

WELCOME TO THE FOUNTAIN



The Ministry team letter has been written by Wendy Sellers, one of our Readers.

My dear friends,

I have just returned from a family holiday in Rome, where we celebrated twins Hatti and Lizzie's 21st birthday. As it was their treat, we didn't visit an excessive number of churches (I think Rome has one per person!), but nevertheless it is impossible for a Christian to visit Rome and not to reflect on the history of our faith and of the Church.

On entering the Colosseum, the first thing you see is a large plain wooden cross, with a plaque reading "the amphitheatre, one consecrated to triumphs, entertainments and the impious worship of pagan gods, is now dedicated to the suffering of the martyrs" reflecting the tradition that Christians were martyred on the site. The Pope still leads a Via Crucis there each Good Friday – (did you know, it was our own St Francis who started the tradition of the Stations of the Cross?). Even this most pagan of places has been absorbed into the Christian faith. We also visited the Vatican Museum and St Peter's Basilica. The museums are full of priceless historical artefacts and artworks (and also lots of people), and the Basilica is opulent beyond belief. As an Anglican I found all this rather excessive – I kept thinking "what would Peter have thought of all this, built on the site of his own martyrdom?". And while the commandment to 'love the Lord your God' was clearly being followed: what about the commandment to 'love your neighbour'? You do have to ask why, in the past, so much was spent on 'things' instead of on the poor, and you can certainly see why Francis chose a different path.

We have recently spent quite a bit on beautifying our own church buildings. Many of the things we have done have been quite practical – boilers, toilets, flooring, the kitchen. Some have been to make our church more attractive – re-decoration and the stunning new glass doors. The new lighting is both beautiful and practical. All of these improvements have been carried out to further our two main activities – worship and mission. When you enter St Peter's in Rome, there is no doubt about what it is trying to convey – the might and majesty of both the Church and the God we worship. I think that our newly renovated church also reflects what we stand for. It is a place where we worship God both seriously and joyously. It is also a suitable base for a Christian community which both wants to go out to people, and to welcome people in. I hope Francis would approve!

Yours in Christ

Wendy

From the registers:

Please pray for these people and their families:

Baptised recently at St Francis:

Madeleine Rose Hart

Ashton Steven Day

both baptised on September 20th.

Marriage:

Jake Edward Bolton and Hollie Victoria Walker, married at St Francis on August 22nd.

Those who have died:

Mary Ashworth

Ronald Oliver William Frost

Phillis Rosemary Weaver

80th Anniversary Bike and Hike



You will probably know that every year the Bedfordshire and Hertfordshire Historic Churches Trust organises a Bike and Hike, inviting people to seek sponsorship for walking or cycling round local churches. Half the money raised goes to the Trust and half goes back to the home church of those who raise it. The money that goes to the Trust is then used to make grants to churches that would otherwise be unable to afford urgent or essential repairs. Since it was founded in 1991 the Trust has distributed £3m, so has made a huge difference to many churches.

Some years ago at St Francis we used to organise a group of around ten to fifteen cyclists and would ride around about a dozen churches. They were always very social occasions and we used to raise around £200. This year we decided to try another approach and organise a larger number of walkers and riders into small groups visiting 80 different churches to mark our 80th year.

There was a very good response from our community and its friends, participating walkers and riders being: Dermot Wynne, Craig and Julie Lowes, Sue and Tony Young, Jerry and Caroline Herring (visiting supporters from the Baptists), Jenny Newsom, Andrew Bywater (visiting supporter from Herts International Church), Dale Sellers (visiting husband on loan from Wendy), John Spurgeon, John Goodfellow, David Munchin (our rural dean and rector of St Mary's Welwyn), Simon Fennell and Craig Hackney and Liam and Joshua Day; four families (Jaegers, Sanders, Pattersons and Days) took part on the Family B&H in Welwyn Garden City; the Schroeders were out en masse too, with Alison, Philip, Edward and Howell all riding. Jonathan O'Neill was sadly unable to make it at the last minute.

With a lot of help from Clare Smith we organised a pre-ride breakfast with plenty of coffee, tea, home-made muesli and granola, croissants and bananas as mid-ride fuel. It was a very convivial occasion and it would be fair to say that the riders tucked in as though the vast deserts of Hertfordshire could not be relied on to offer further supplies for the day.

Sadly Dale Sellers, who was riding a long loop through the Chilterns with David Munchin, came off his bike on some gravel on a steep and twisting descent and ended up in Hemel Hempstead A&E. By his own account his dignity suffered more than anything else but his right arm is in a sling and he has got a lot of bruising and road rash.

The Family B&H consisted of a circular walk around WGC visiting Panshanger Church, Christ the King in Haldens, Digswell Village Church and St John the Evangelist. The team was made of representatives of four families, ages ranging from 63 down to our youngest, Mia 6 and Holly and Maia who have both just turned 4. The three little troupers found some extra beans to triumphantly run all the way down Parkway, having completed a, remarkable for their age, 7 mile walk.

Sue Young: 'the Young/Lowes team achieved a rather splendid 23 miles taking in Hertingfordbury (twice-it was their patronal festival so there were cream teas later on which seemed a very good reason to go back via them too!) onwards to Hertford and up the hill to Bengoe. Thence to Ware, and lunch, and back to scoop up some more in Hertford before the ride back.

There was tea left at Hertingfordbury but alas no scones so we made do with iced fairy cakes. We encountered 2 weddings and a baptism en route, the oldest purpose-built Quaker meeting house in the world still in use, we climbed 136 steps up the tower at St John's, Hertford...and then had to climb down them all again!

We were all very saddle-sore by the end, and I had a slow puncture, but we all agreed we'd had a wonderful day seeing inside some lovely churches (including St Leonard's at Bengoe which will celebrate 900 years in 2020. Thank the Lord we don't go there as Howell would have us visiting 900 churches!! We'd have been gone for weeks!) and we met many lovely people who made us very welcome at their churches.'

Jenny Newsom: '(following breakfast) none of us could manage any of the delicious cake that we were offered in Tewin. Jerry, Caroline, John (Goodfellow) and I went to 13 churches, some beautiful old churches, one dating back to 11th century. The worst that happened to us was a puncture for Jerry which he changed in record time. We enjoyed the great scarecrows in Tewin, being greeted by the Vicar of Dibley herself at the church .

We went 42 miles or so depending on whose milometer you read, and speaking for myself, enjoyed mugs of tea and a hot bath when I got home.'

Philip Schroeder: 'Tasked with flying the St Francis flag over to Essex, my riding companion Andrew and I set off with energy bars and bananas in abundance. We were very fortunate to visit some of the beautiful churches of the area; it was a bit of a crash course in the history of church architecture as we viewed churches from the 12th to the 17th centuries, including most notably a 13th century fresco, and much of the hospitality was extremely generous' .

Howell Schroeder: 'I followed up on my promise to the loved and missed Bill Turnbull by cycling round abbeys and cathedrals on the Sunday following the bike and hike. Included were: St Albans Abbey, Ealing Abbey (Benedictine abbey and Roman Catholic church), Westminster Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Southwark Cathedral, St Paul's, Chelmsford Cathedral, Coggeshall Abbey (near Colchester, fooled me by being a chapel converted from the Abbey Gatehouse, not a real abbey at all), and finally Waltham Abbey. The weather was very kind, warm, dry and windless, and I have to say that the drivers were very kind too: unfailingly courteous and accommodating, from one side of London to the other. I got going around 7.15am and got home 160 miles later at 9.45pm, happy to get off the bike. I think Bill would have been pleased that I let myself in for rather more than I bargained for: getting through central London much more slowly than I thought, crawling out through Ilford-and-Romford-without-end, being diverted onto gravel tracks and up one-way streets due to eccentric routing software, realising in the gathering dusk in Harlow that the map on the cycle computer is barely visible in the dark; I can see that twinkle in Bill's eye now!

John Spurgeon: 'it turned out a great day and I could have gone on much longer, but I had this meeting to go to and I also ran out of churches within a reasonable distance! I've done 26 churches (in 42 miles)'

We raised over £800, so thanks to all those who sponsored us so generously, and thank you to all those that made the visitors to St Francis welcome; we visited churches that were shut with a sign-up sheet pinned to a gate, and ones that were open and welcoming, and it makes a very big difference.



**Performed at St Francis on
September 18th and 19th**

I think it was probably about a year ago when Brian Towndrow first mentioned his intention to put on a production of 'Joseph' as part of the 80th Anniversary celebrations. This weekend, as this magazine was about to go off to the printers, that dream came to true.

It has taken months of careful preparation, from the auditions held in local schools, to selecting the cast; then getting Team Joseph! together to mastermind the rehearsals, drawing on a multitalented team to help with directing, vocal coaching, administration, props, costumes, accompanying at rehearsals, choreography, sound and lighting. Then as the performances drew nearer, a 'front of house' team was needed and a band to accompany the performances. There were over 40 youngsters in the cast, and another 40+ individuals involved in Team Joseph!

There were three performances of 'Joseph', one on Friday evening and two on Saturday. We went to the Saturday matinee, and were treated to a first class afternoon's entertainment. It was wonderful to see so many performers enjoying themselves and giving the audience such a great experience. We found it interesting to see how young people who we are used to seeing singing much more traditional church music, dressed in surplice and cassock, could perform a different kind of music with flair and obvious enjoyment, whilst still maintaining the high standard of singing to which we are accustomed. The involvement of such a wide age range, and of participants who may have been new to St Francis or new to being musically involved within the church, was a really positive reflection on the work of the production team.

The highlights of the show for me were numerous: Kyle's Joseph was a sensitive portrayal; Potiphar and his wife were humorous; Pharaoh temporarily stole the show with his Elvis impression. The Ishmaelites with their diminutive camels and the slaying of the goat by Joseph's brothers were touches which made us laugh out loud. The youngest performers, in the choir, were impeccably behaved throughout and it was lovely to see them come to the front at the end and sing the final song enthusiastically.

The final performance was also a resounding success, much enjoyed by the packed house that also included the Mayor of Welwyn Hatfield (see photo, inside back cover).

Well done to everyone who was involved!

Janet Packer

Exeter Choir Week, by Isobel Nendick, Head Chorister

On Monday 17th August the choir, followed by a long line of various helpers, packed themselves into an array of even more vans and minibuses than years before, arriving at Exeter cathedral choir school early in the afternoon to begin the choir week of 2015.

After a trip to the beach we began with a full evensong on the Monday followed by a men's-only service with Zoe Nendick and Eleanor Adams as upper voices the next day.

As is tradition, we took the day off on the Thursday to have a "*really Crealy perfect day*" at Crealy adventure park in Exeter. Fortunately the weather this year held out to allow us an enjoyable sunny day at the park. We also enjoyed a walk around the town for a quiz on Saturday in the vast shopping centre only two hundred metres up the road from the choir school.

A big thanks goes out to Brian, Bianca and Mr Crabb for all their work in looking after the trebles, ensuring we had an enjoyable experience during our trips out and in our time spent at the school. Many thanks also to the cooks and various other helpers without whom choir week wouldn't have been the experience that it was. Finally on behalf of all of us, a huge thanks to Mr Harrison for all the work he has put in to choir week.

Another Experience of Choir Week

Several times my husband and I have been to Choir Week just for a day, to support the St Francis Choir. However, this year Exeter seemed a good place for a brief holiday, in addition to being able to attend Evensong every day. And what a rewarding week it was!

We stayed in a hotel just behind the City Walls, very handy for the Cathedral and each day, while the choir were practising, we explored Exeter or used the buses to go further afield, coming back in time for Evensong. Weekday services were held in the Choir, which contains the sound of singing very well and, sitting right beside the choir, worshippers are in close contact with the music in a way not possible in a larger space, making it possible to hear the movement of the parts and the whole ensemble. The choir and congregation filled the space, making it an intimate and special experience. Different music, beautifully sung every day, added to its riches.

The Choir Week experience would not be complete without a brief sharing in their daily life. The Exeter Choir School is not large enough for the St Francis Choir, their helpers and various family members with small children. We joined them for supper a couple of times and the noise in the very overcrowded dining room was deafening! The cooks did a magnificent job in providing delicious meals in ridiculously cramped conditions, and succeeded in getting the hungry hordes served quickly. But in all that was going on, what stood out was the warm and caring family atmosphere and the feeling of enjoyment.

On the last evening choir members put on a Cabaret, and it was impressive to see the talents of individuals and small groups shown in sketches and songs — great fun was had by all. It was also an opportunity for Richard Harrison to thank all the many people whose very hard work had made the week happen.

The Sunday morning Eucharist took place in the Nave of the Cathedral, musically quite a different experience from being in the Choir. The sound became quite fuzzy and diffuse in the large space, but all in all it was a good Service with an attentive and gathered congregation. A grand finale to what was for us a most enjoyable week.

Pamela Hawkins

CHOIR NOTES

We had a splendid time at Exeter this Summer. Isobel Nendick has written a report which preceded this in the magazine, but I would like to add a little more to it! The Choir sang really well – they were a credit not only to themselves, but also to St Francis Church! The Cathedral Clergy and Vergers were very pleased with our efforts during the week and said some very nice things about us afterwards. My thanks are added, with those of Isobel, to the huge list of people who work so hard in making Choir Week happen, but particularly this year to choir parent Paul Dunstan who arranged three minibuses for us at very short notice from his school after we were let down by the school who normally help us. Without Paul's intervention it is quite likely that we would not have been able to go to Exeter this year!

Huge congratulations to Billy Boulton, Chris Freedman and Peter Sequeira who did well in their A levels this Summer and are all off to University this month – we will miss them both socially and musically, but hope to see them back with us from time to time.

Also, well done to Kyle Keen and Zoe Nendick in their AS Level and GCSE results, and good luck to them both as they embark on 6th Form.

Our new Head Chorister this term is Amy Pymont and Samuel Freedman is now promoted to Team Leader (see inside cover photo). Our new probationers have progressed well over the last few months and they will be admitted as full choristers very soon. In November, I will be auditioning for new trebles. We have very little room currently and are still over-subscribed, but it is very important we have representation from all school year groups in the treble line. I will audition for two boys and two girls only, and will visit Applecroft and St Mary's Welwyn. The auditions will be from Year 4. If you have a son or daughter who is in Year 4 but attends a different school, please come and speak to me if you would like a separate audition.

Richard Harrison

Youth and Children's Church learn the Psalms

My Psalm 23

God is my friend
I don't need anything else
He makes me feel good
He guides me no matter where I go
He makes me feel better
He helps me do the right things
Even when bad things happen I don't feel scared
Because God is with me and He protects me
He invites me to His party where everybody is welcome
We share food and drink and I feel important to God
Then I know that the love of God
Will be with me for the rest of my life
And His house will be
My home forever



Psalm 23 re-written in their own words by YACC age 6 to 10.

During the summer term the children of YACC who meet in the Hall (age 6 to 10) have been learning about the psalms in an exciting and interactive way. Starting with an interview with King David, the children learned that there is so much more to this amazing King than merely stoning Goliath! We used:

Words: We learned the beautiful Psalm 23 and rewrote it in language we could all understand. We explored Psalm 150 and wrote our own Psalms praising God.

Art-work: We thought about God's amazing creation by looking at Psalm 85 and creating our Stanborough lakes poster for the Flower Festival

Music: We sang songs based on the Psalms like "Praise Him on the Psaltery the Trumpets and Harp" (Psalm 150) accompanied by piano and guitar.

Books: We learned how Psalms are still used in church, for example at the Evening service – where we all looked at the evening service book and choir members explained how they sing psalms at Evensong. And very importantly every child learned how to find the Psalms in the Bible. With a very welcome gift from a generous friend in the congregation, we have been able to buy enough copies of the Good News Bible so that every child can read their own copy when we explore Bible passages – this is so important as every child needs to know that the Bible is a book for them to read and enjoy, as part of their life-journey with God.

The children were so interested in our Psalms topic that we spent the last few weeks of term learning more about King David; how he was anointed by Samuel, how God used him, even though young to defeat Goliath, and how God values friendship – David's friendship with Jonathan.

We have all enjoyed a creative and stimulating term. Thank you so much to all our children who make it an absolute pleasure to be involved in YACC each week– you are fantastic! And thank you to all the leaders and helpers who put so much time and energy into our sessions – we value you hugely. Thank you also to all those who spend time praying for YACC – it is all in God's hands!

God is Good

How powerful God is
Our God is King
We like to sing
God is loving
God has a ring

Written by children age 6 & 7

God is Great

God is happy
God is great
We serve him love on a golden plate
You help us with Your power
You bring happiness, every hour.

We dance and sing
Around our King
And shower Him with love
You make us smile
All the while
Oh mighty one above

Written by children age 8 to 10

If you would like to join any of the YACC teams and help out in any way please speak to me, Brian Towndrow, Nikki Clare or a member of the Ministry Team.

Zoe Jasko
July 2015

Cooking Curate's' Recipes

Autumn is upon us, and with it comes some wonderful fruit, veg and meat. In the Garden City, you are probably not struggling to get hold of some apples or quinces – make the most of them! Pumpkins, squashes and gourds are perfect at this time, there are plenty of good mushrooms around, and celebrate game season with some meats you don't have normally. Pheasant and venison are two of my favourites – come and find me if you are looking for a recipe for them!

Mushroom soup

Serves 4 as a starter

Ingredients:

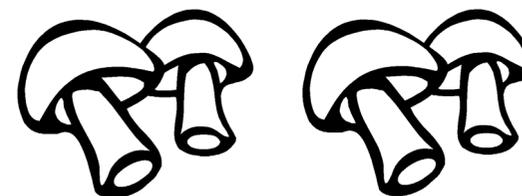
1 small onion, chopped	2 cloves garlic, crushed
400g mushrooms (good wild mushrooms if possible)	
Good splash of brandy	600ml chicken stock
50ml double cream	100g butter
Bunch of chives, chopped	Salt and pepper

For garnish:

100g mushrooms, sliced	50g hazelnuts, crushed
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Method:

Fry the chopped onion in 50g of butter for about 5 mins, until soft but not coloured.
Add the garlic and mushrooms and cook for 3-4 mins.
Add the brandy and flambé (carefully!) to cook off the alcohol.
Add the stock, some salt and pepper and simmer for 20 mins.
While this is cooking, sauté the mushrooms and hazelnuts for garnish in 50g butter, for about 5 mins.
When soup is cooked, blend using a hand blender or a food processor until smooth.
Add cream and blend again.
Add chives and check seasoning.
Bring back to heat, and serve with garnish placed in middle of the bowl.



Wardens' Report July — August 2015

Over the summer the first four of our Mission Action Plan goals more or less went on hold, with the notable exception of a very successful choir week that Richard Harrison reports on elsewhere in the magazine.

As you know, our Mission Action Plan goals are:

1. To increase our engagement with Secondary aged children, including our own uniformed organisations
2. To recruit more volunteers in all areas of our church life
3. To offer more prayer and study opportunities and measure their success
4. To develop a plan for a more formal pastoral network by Easter 2015

On our fifth goal, by contrast, work went on apace:

To embrace and achieve the 80th Anniversary Project's activities as a whole

The last couple of months have seen major progress on the lighting and redecoration of the church, important parts of the 'Enlightening God's Space' aspect of the 80th Anniversary project.

The new engraved glass doors to the St Clare Chapel look fantastic, and we owe a huge debt of thanks to the team responsible, and in particular for Brian's vision, energy and leadership in taking this to such a successful conclusion.

You will all have seen more results of 'Enlightening God's Space' in the new lighting scheme and the redecoration that is still under way. Over the summer Stuart more or less moved out of his usual home in Handside Lane and has spent a huge amount of time with craftsmen in St Francis, keeping the work moving in the right direction in his usual understated and effective style. The time and effort he continues to put in is enormous.

The lighting looks fantastic and has made a huge difference to the appearance and atmosphere of the church. Unfortunately, it has also arrived not so much with a bang as with a buzz that is very audible to the many in our community who use hearing aids. We are working with the lighting contractors to try to resolve the problem as soon as we can.

Apparently It is all to do with the way the LED lamps are controlled with electrical pulses, which turn the pendants into miniature hearing loops which transmit buzzing noises to hearing aids set to the T position. Complex technical solutions will be tried by the lighting contractors in the near future, and we remain optimistic about the outcome.

Nick Smith the decorator has been putting in very long hours up and down his scaffold tower so that we can be finished with the redecoration well ahead of the patronal festival on October 4th. There has been a lot of conversation about the shades to be used of grey, cream and not least of all 'Garden City green' and the results on the chancel ceiling look wonderful. Nick's long hours have also meant long hours for Keith and Stuart in locking up when he leaves.

Our 80th Celebrations continued with a very successful Teddy Bears' Picnic on July 18th, as reported in the last Fountain. Meanwhile Howell has been busy preparing for the Bike and Hike on September 12th. *See the full report on page 4.*

On other building-related matters, Stuart remains on the trail of the Phantom Locksmith (the one whose quote for renewing the locks we have accepted, which will – sooner or possibly later – mean a radical simplification of the number of keys we will need). He and Keith have been working with John Robson to organise repairs to the roof which has taken to leaking again, and are trying to track down the source of the water which has flooded our new kitchen twice in recent weeks. Stuart is also masterminding the master carpenter who will be moving the old doors to the Clare Chapel to the entrance to the Parish room, as well as doing some safety-related work on the altar rails in the side chapels and on some of the pews at the back of the church; these can tip alarmingly when weight is suddenly redistributed!

Clare, Stuart and Howell have also been rehearsing for the Archdeacon's inspection on September 15th, where he apparently intends to focus on gutters and vocations. We feel completely confident on gutters at least!

80th Anniversary Events continue apace with much to look forward to in Joseph (well done to an enormous team led again by Brian, Wendy, Sharon Bolton, Nick and Emma), and the visit of the Salvation Army band on October 3rd (well done, Tony).

The Wardens

Keeping up the good work!

In this 80th Anniversary year, we have enjoyed many events, raised funds and witnessed all the planning and effort to see 'Enlighten God's Space' come to fruition.

I thought I would have a look at the archives to find out just how the church building has changed and been improved over the last 80 years. Originally the church was planned to have a much longer nave with a bell tower on the north-west corner. and a pathway with grass and flower bed leading into Guessens Road. In the Lady Chapel there are two recently resurrected and reframed drawings by Milton Harvey. These show a link from the south side of the church to the hall which was on land now occupied by Churchfield House. But for the Second World War the church may have been as shown on the drawings. When the congregation celebrated their first Patronal Festival on October 4th 1935 in their new building, it was not complete nor as we see it today. The west wall of the building was a strongly built wooden construction with steel reinforcement and the ceilings were open to the rafters. The entrance to the building was through the porch which was where we now have the St Clare Chapel.

The pulpit was not installed until 1940, a gift from a private donor. The communion rails were given and dedicated in 1948, in memory of Kenneth Powers, who had lost his life on active service. The clergy stalls were dedicated in 1950, fifteen years after they had been designed by Louis de Soissons, but the war had meant spending restrictions delaying their completion. The cellar had been prepared for use as an air raid shelter during the war, but there is no record that I can see of whether or not it was used as such. There was a fire in the cellar in 1959 which caused a lot of smoke damage. It was decided to change from coke to oil fired central heating in 1960, which apparently made a big difference to the temperature in the church. (Later improvements saw the heating change to gas-fired.)

In November 1961 the new ceilings and permanent church lighting were completed. The vicarage in Parkway was completed in 1962; previously the vicar had lived in Little Youngs. In 1972 the Hall site was sold to WGC Housing Association, for them to build flats on the site. Our present hall was built adjacent to the church and the main entrance to the church became as it is now. Work to build a new organ was approved by the diocese. The west wall was reconstructed in brick and this much stronger wall was necessary to facilitate the organ housing. The organ building was carried out by volunteers using parts from old organs around the country and took sixteen years to complete. In 1977 the Bishop of St Albans (Robert Runcie) came to dedicate the new building work.

At the end of the 1990s the cellar was remodelled and used for both youth and community outreach work. This involved moving the staircase from its position leading down from the entrance to the vestries to its present position leading down from the entrance on Parkway. The old porch was remodelled to become the St Clare Chapel, which was dedicated by the Bishop of Hertford in 1994.

One of the last reorganisations of the 20th century was to relocate the Parish Office, which had been at the back of the church (where Josh's Office is now) to the present location near the church door.

In the 21st century, our building has continued to evolve. The second storey was added to the vestry building, giving the Song School above and the Parish Room (previously the choir vestry) below. The staircase to the upper storey was put where the old stairs to the cellar had been located. A major project was the lowering of the steps in the sanctuary, with the altar and communion rails moved nearer to the congregation.

The beautiful stained glass window at the west end of the church, inspired by the Canticle of the Sun and given in memory of Reg and Alice Wiles, was installed.

Frankie's Garden and the Prayer Garden were also added outside.

Within the last few years the hall has seen a major renovation which has included much needed improvements to both the kitchen and the toilets. The servers' vestry, which was relocated at the time of the construction of the Parish Room, has returned to its original position and has been decorated and fitted with suitable storage. The heating has been refurbished and the boiler has been re-sited and replaced. In 2013, the Bishop of Hertford dedicated the Memorial Pathway at the east end of the church site. This has been welcomed by many as a fitting way to be able to remember those who have died.

We now come to the improvements we have made this year. The lighting system was talked about a few years ago and some sample pendant lamp shades were used in the side chapels, but the project got no further. The new lighting system takes advantages of technological changes and gives huge flexibility in the way it can be used.

It is also much more energy efficient. The new fresh paintwork is such an improvement and, even in natural light, makes us realise how dirty and tired the wall surfaces had become. The glass doors to the St Clare Chapel are modern and decorative. The engraving is well worth studying as it is intricate and detailed. I think we should look at what has been achieved this year with pride, acknowledging that we have contributed to the work of congregations here since 1921, when the first service was conducted in WGC, and who have all, in their own way and within the capabilities of themselves and the available technology, tried to enhance the church for both worship and outreach to the parish.

Janet Packer (with factual help from the Parish Archives, Malcolm Warwick (who sent some ideas which spurred me on to write this), Dick Johns, who was able to check the facts and add further detail, and Peter Pearson, one of the longest standing members of the congregation)

Privacy matters!

By Neil Paterson

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