

Sunday services 10.30

November

7th Leading worship **Paul Murphy**, Egham
United Church. Pianist: Coleen Muriel

14th REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Minister, **Rev Stephen Lewis**,
Holy Communion. Organist: David Copper

21st SHOEBOX SUNDAY - Samaritan's
John Latham. Organist: Matthew Ratcliffe.

*26th. 7.30 Community Choir Christmas Concert
and social*

28th Advent Sunday The Minister, **Rev
Stephen Lewis**. Organist: Jane Gibson

December

5th. John Latham. Organist: Mat Ratcliffe

12th. The Minister, **Rev Stephen Lewis**
Holy Communion. Organist: David Copper.

19th Roy Wharton. Organist Jane Gibson

6.30pm. CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

24th. 11.30 The Minister, **Rev S Lewis**

Midnight Christmas Communion

25th. 10.30. CHRISTMAS DAY

26th The Minister **Rev Stephen Lewis**



REGULAR ACTIVITIES

Sunday worship 10.30am.

Informal time for praise and prayer
Where all are welcome.

Place to Play *every Tuesday*

from 09.00 - 11.00

for carers, parents and toddlers.

All welcome £3.00 a family.

Volunteer helpers welcome.

Please note not school holidays.

Bereavement Café: *every Tuesday*

with games, Scrabble, tea & chat
1.30 to 3.30. All welcome.

Community Choir: Come and sing for fun.

Thursdays

from 7.45 - 9.30pm.

New members really welcome.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION
PLEASE CONTACT

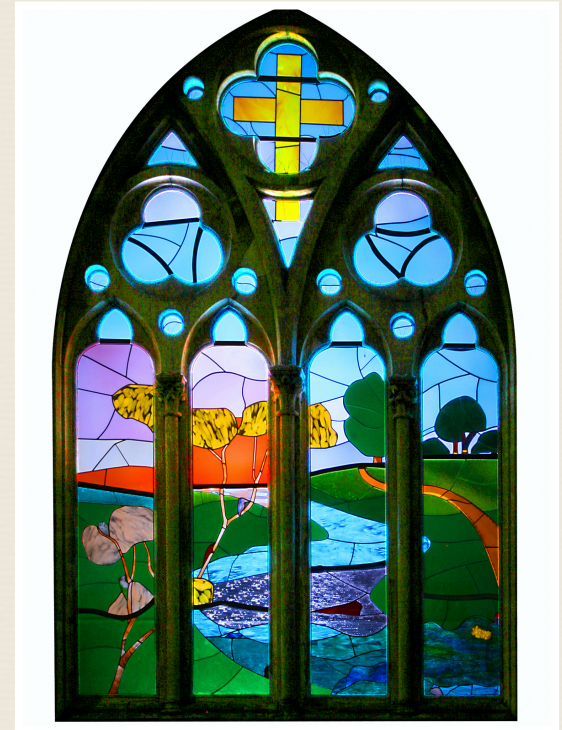
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November & December 2021



**November and
December 2021**

Newsletter, calendar.

**You are always welcome
to all our activities.**



Dear Friends,

Our shared humanity is expressed in language, through word of mouth. How did language originate? Perhaps in the sounds of emotion? Joy at new birth, grief at the death of a familiar member of the clan? And with language came reason – long ago, stone-age people created sophisticated wonders like Stonehenge and strangely familiar looking homes in places like Orkney, and art work in caves.

Time moves on. Language and the way we communicate have changed out of all recognition even since the comparatively recent days when the church here in Hampton Hill was founded in 1850. From post-horses, runners, night mail trains, ... to radio, telephone, TV, emails, texts, and the array of social media we use today.

At its best, language still conveys what makes us human, the ability to feel, empathise, think, wonder, love. The way of Jesus invites people to embrace a message of good news.: good news 2000 years ago when it was spoken in Aramaic, Greek and Latin; good news 150 years ago in Hampton Hill in a rather more formal English than we speak today; good news in our present times, with our many ways of communicating; and who can imagine how we will speak the good news of God's love, in ten, twenty, fifty years' time?

May God bless you. Stephen



SAMARITAN's PURSE is a Christian organisation that helps to find gifts for the poorest and most vulnerable children all across the world. To support them we are all invited to fill a shoebox with modest basic items and simple toys for children across various age groups. You are invited to help by collecting items and even filling your own shoebox. Please bring these to the church on or before Sunday 21st November. There will be a special celebration service to send the boxes on their way.

We were delighted to support Christian Aid's Harvest Appeal over our 150th Anniversary Weekend.

So far we have raised £ 150 plus Gift Aid for our nominated charity. The appeal is timely before the forthcoming COP 26 Summit in Glasgow where Christian Aid will be well represented lobbying for action on climate change. A large number of people and countries are deeply concerned at the consequences of an ongoing increase in global temperatures. Christian Aid is at the forefront in supporting those on the front line.



150TH ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND & HARVEST with QUIZ NIGHT

The Church welcomed the National Moderator, Rev. Clare Downing to celebrate this milestone albeit COVID delayed. An exhibition covering key times in the life of the church was enjoyed by many visitors. Her theme invited us to do 'good' and seek to help others

As part of our special anniversary weekend, over 50 folk enjoyed a competitive quiz night, prepared and hosted by Don Macgreggor and very ably supported by his wife Elaine and other family members.

The quiz comprised several general knowledge rounds plus a mini-marathon with a fish and chip supper in between. Inspired by Gwyneth Hill's Pointless Trophy, which she brought to show us, the Pointless Pundits ended up as team winners and thereby retained their title of champions from the last quiz we had before lockdown.

The evening was enjoyed by all and the wide range of quiz questions proved to be a major test for everyone!

