brakes and adjusting the tappets!

In retirement John took up bowls and made many friends at Swakeleys Bowls Club. He only stopped when his knees became troublesome. He also enjoyed playing cards; - whist and bridge, and chess. Sally the Springer spaniel joined the family in his retirement and he took her for daily walks in Bayhurst Woods. He was very sociable and enjoyed his regular 'Jolly Boys' outings with his uncle Ernie.

Together with Margaret he participated in U3A activities; visiting places including the Houses of Parliament, Bletchley Park and Shakespeare's globe theatre as well as classical music concerts and exhibitions. They enjoyed the local theatre and jazz clubs. Kew Gardens, the Chiltern Open Air Museum and Ruislip lido were favourite haunts. They also probably visited almost every National Trust property in the South of England and Midlands.

Dad always enjoyed gardening and became particularly expert at growing dahlias in his garden and allotment. He won many prizes at the Ickenham Horticultural Society shows; he won the best in show exhibit 10 years in a row and was known locally as 'The Dahlia Man'.

Mum made beautiful arrangements with his dahlias winning more prizes.

Ed. Pictured are those famous Dahlias in one of our Harvest Festival Displays which he and Margaret put together.



Dad followed football and cricket. Arsenal was the team he supported. He used to go to the matches at Uxbridge cricket ground to watch Middlesex play and he followed the football results each week and was pleased when any of the London teams beat those from elsewhere in the country! He loved watching football and cricket on TV in later years particularly

enjoying watching the football with his Grandson Ted and Son in Law Mark.

Dad and Mum attended the Ickenham United Reform Church and Dad became one of the gardeners for the grounds in his retirement until his knees were no longer up to it! Together with Mum they grew hundreds of plants which they sold at the annual URC plant sales, raising much needed funds for the church.

I remember family holidays in North Devon, the Isle of Wight, Cornwall and Scotland. These were very traditional events with days at the beach; Dad constructing large sandcastles with moats, catching fish and other creatures in rock pools and releasing them at the end of the day, then carrying buckets of seawater up the beach to rinse off our feet and rubbing the still quite sandy feet dry with a towel. A constant on those family holidays were his green shorts, which amazingly are still in existence; Dad never liked to throw anything away!

Dad was a very good swimmer, he taught me to swim on holiday in the Isle of Wight, and his grand-daughter Sophie when on holiday in Brittany. Mum described him on one of their early dates swimming out around the end of the pier, I think at Brighton, much to her consternation. Many years later, he also alarmed the pool attendant at Windsor swimming pool when he slid down the water slide and, on seeing an elderly gentleman disappear under the water, she jumped in concerned that he might not resurface. Grandson John who was with him, was annoyed that his grandad had beaten his time on the water shoot. He was forever remembered as Torpedo Man after that incident!

Christmas was a traditional affair; Dad carved the turkey, always fell asleep afterwards and we had to wait until he woke up and the Queen's speech before the family presents were opened. Dad would hand them out one by one reading the labels very slowly. If there was a big one he would say "this is a big one, must be for me!".

Dad enjoyed spending time with his Grandchildren. He took them on many outings to parks, museums, around the sites in London and to favourite haunts such as the Odds Farm, Ruislip Lido, Chiltern Open Air Museum and Kew Gardens. He and Mum delighted in all their successes and were very proud of them all. In

just his last week he was talking to the staff who were caring for him about his Grandchildren and his love for them all.

Dad and Mum were happily married for 68 years. Mum was taken ill for the last time on their wedding anniversary and I remember him sitting next to her holding her hand while waiting for the ambulance. He missed her terribly when she died, although he did take solace in the love and support of his family and some happy occasions were had in his last year which he thoroughly enjoyed. He took particular delight in the arrival of Great Grandson Wilfred. It is comforting for us to think that Dad and Mum are now together again. He will be sadly missed by his daughters, Grandchildren, Great Grandson and all his friends in Ickenham.

Elizabeth Tipton
(John & Magaret's Daughter)

Ickenham URC..... All Stars International Table Tennis Team win the Fairbank Cup



The victorious Ickenham URC table tennis team, (Main picture: from left to right are Derek Hughes, Peter Igidbashian, Geraint Hughes and John Fields – inset Andy Taylor) seen with the Fairbank Cup (Geraint holding individual cup each player received). This was awarded to the team for winning the Chalfonts and District Table Tennis League annual knockout Cup competition. They beat Chalfonts D team 5-2 in the final. The result of regular practice at the URC on Tuesday mornings!

Derek Hughes



Easter Seder Meal





Easter Walk of Witness and Easter Flowers



From the Fundraising and Social Group

As the time of our Spring Forecourt Sale drew nearer the weather forecast for the day improved and it turned out more or less perfect, though one or two people found it too warm, a marked contrast to the Biblical conditions just the day before. This helped to bring in a good crowd and again they seemed to enjoy themselves whilst spending £836, a small increase on 2024. I wasn't very well at the time but received tremendous support from the team, particularly the ones who were there early doors on the Saturday morning and allowed me to sit around watching them work! Another positive was the experiment with a "Curio Corner" inside, featuring small and sometimes quirky items that might have got lost in the bric-a-brac. This more or less sold out, leaving us needing more stock here and elsewhere, compounded by the next sale coming up quite quickly on 8th June, the first Saturday of the Festival, followed by the last one on 7th September, so please be thinking about what you can donate as well as how you can help!

Richard Piper

CLICKRukiga

Youth in Development Update

Hillary Turyakira is the director in Uganda for our **CLICKRukiga** project and since 2017 has progressed the RYID programme which is currently based in small rooms below his family home.

Every year training is provided to 40-50 young adults in computing, knitting, tailoring, dress making, basket weaving,



hairdressing and barbering plus agriculture and land management. Many proceed to full time jobs as a result. Importantly, they also receive

entrepreneurship training to enable them to start their own businesses, where they too can train others. There is a small library with books from Book Aid International which can be used by the students as well as the local community. **CLICKRukiga** supported the purchase of land behind the current training rooms to enable much needed expansion.

They have two full-time trainers – Gordon for computer studies and Emily for tailoring. Emily herself completed her training with RYID in 2020. They are supported by several people including Hillary's mother, Joy, who volunteers as a trainer and helps repair sewing machines plus Hillary's wife,



Precious, who gives part time training sessions in knitting and health education. They also partner with a motorcycle garage trainer for the young men who are interested in motorcycle repairs. This is a

valuable skill as many locals rely on this form of transport.

Young women have been trained in making reusable sanitary pads and this self-sustaining initiative has improved attendance at the workshop for some who previously repeatedly missed sessions. The land acquired for building has been used to grow cash crops, providing an opportunity to teach agriculture and an income prior to the new build.

We have just sent money to buy 2 electric sewing machines to help modernise training. The next major project is to construct a 4-room training block on the acquired land. A much bigger reading room may also be included. The approximate cost is £8000. We have agreed to fundraise for this over the coming year and have already raised over £1000 from the Dhamaka meal and the monitoring visit presentation earlier this year. Any money raised from our 2 upcoming concerts will be put solely to this purpose.



Upcoming dates for your diary:

“Mari Wilson concert”, Friday 5th July at Goldhill Baptist Church in Chalfont St Peter

“Harrow Apollo male choir”, Saturday 23rd November here at the URC

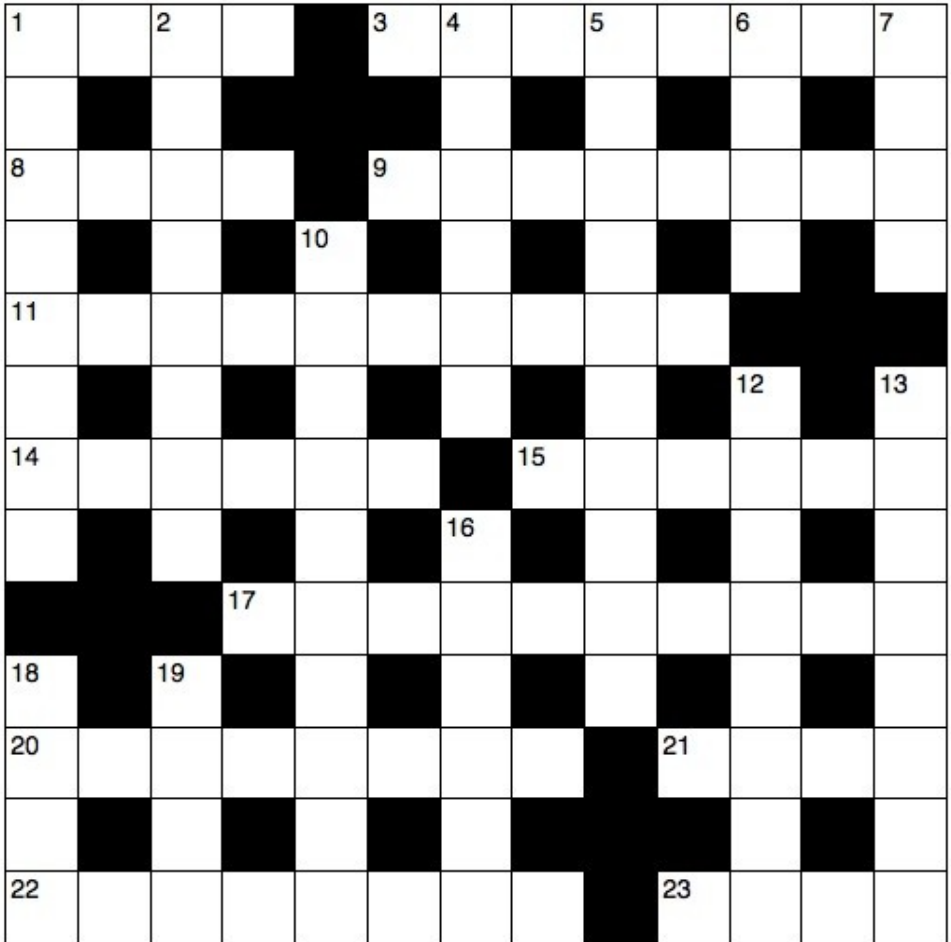
There is also an opportunity to take tea and cakes for the **CLICKRukiga** Emergency Fund on Tuesday 8th October at 10-11:30am in St Giles’ Church Hall.

Thank you for continuing to support this important charity work. More details on all events and projects can be found on our website (<https://www.clickrukiga.org.uk>) or please just ask me!

Julie Dungey



*Service held
at the URC on
Friday 1st March*



Across

- 1 and 3 Two of the disciples who witnessed the transfiguration of Jesus (Luke 9:28) (4,3,5)
- 3 **See 1 Across**
- 8 'Let us draw — to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith' (Hebrews 10:22) (4)
- 9 O Simon is (anag.) (8)
- 11 Form of government under the direct rule of God or his agents (10)
- 14 How Jesus found his disciples when he returned to them after praying in Gethsemane (Luke 22:45) (6)
- 15 In The Pilgrim's Progress, the name of the meadow into which Christian strayed, which led to Doubting Castle (2-4)

- 17 Glad sin rat (anag.) (10)
- 20 Spinal column (Leviticus 3:9) (8)
- 21 Valley of the Balsam Tree with a reputation of being a waterless place (Psalm 84:6) (4)
- 22 'The oracle of Balaam son of Beor, the oracle of one — — sees clearly' (Numbers 24:3) (5,3)
- 23 Adam and Eve's third son (Genesis 4:25) (4)

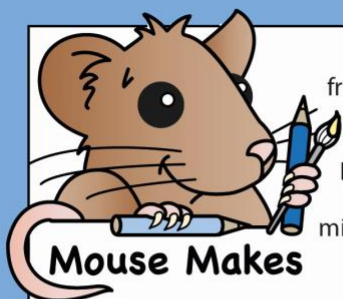
Down

- 1 David's great friend (1 Samuel 20:17) (8)
- 2 'The Lord... will bring me safely to his — kingdom' (2 Timothy 4:18) (8)
- 4 'I, Daniel, mourned for three weeks. I ate no choice food; — — or wine touched my lips' (Daniel 10:3) (2,4)
- 5 Seeking to vindicate (Job 32:2) (10)
- 6 Female servant (Isaiah 24:2) (4)
- 7 'For Christ died for — once for all' (1 Peter 3:18) (4)
- 10 'Offering spiritual sacrifices — to God through Jesus Christ' (1 Peter 2:5) (10)
- 12 Jesus said that some people had renounced this 'because of the kingdom of heaven' (Matthew 19:12) (8)
- 13 One of the three men thrown into the furnace for refusing to worship Nebuchadnezzar's golden image (Daniel 3:20) (8)
- 16 'You have — of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry' (Luke 12:19) (6)
- 18 'There before me was a white horse! Its rider held — — , and he was given a crown' (Revelation 6:2) (1,3)
- 19 Equipment to Charity Hospitals Overseas (1,1,1,1)



St Paul's Basilica Outside The Walls of Rome where St Paul's remains are buried.

The exact details of St. Paul's death are unknown, but tradition holds that he was beheaded in Rome and thus died as a martyr for his faith. His death was perhaps part of the executions of Christians ordered by the Roman emperor Nero following the great fire in the city in 64 CE.



Mouse Makes

After Jesus miraculously fed 5,000+ people from two fish and five loaves, he sent his disciples off in a boat across the Sea of Galilee before going up a mountain by himself. Later in the night, as the boat was being blown and buffeted by the wind, Jesus came miraculously walking on the water towards them...

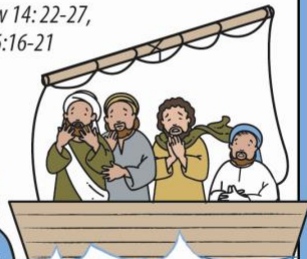
Read the story in: *Matthew 14: 22-27,*
Mark 6:45-56 or John 6:16-21

What did Jesus do when he went up on the mountain?

Matthew 14:23

What was the boat struggling against?

The ----- and
the -----
Matthew 14:24



What did Jesus say to his disciples?

Do not be

Matthew 14:27

What did the disciples think Jesus was when they saw him walking on the sea?

A -----
Matthew 14:26

Who walked out on the water to Jesus?

Matthew 14:29

What did Jesus say to Peter?

Oh you of little -----
why do you -----
Matthew 14:31

W F W A F R A I D Y C K O C S
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Answer the questions then find them in the word search

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*From a Friend of
the Co-ordinator.....His Ramblings!!*

'Do you get what you pray for?'

A newly appointed Minister decided to go for a walk around the area where her new church was located. She intended to see if any of her members and congregation were at home and maybe she'd get a cup of tea and perhaps a piece of cake. She arrived at a member's house and there was great confusion and a huge kafuffle underway. Peter's cat had climbed up a tree and was precariously perched, looking incredibly scared on a thin, long branch. Peter asked the new Minister if she had any ideas of how to get 'Tiddles' out of the tree. He said he'd been praying for a way of getting 'Tiddles' down for some time. Being a resourceful Minister, she suggested tying a rope to the end of the tree branch which was a ladder high away and pulling the branch lower so 'Tiddles' could edge along the branch of the tree and hop off. Peter thought the idea was brilliant and proceeded to do just as suggested. Unfortunately, once pulled down the rope became loose and came away from the branch – the result was 'Tiddles'

was parachuted into the air from the tree! Peter was devastated and the Minister hurried along thinking that there was no tea here.

She went a bit further down the same street to another member of the congregation's house and was greeted with great joy and excitement. The Mother and her Son were crying with joy. 'Why are you so happy?' said the Minister. Susan replied, 'My son has been praying for ages for a pet and all of a sudden his prayers were answered when a cat flew into the garden. Do you want a cup of tea and some cake Reverend to celebrate?'

Within this church we have used the words 'discerning the will of God' a lot recently, not least whilst we were considering God's plan for the pastorate of Christ Church and Ickenham URC with the 'Preach with a view'. I distinctly noticed (and obviously noted!) that Keith, as duty Elder used the word phrase in his introduction before Wilbert led the joint service as did Sue McCoan at the social afternoon at Uxbridge and I'm sure both Church Meetings on the Sunday afternoon.

We are all part of a Christian fellowship where we are discerning the will of God but I bet if I did a 'Pointless' survey - 'We gave all our congregation 100 seconds to explain how they discern the will of God' instantly we might all struggle a bit but given a bit longer the ideas will plentifully flow.

We discern God's will in so many different ways. God has a plan for us all and he calls us to discern his will in so varied ways. He calls some of us to lead whether by being an Elder or an active member at Church Meetings where decisions are made that allow us as a Christian fellowship to discern God's will. Some are called to minister and leader or participate in worship – reading, leading prayers, singing in the choir to name a few. Some are called to serve tea and coffee, make cakes, sell goods at a forecourt sale, prepare communion, serve communion. Some are called to help use their talents to keep the fabric of the church in good order and safe for us all to use. Some are called to use their administrative skills to make sure the church and its life run smoothly.

But we are called to discern the will of God through prayer. Where do you pray, when do you pray, where to go to be close to God? I know several people, of more 'senior' years, that find they pray on a daily basis at a regular time and even have a regular pattern or format for their time of prayer – and that's absolutely fine isn't it? Others maybe have a more casual approach – and I'm in that bracket. I readily admitted recently that I can sometimes go a few days without saying a prayer and all of a sudden a situation arises where it's just appropriate to do so. I feel as though I 'store' those up and suddenly I'm bursting to talk to God about concerns and situations and the effect they are having on my feelings. Prayers don't have to be planned, they don't need to be formal, a fixed format or a dedicated set of words. Our response to God in prayer can be a simple conversation. 'Dear Lord, I just want to praise your name and commend this situation [enter situation...] to you'.

Of course, there is certainly a time and place to pray and particularly to pray together. I remember as a choir boy at St Giles' as a child that every Sunday service had what I knew as the 'long one' where someone would go to the middle of the church and lead prayers and I'd need to keep my eyes shut for what seemed like an age. Many years ago ourselves and St Giles' would do an 'exchange' system by way of a rota with us someone once a month 'going up there' to lead intercessions and someone from there 'coming down to us' to lead in a reciprocal arrangement. I did this many times and it's within that scenario where I got to fully understand the need to intercede and to learn how to plan and write prayers. I learnt that intercessory prayers (as defined occasionally by the Anglican faith) are 'to comfort and heal those who suffer in body, mind or spirit and give them courage and hope in all their troubles and bring them the joy of God's salvation.' Of course, we go far beyond that and pray for situations, events, struggles, joyous occasions as well as those who need our prayers remembering God knows the needs of everyone. I now love writing intercessions for the services I lead. Of course, there are many resources to either give you detailed prayers you can use or a framework to build on to develop your own prayers. These days I feel it is really beneficial to start with a blank canvas and write my

own and look to tie in a response to my theme or message. What makes good intercessions? I wish I could answer that question as it's personal I guess but a chance to pray silently in pauses for silence I think enables us to personalise our prayers. It is also so useful to have details of those needing our prayers via the Elders' Blog and the weekly notices.

However we choose to pray, we are now entering a period of faithful anticipation and prayerful planning for the arrival of Wilbert. We pray for him and Regina as they prepare to discern God's will and start a new chapter in his Ministry and their spiritual lives. There's a lot to do and that will require planning no doubt. Thank God that we prayed hard and we are now discerning God's will as we move ourselves to a new chapter in our response to God's love for you, for me and for everyone.

We pray:

Lord God we offer our prayers to you today for our churches here in Ickenham that your Holy Spirit may inspire our worship and lead us into deeper fellowship; that we may continue to pass on our faith, hope and love to succeeding generations; that we may serve the community in which we live with commitment, vision and enthusiasm; that within our fellowship there may be found comfort for the sorrowful, strength for the anxious, compassion for the sick, and concern and love for all.

We pray for our church particularly for the Elders; for all who hold positions of responsibility in worship, teaching, caring or administration; and for each member of our congregation with their particular gifts and talents; that together we may fulfil our calling eagerly, conscientiously, and with imagination, strengthened by your Spirit and upheld by one another's prayers.

A-Men

Jeremy Day

The next issue will be for September/October/November 2024.
The deadline for copy is 13th August 2024.

Regular Activities

Sunday	10.00am	Choir Practice
	11.00am	Morning Worship (Children's Space available)

Holy Communion is normally included in the third Sunday morning service each month.

Monday	10.30 - 12.30pm	Tea/Coffee in The Oasis Café
Tuesday	10.30 - 12.30pm	Tea/Coffee in The Oasis Café
Wednesday	10.30 - 12.30pm	Tea/Coffee in The Oasis Café
Thursday	10.30 - 12.30pm	Tea/Coffee in The Oasis Café
Friday	10.30 - 12.30pm	Tea/Coffee in The Oasis Café
Saturday	10.00 - 12.00 noon	Coffee Morning (at main fundraising events)

Church Office

Shellie D'Arcy

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Children & Families Worker: Position Vacant

Prayer Group Meeting

Everybody are welcome to attend – Led by Esme Young

Third Wednesday in the Month at 2.00pm in The Hardwick Room

Food For Thought:

(Soup & a roll with speaker)

First Wednesday in the Month at 1.00pm in The Oasis Café

House Groups – Contact Church Administrator for details

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