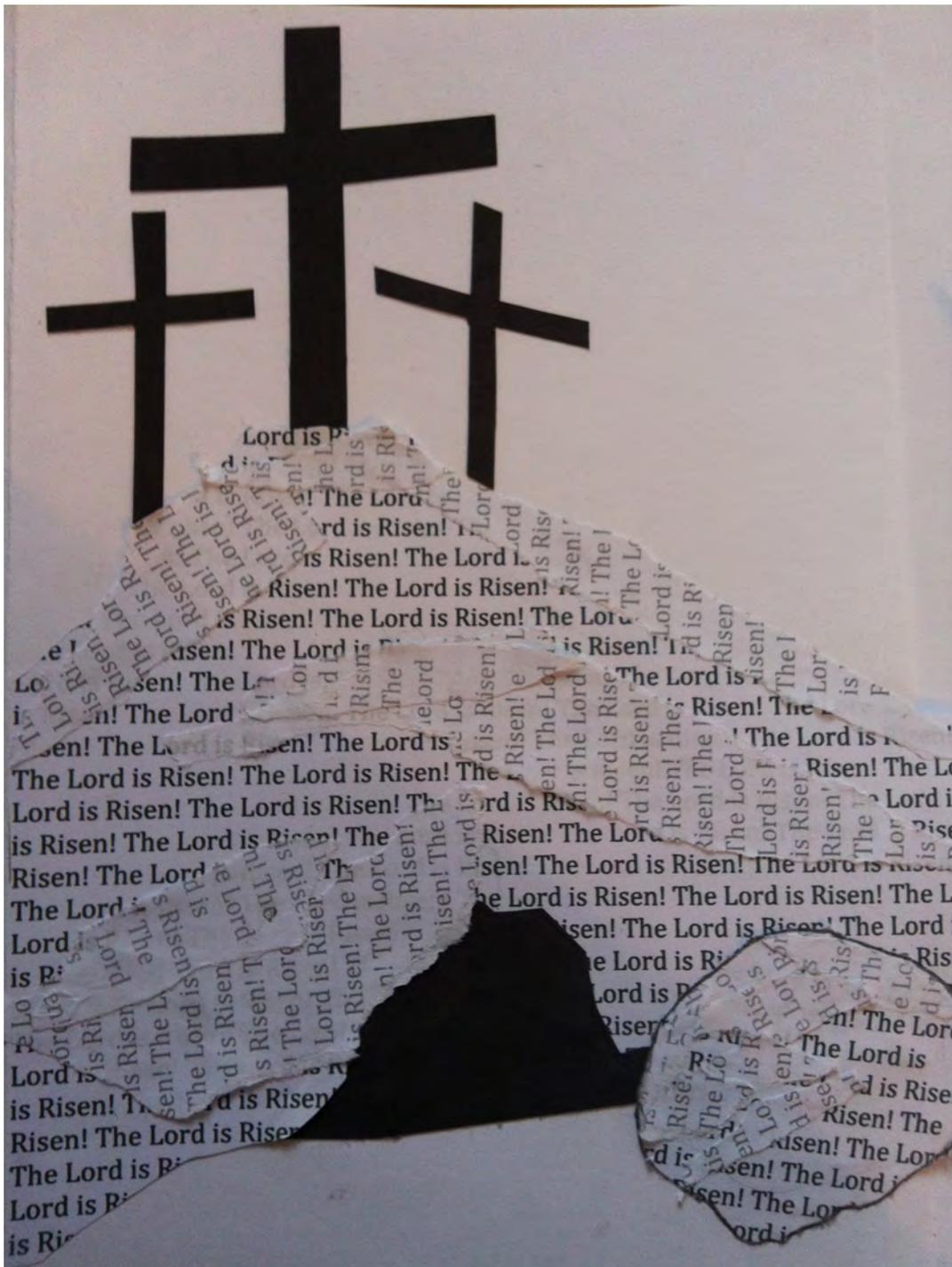


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March 2013 Calendar

Daily Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15am Tuesday and Friday.
Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30am followed by refreshments and Lent Reflections in the Green Lounge.

Sunday 3rd March

8.00am

10.00am

10.00am

11.45am

6.00pm

3rd Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion (BCP)

Parish Communion

Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café

Service of Prayer for Healing

Lent 3 Tenebrae Worship

Saturday 9th March to Sunday 10th March

4.00pm

10.00am

Sponsored Sleepover for

Street Children's World

Sunday 10th March

8.00am

10.00am

6.00pm

Mothering Sunday

Holy Communion

All Age Parish Communion Service

Lent 4 Circle Dancing Worship

Wednesday 13th March

7.30pm

8.30pm

Standing Committee

Finance Committee

Saturday 16th March

7.30pm

Northwood Choral Society Concert in Hall

Sunday 17th March

8.00am

10.00am

6.00pm

5th Sunday of Lent

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

Lent 5 Choral Evensong

with Chiltern Hundreds Bach Choir

Friday 22nd March

3.20pm

Messy Church in Church

Sunday 24th March

8.00am

10.00am

10.00 am

4.00-7.00pm

Palm Sunday

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders

Labyrinth

Monday 25th March

10.30am

8.00pm

Tuesday 26th March

10.30am

2.00pm

8.00pm

Wednesday 27th March

10.30am

8.00pm

Thursday 28th March

9.00am

11.10am

7.30pm

Friday 29th March

10.00am

12-3pm

Saturday 30th March

8.00pm

Sunday 31st March

8.00am

10.00am

6.00pm

Holy Week

Holy Communion

Compline and Meditation

Holy Communion

Parish Tea

Compline and Meditation

Holy Communion

Compline and Meditation

Maundy Thursday

Holy Trinity School Easter Service

Sing & Praise!

Maundy Supper

Good Friday

Family Service followed by Hot Cross Buns

Three Hours at the Cross

Easter Eve

Service of Light and First Communion of Easter

Easter Day

Holy Communion

All Age Easter Communion Service

Easter Songs of Praise

April 2013 Calendar

Daily Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15am Tuesday and Friday.
Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30am followed by refreshments and Lent Reflections in the Green Lounge.

Tuesday 2nd April to Saturday 6th April

Brownies Pack Holiday in Church Hall

Sunday 7th April

8.00am

10.00am

10.00am

11.45am

6.00pm

Easter 2

Holy Communion (BCP)

Parish Communion

Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café

Service of Prayer for Healing

Evensong

Sunday 14th April

8.00am

10.00am

10.00am

12.15pm

3.00pm

6.00pm

Easter 3

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

Connect, Scramblers, Creche & Pathfinders

Baptism

Baptism

Evensong

Sunday 21st April

8.00am

10.00am

10.00am

11.30am

6.00pm

Easter 4

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

Encounter Communion Service in Hall

Annual Parochial Church Meeting in Church

Child care facilities will be provided in Hall

Evensong

Wednesday 24th April

8.00pm

Men's Curry Night at the Maharajah

Sunday 28th April

8.00am

10.00am

10.00 am

6.00pm

Easter 5

Holy Communion

Parish Communion

Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders

Welcome service for Archdeacon of Northolt

There will no Evensong at Holy Trinity

Tuesday 30th April

2.00pm

Parish Tea

May 2013 Calendar

Daily Prayer in the Church 9.00 - 9.15am Tuesday and Friday.
Holy Communion is celebrated Wednesday mornings at 10.30am followed by refreshments and Lent Reflections in the Green Lounge.

Saturday 4th May	12 noon to 3pm Family Fete & Barbecue
Sunday 5th May 8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 11.45am 6.00pm	Easter 6 Holy Communion (BCP) Parish Communion Family Service in the Hall, Give Way Café Service of Prayer for Healing Evensong
Thursday 9th May 9.00am 8.00pm	Ascension Day School Service Communion Service with Firework and Champagne
Saturday 11th May	Wedding
Sunday 12th May 8.00am 10.00am 10.00am 12.15pm 6.00pm	Easter 7 Holy Communion Parish Communion Connect, Scramblers, Creche & Pathfinders Baptism Evensong
Sunday 19th May 8.00am 10.00am 6.00pm	Pentecost Holy Communion All Age Pentecost Service Taizé Worship for Pentecost
Tuesday 21st May 2.00pm	Parish Tea
Sunday 26th May 8.00am 10.00am 10.00 am 6.00pm	Trinity Sunday Holy Communion Parish Communion Connect, Scramblers and Pathfinders Songs of Praise for Trinity Sunday
Saturday 1st June 1.00pm	Wedding: Gemma Wheatland and James Barron

A School Trip With A Difference

In October 2012 all students at London schools aged 16 plus were offered the opportunity to visit Auschwitz in Poland as part of the Holocaust Educational Trust's work. I had to write a letter to explain why I should be selected as only two students per school would be allowed. I attended a forum in London in advance of the visit to Auschwitz followed by the day trip to the concentration camp. 400 of us met up in London to discuss how bridges could be built between communities.

Afterwards I was approached by the trust to speak at the London Assembly on January 21st. This was to be a holocaust memorial service with Boris Johnson and other mayors and dignitaries from the Jewish community. This is the speech that I made.

Why did I want to go to Auschwitz? My reasons for wanting to be involved in this project were many. There are countless lessons to be learned for all of us, no matter our age, cultural background or political persuasion. After all, as the philosopher Hegel wrote, "What we learn from history is that we do not learn from history."

But there was also a more personal influence on me: My Opa.

He had been the same age that I am now when war broke out and found himself fighting in the Dutch resistance, blowing up things and stealing food stamps to pass on to Jewish families hiding in the local community. Opa told me what life was like for him even though he found it traumatic to retell. I saw his actions as heroic, secretly blowing up train tracks, breaking into post offices but this was not the whole story. Opa was fighting for people, real people who were being persecuted. I wanted to know for myself as much as I could about what actually happened to real people who were persecuted. The experiences offered by the Holocaust Educational Trust would allow me to find out more and to speak with other people who had lived through this tumultuous time.

At the Orientation seminar, before our visit to Poland, we reflected on the fact that the victims of the Holocaust were individuals with families, homes, jobs and the usual trappings of life; they were no different from you or me. As part of the Course we were fortunate to hear from Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper. He told us all about his experiences. What struck me most was that he still considers he has had a good life. He endured labour camps, lost his family and was so close to death every day. He valued his friends like the family he lost, he told us that his survival was based on luck, not tactics just luck.

I expected that Auschwitz would be far away from normal 21st century life, in the countryside with an atmosphere such as you experience when entering a place of worship or a cemetery. But I was shocked by what I found.

As our coach drove into the area surrounding Auschwitz we were struck by the number of commercial enterprises selling food and drinks to visitors. Some of our party were angry that people were profiteering from human suffering, the site where

so many died. For me this emphasised how the remnants of this historical episode still remain a part of our societies today.

The camp was filled with numerous buildings; their pleasant appearance at odds with what was once their purpose. The first building we went in today holds pictures of camp life just like I had seen in my text books. The people depicted were just two dimensional not individuals I could relate to.

Then we entered a second room and the whole experience came to life. There was a mound of shoes, babies' shoes so small but the pile was still large. Shoes just like the ones I put on babies I know, when they want to go out to play. This pile of shoes came from babies that weren't playing but were dead; guards had taken the shoes from them before killing them. At this point I questioned how any individual could become so remote from the suffering in front of them. How did the guards view their role in the camp?

My final experience of Auschwitz is ingrained in my memory and is that of walking through the Sauna building, where those Jews who were selected for work were processed upon their arrival.

Their clothes and possessions were taken and they were stripped of any vestige of humanity, these unique individuals had names and families. I was actually walking in their footsteps.

At the culmination of my day there was a memorial service led by Rabbi Barry Marcus from London's Central Synagogue. It was pitch black and very cold. We all stood huddled together. By torch light the Rabbi spoke and chanted the memorial prayer. The sound of his voice echoed in the stillness. I thought how poignant it was that something so beautiful could be happening in a place full of such ugliness. Could those poor souls who died in these camps ever have imagined such a wonderful uplifting experience taking place?

Within hours we were back home in England. I could not go to sleep before telling my family what I had experienced. I had seen for myself the horrors of man's inhumanity to man.

It was an incredible experience from beginning to end. Listening to Susan Pollark a survivor of Auschwitz was so moving. Since then I have been to hear other testimonies at the British Library and have been invited to speak at the Belgian Embassy.

When I put myself forward for the visit to Auschwitz I had no idea how it would affect me. I am now very much aware how important communities are and how we all need to work together to build bridges between them. No community can live in isolation. Lord Sacks said that discrimination starts from the simplest of phrases "It was.....fault". How often have you used that phrase without really thinking?

Lucy Hamwijk

Holy Trinity School News

The Spring term is always exciting as we look forward to Easter celebrations. We are delighted to be in school right up until Maundy Thursday as it offers us the opportunity to really focus on the Easter story with the children. There will be many joint activities with the Church including the older classes visiting the Labyrinth and of course, Anne Kentfield's re-enactment of the Last Supper. Holy week at school will culminate with our Easter service on Thursday 28th March.

One major feature of the Spring Term this year is 'Prom Praise 4 Schools'. This amazing event takes place at the Royal Albert Hall on 12th March and is attended by thousands of children from Church schools all over London. We are very fortunate that our school choir has been selected to form part of a Prom Praise Choir (one of only twelve LDBS schools). All Key Stage 2 children have been rehearsing hard as there are lots of new songs to learn, some traditional and some much more modern. The choir children have attended a local rehearsal with Dr. Triplett's School and are now looking forward to a massed rehearsal at All Souls Church in Langham Place led by Noel Tredinnick, assisted by members of the All Souls Orchestra. We are extremely fortunate to have this marvellous opportunity and can't wait to be "Surprised by Joy" (the theme of the evening).

Despite the Spring term being so short, we have managed to pack in a host of interesting activities. The term started with Year 5 and Year 6 visiting British Airways to look at the impact of Heathrow Airport on the local environment. Children were also given the opportunity to sit in a mock up of a plane and be served orange squash and biscuits by the latest flight attendant recruits i.e. the teachers! Years 2, 3 and 4 had a visit from the Hillingdon Road Safety Team and were taught how to cross the road safely. Nursery children have been visiting Ruislip Woods to do some outdoor learning – they also held a pancake party for their parents.

As always, we are trying to strengthen our links with Mkanakhoti School in Malawi and raise awareness among both children and parents. To this end, we held an International Day in January where children were able to come to school dressed in an international costume of their choice. For many children, this was football kit, but we also had a great range of national dress worn with pride. Money raised from the International Day went to help fund a container which is now on its way to Malawi filled with clothes, books, stationery etc. We also held an information evening in the Church Hall on Sunday 10th February where Mr. Bornman and Mr. de Sousa talked about their recent visit to Mkanakhoti School. It was a pleasure to be entertained by the Encounter Band during the evening.

One innovation started in the Autumn Term is Messy Church. We have now held three sessions (one per half term) on a Friday afternoon in the School Hall. Themes covered so far have been "I am the vine", "I am the light of the world" and "I am the

good shepherd". Each Messy Church event consists of a range of art, craft and ICT activities followed by a short worship session led by Kevin Draper. Families report that they have really enjoyed attending Messy Church and all the children have been extremely enthusiastic about the cake decorating activities – many thanks to Colette Rees and Charis Burland for their help and expertise!

As you can see, despite being a short term, we are always very busy. Our children are so fortunate in being able to take part in a rich and varied school life. We hope all the experience they gain at Holy Trinity School will help them to grow up to be well rounded citizens who live by their Christian values.

Parish Teas

The Parish Tea takes place in the Church Hall from 2.00 to 3.30pm on the last Tuesday of every month. Home made cake (mostly) and cups of tea are in plentiful supply while the "guests" are engaged in conversation with one another.

During the course of the afternoon we have on occasion been entertained by the choir from Holy Trinity School and once we surprised the children by singing to them, causing much amusement all round!

In February the Year 5 children (from Holy Trinity School), as part of their English lesson came to engage in conversation with the guests, practising their questioning and listening skills. The adults and children entertained each other with stories of their school days. There are plans to continue the visits by the school children, which is very good news for all concerned.

"I thoroughly enjoy the opportunity to come out and to chat with people, and enjoy a lovely tea too." says one of our regulars.

It would be really lovely to see some new people join us but we realise some may have problems with transport to the Church Hall. If this is the case, and you would like to come, please contact the Parish Office on 01923 822990.

Ann Clarridge

A Quiz to steal a March on you!

1. The Society known today as the Royal National Lifeboat Institution was founded 4th March 1824. Who founded it? Where, and what was it originally called?
2. Clarence Birdseye's products were the first of a kind to be put on sale on 6th March 1923. What kind of products were they?
3. "Mr Watson come here, I want you". This was the first message sent ever, on 10th March 1876, by what means? Similarly "What hath God wrought" was the first message to be sent by what means?
4. Name the three participants at the Hatter's tea party in Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'? Which of them did he label as 'Mad'?
5. Aspirin was patented in Berlin on 6th March 1899. Its name is derived from the latin name of a wild flower (spiraea ulmaria) found in abundance on the roadside, June to August. Name the flower.
6. Where are the Welsh Marches and why are they so called?
7. "Daffodils, that come before the swallow dares, and take the winds of March with beauty". Name the author and its source.

Thanks to Peter Connell

PCC Meeting 31 January 2013

The PCC met on Thursday 31 January 2013, the main areas of discussion were as follows: -

- Richard reported that attendances at services over the Christmas period were up on the previous year. The Church was also used by four schools for their carol services. There was a wonderful atmosphere in the Church with the new lighting adding considerably to the candlelit services.
- There had been a very good response to the Hillingdon Foodbank appeal, and collections for this cause will be repeated at different stages throughout the year.
- A successful Quiz Supper had been held on the 26 January and this had raised in excess of £500 towards the refurbishment of the Parish Hall.
- The Parish Tea has now become a regular monthly event on the last Tuesday of the month, and in January this was supported by the Holy Trinity School Choir and some Community singing led by Gaynor Turner.
- Looking forward, Richard highlighted that we will welcome the Bishop of Willesden on 10th February as we confirm 6 young candidates.
- Looking further ahead Richard ran through the extensive Lent Programme of activities, and particularly focussed upon the Diocesan Lent Appeal which this year is supporting Amos Trust who are supporting a street world cup event to raise the plight of street children across the globe. Holy Trinity will undertake a sponsored Sleep Out on Saturday 9th March. Ann Clarridge is leading a week of accompanied prayer commencing on 24th February. During Lent sermons at the 10am services will be replaced with a series of interviews with members of the congregation. A wide variety of different worship styles will be provided at the 6pm services during Lent. Three Lent Courses will be run on Mondays during Lent, and a Lent Study will follow the 10.30am Communion Service each Wednesday. There will be 3 Lent Lunches organised on Fridays on 22 February, 8 March and 22 March. The Palm Sunday procession will take place after the service this year from the Church to the Gravel Pits.
- The APCM this year will be held after the Sunday Morning Worship on Sunday 21 April, commencing at 11.45am.
- We will be taking the mini-bus to the service to welcome the new Archdeacon, Duncan Green being held at 6pm on 28 April.
- The Family Fete and Barbecue will be held this year on Saturday 4 May, and as always anyone wishing to volunteer to assist would be very welcome.
- Finally, Gerry Edwardson will be Licensed as a Licensed Lay Minister (LLM) at St Martins in the Field on the evening of 15 July.
- Andrew Newell updated the PCC on fine tuning that had been undertaken or was planned to the lighting controls to ensure that we get the most out of the new lighting arrangements.
- A mens' curry evening is being arranged for 24th April.
- Sally Rogers reported that a Sidesmen's Team Leaders meeting is being arranged for 17th February to review the arrangements and to identify options for encouraging more people to join this ministry. Anyone who is interested in becoming involved should speak to Tim Ellison.

- Sally Rogers reminded the PCC that this year will require a full refresh of the Electoral Roll as it is 6 years since this last occurred.
- The PCC approved a donation of £200 to ALMA in support of their efforts to respond to the recent flooding in Mozambique.
- Graham Hamwijk presented his first set of Accounts to the PCC as Treasurer for the year ended 31 December 2012. These demonstrated a small surplus on the General Account, a significant increase in the Designated Funds following a number of sizeable legacies and donations during the year which had more than offset the expenditure on the new Lighting Scheme in Church. Overall this was a very acceptable financial position with more funds in the bank at the end of the year than at the beginning. Graham also presented a Budget for 2013, it is not prudent to plan for legacies and large donations, so the budget remains challenging to achieve a break even position, and assumes that our Planned Giving can continue to increase in line with the progress made in 2012. The PCC agreed the Budget for 2013, and noted the draft accounts which were now subject to an Independent Examination. Graham Hamwijk was thanked for a very clear explanation of the Financial Position and for all his hard work in preparing the accounts and Budget.
- Carl Landsbert thanked Jennie Boulton for producing the artwork for the last 3 issues of the Parish News in 2012. Carl advised the PCC that a new quarterly publication called the “Good News” will be produced for 2013 with a wider circulation across the whole parish with more of a mission aim. Inserts for this publication would also be produced for use with the Parish Congregation. The first of these issues will be distributed on 3rd March, and it is hoped to enlist the help of the congregation to ensure that this is distributed across the whole parish.
- Sally Rogers updated the PCC on progress with the Parish Hall Refurbishment. The redecoration of the Hall will be undertaken during the summer to minimise the impact on regular bookings, and a contractor has been appointed. Electrical work is being undertaken at Half Term. Quotes have also been received for sanding, varnishing and resealing the Hall Floor and the PCC agreed to proceed with this work at an additional cost of £5k. The PCC also agreed that redecoration of the Foyer would be undertaken at the same time as the main Hall. The working party will now work out the colour schemes.
- Andrew Newell reported on the work of the Plant & Hall Committee. The Oak Tree that had fallen into the Churchyard had now been largely removed, work to remove the roots would be undertaken when the weather improves. Quotes are being obtained for repainting and repairs to the guttering and drain pipes on the Church. Lighting on the Kewferry Road path is being extended and the sensors re-programmed so that the lights stay on longer. During the cold weather the heating system in Church has struggled to cope, and a number of portable heaters are being purchased for the South Aisle which suffers the most. A memorial on the South Aisle wall has been refurbished following a generous donation.
- Carole Hamwijk reported on the very successful Quiz Night, but highlighted that we needed separate teams of volunteers to undertake the catering and to clear up afterwards. For future events in the Hall volunteers would be sought to spread the load more equitably.

- Graham Hamwijk confirmed that raffle tickets for the Fete would be available before half term and these would initially be distributed to members of the congregation through the pigeon holes in Church. Volunteers to help at the Fete would be welcomed.
- Kevin Draper was unavailable to attend the meeting as he was leading the Academy Basics Course the same evening. An extensive report was submitted which demonstrated a strong programme of activities for the Children and Youth with good numbers attending. Kevin has highlighted problems with the Jubilee Field which is currently very wet and cannot be used fully at the present time. The causes are being investigated.
- Carole Hamwijk reported on the Messy Church session in School which had been very popular, and a further two sessions are planned this term. The Ofsted inspection at School had gone well and the School are awaiting the outcome.
- Barry Southcott updated the PCC on the latest Deanery Synod Meeting, which had debated the issue of Women Bishops, and received confirmation that the General Synod will be reviewing its decision on allowing women bishops at a special meeting later this year. There was also an interesting presentation on homeless people in Harrow.
- Future Meetings – The next PCC Meeting is scheduled for the 20 March 2013, and the APCM is scheduled for 21 April 2013.

Quiz : Answers

1. Founded by Sir William Hillary at Douglas, Isle of Man after witnessing many lost lives through drowning from his home there. He founded the charity 'The National Institution for the Preservation of Life from Shipwreck'.
2. Birdseye worked as a fur trader in Northern Canada and noted how the Inuit froze their fish to preserve them. With an electric fan, salt water and ice he flash froze fish, packed them in waxed cartons and put them on sale.
3. Alexander Graham Bell summoned his assistant Thomas Watson with the first phone call. Similarly Samuel Morse sent the first public Telegraph message (in morse code) in 1844 between Washington DC and Baltimore, 40 miles apart.
4. The Tea Party is entitled 'Mad' by Carroll, but not the characters : the Hatter, the March Hare or the dormouse. Hatters used mercury to cure the felt in their trade and became poisoned exhibiting signs of madness. March hares would dance on two legs and box in the spring to attract a mate and appeared mad.
5. The Meadowsweet plant (*Spiraea Ulmaria*) from which Acetyl spiraeic acid, as the German chemists called it, the basic ingredient of aspirin was obtained. 'A' for Acetyl was added to Spir, and 'in' replaced 'aea'.
6. 'Marche' = (old French) margin or border ; the area between England and Wales corresponding to Offa's Dyke and the river Wye. This area was ruled by Marcher Lords who had a certain degree of autonomy. When Wales became a Principality of England in 1536 this 'freedom' was lost.
7. Shakespeare : 'A Winter's Tale' Act 4, Scene 3, line 121.

Parish Roundabout

Wedding Bells! Listen out for the Banns of Marriage being published this year as there are some familiar names. Firstly, congratulations to the Wheatland family on the forthcoming marriage of Gemma to James Barron.

Congratulations to the Patersons - senior, Gordon and Barbara, on celebrating their 70th wedding anniversary surrounded by their family and to their granddaughter, Hazel and Adrian's daughter, Fiona on her engagement to David whom we wish an equally long and happy union.

The Parish Registers

BAPTISMS

25 th November 2012	Michael Peter Mullins
	Stuart Martin Pearson
27 th January 2013	Robert Luke Cutcliffe

CONFIRMATIONS

10 th February 2013	Evangeline Jennings
	Elizabeth Leach
	Chineme Okoli
	Oliver Price
	Adam Rees
	Eleanor Rees

WEDDINGS

22 nd December 2012	Richard Gay and Victoria Shepherd
23 rd February 2013	Richard Downham and Samantha Wright

FUNERALS

20 th November 2012	Marie Robinson
29 th November	Patricia Watkins
6 th December	Dinah Sheridan
28 th December	Colin Campbell
11 th January 2013	Daphne Oxenford
15 th January	Jean Cave
30 th January	Pauline Chinery
7 th February	Keith Marsh
7 th March	Wally House
13 th March	John Roberts

“Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength”

Isaiah 40:31



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