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December 2017

January 2018

URC Daytime Services

Sunday Mornings 11.00am
 – inc Junior Church most Sundays
 – Children's space available during all services
 – Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday of month

Sunday Evening Services

The two churches join together on Sunday evenings as follows:
 – 2nd Sun – Choral Evensong at St Giles' (6.30pm)
 – 3rd Sun – '18:30' Worship + The Word Service at St Giles' (6.30pm)
 There will be no '18:30' Worship + The Word Service at St Giles' in December

St Giles' Daytime Services

Sunday Mornings – 8.00am Holy Communion
 – 9.45am Holy Communion (with Junior Church and Crèche) – (1st Sunday: All Age Service)
 Thursdays – 10.00am Holy Communion

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



Picture: History Press, James Skinner, 'Images of England, Ickenham'

These meetings proved very popular so the search began for land on which to build a chapel. A plot of 'waste ground' was found and purchased for £6 7s 6d and by 1835 the Independent Chapel, later known as the Congregational Church, was built at a cost of £160.

The advent of rail travel and the development of the Swakeleys estate resulted in an increase in the population and the non-conformity congregation outgrew its home. As it happens, the parish church of St Giles' came to the rescue, and, in 1928, sold part of the Rectory field where the new St Giles' Rectory had recently been built and the handsome Congregational Church, now the United Reformed Church, was built alongside.

Some of our senior residents will recall having to register at the shop, originally called Ickenham Green Stores, during rationing time and having to produce their government-issued coupons to obtain their rations from the shop keeper Thelma Saich, who later became Thelma Edwards. A wide range of foodstuffs was obtainable only on rationing which, amazingly, remained in force until 1954. After this, the shop continued with its grocery sales for a while then changed over to antiques and latterly it became a double glazing showroom.

Recently, part of Ickenham's Christian history - the former Congregational Church (left in picture), which had stood adjacent to Ickenham Green off the High Road Ickenham for 182 years, and closer to its neighbouring Victorian shop (right of picture), have unfortunately been demolished by developers. Consideration was given to re-using the chapel within the development but, on inspection, the building was found to be structurally unsound.

The first formal, non-conformity religious services in Ickenham were held in 1831 in the cottage home of Mr and Mrs William Brickett.



The chapel porch, shortly before its demolition.

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SPECIAL CHURCH SERVICES & FESTIVE EVENTS

Saturday 2nd December

10.00am-12noon Christmas Fayre with Coffee Morning and sale of HALF PRICE Christmas Goods at the URC

Sunday 3rd December

6.30pm Advent Carol Service and Readings at St Giles'

Tuesday 5th December

4.00pm-5.00pm Carol singing in aid of CLICK Rukiga at Uxbridge Tube Station

Friday 8th December – Festive Community Night

6.00pm-9.00pm St Giles' Christmas Market in the Church Hall with Santa!

7.30pm-9.00pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles'

Saturday 9th December

10.00am-12noon (with café open until 1.00pm)
 Christmas Market in St Giles' Church Hall
 10.00am-4.00pm Christmas Tree Festival at St Giles'

Sunday 10th December

11.00am Festive Family Service at the URC
 6.30pm Community Carols at St Giles'

Saturday 16th December

4.00pm-6.00pm Messy Christmas & Christingles in St Giles' Hall

Sunday 17th December

11.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion at the URC
 3.00pm Jack and Jill Group Carol Service at St Giles'
 6.30pm Carol Service by Candlelight - Carols, Readings and Choir at the URC
 6.30pm Service of Lessons and Carols for Christmas at St Giles' (followed by refreshments in the Church Hall)

Wednesday 20th December

10.00am Family Carol Sing at the URC
 11.00am-1.00pm Christmas at Memory Café at St Giles'

Thursday 21st December

6.00pm Blue Christmas Service at St Giles'

Saturday 23rd December

10.30am Carol Singing with Santa along Swakeleys Road in aid of Save The Children (contact Jenny 01895 633130)

Sunday 24th December – Christmas Eve

9.00am Communion service (traditional language CW) at St Giles' with hymns
 3.00pm & 4.30pm Carols for the Family at St Giles' (Free admission, but by ticket only - available at All-age Service on 3rd December or by

ringing 01895 622971 Mon-Fri, 9.30am-12.30pm from 4th December)
 Carol Singing around the wards at Harefield Hospital (meet in the foyer)
 8.00pm Holy Communion at St Giles' (traditional language BCP)
 11.00pm Holy Communion at St Giles' (traditional language CW)

Monday 25th December – Christmas Day

10.00am Family Communion at St Giles'
 10:00am Christmas Day Family Service at the URC

Wednesday 27th December

11.00am-1.00pm 'In the Festive Mood' at Memory Café at St Giles'

Sunday 31st December

8.00am Holy Communion at St Giles' (traditional language BCP)
 9.45am Service of the Word at St Giles'
 11.00am Morning Service with Holy Communion at the URC

Saturday 21st January

4.00pm Messy Church 'Follow The Star' in St Giles' Church Hall

THE ESSENCE OF ADVENT

Do you ever feel like you are going two steps forwards and two steps backwards? The period of Advent is rather like that.

Advent is the period in the Christian year observed over four Sundays, beginning on the Sunday which falls between November 27 and December 3 each year. During this period, we tend to look back on Christ's first coming at Christmas but actually we should also be considering Christ's second coming. Advent therefore includes the promise already fulfilled, that of Christ's coming to earth at Christmas and the yet-to-be fulfilled, promise of His second coming. The unfulfilled and the fulfilled promises are related to each other just as are sunrise and sunset.

Advent is a time of preparation. Merchandise in shops never fails to let us know that the next season is approaching, albeit way ahead. Christmas cards appear in August and Easter eggs straight after Christmas. We may well become trapped in the lead up to Christmas placing more time and effort into frankly, the things that don't really matter too much. Advent should remind us that we should be preparing ourselves for our life beyond this life, not whether or not we have ordered the turkey in time.

The Christian faith knows for whom and what it is waiting, the promise for the Christian church is that Jesus Christ has come and will come again. This is the real essence of Advent. Our Christian hope is the assurance of things hoped for and the conviction of things not seen. So when Christians have hope for the future, they have faith in that hope – it is not wishful thinking.

We wish all readers a Happy Christmas but more so, that the New Year might lead you into wanting to search for a greater understanding of the Christian faith and the hope it gives each of us.



PETER WILLIAMS, URC ELDER

WHY ARE WE WAITING?



The 12 months that make up the year between childhood birthdays (when age is hugely important) crawls by at a snail's pace. Yet the same span of 12 months when we are 59, 69, or 79, pass by in the blink of an eye so that decades pass relentlessly. You see, our perception of time is quite different as the years advance.

What we're waiting for has an impact on our perception of passing time too. Have you ever noticed that a much longed for and anticipated holiday will take weeks to arrive and then fly by whilst something we're not looking forward to comes all too soon but seems to drag on?

Children start the countdown for Christmas on December 1st as they search for door No 1 on the Advent calendar. What are they waiting for? It's a slow, steady marking-off of the days until Christmas Eve, when Santa will (hopefully) arrive in the night with a stocking full of treats.

What's the church waiting for? Advent isn't about counting down until Turkey dinners, or presents, or time with family, or even Christmas services (although Christmas is absolutely my favourite time of the year). Advent is about reflecting on the narrative of God's interaction with humanity as we wait for the final chapter of the story. Advent reminds us that the end of the story is yet to come. Reflecting on the story so far gives us faith and hope. Jesus defeated death and sin when He died on the cross and then rose victorious from the grave. Good wins over evil, as it does in all the best stories.

But that's not the end of the story. Right now, evil still has a foothold in our aching, groaning, world. God promised us a perfect world: a perfect life. And so we're left with the cliff-hanger - and we wait. But when the final page is turned, there will be no more waiting, and no more time. Suddenly God will renew creation, Jesus will return as King, and an eternity of Perfect Peace will be ushered in where Perfect Love will reign supreme for ever and ever.

With love, *Felicity*

COMMUNITY PRAYER

On the first Saturday of each month folks from our churches meet briefly to pray for our world, our community and ourselves from 9.15am and finishing promptly at 10.00am. Do join us at St Giles' on December 2nd and on January 6th (venue to be confirmed depending on building work at the URC). You will be most welcome.



CHRISTMAS BARGAINS AT THE URC!

Thanks to the usual generosity of the good people of Ickenham, in donating things for us to sell as well as buying them, we have had a good year on the fund raising front in 2017 and we are almost £1,000 ahead of where we were at the same time in 2016. We are obviously hoping to build on this with the Christmas Fayre and with the Coffee Morning and Sale of HALF PRICE Christmas Goods on **Saturday 2nd December, 10am-12noon**. There will be homemade cakes as well as all the bargains and admission is free so there's no excuse to miss it!

But the world goes on turning, and we will be starting another year with a Coffee Morning and Coin Mountain on **Saturday 10th February 2018**, so please make a note of the date now! Homemade cakes will again be available and admission free, but you are invited to bring your change to help build up the mountain.



RICHARD PIPER

DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED – Third Monday of each month.

St Giles' Church Back Hall, 2.00pm-3.30pm. Come for a friendly and informal chat over a cup of tea with other bereaved people and bereavement visitors. Just come along or, if you would like to speak to someone first, please ring 01895 622970. The next meeting is on **Monday 18th December** (then **Monday 15th January 2018** after that).

Need to talk?

WE ARE HERE TO LISTEN

At St Giles' Church on Thursdays from 6.00pm-8.00pm and Saturdays from 10.30am-12.30pm. No appointment needed – just come in.

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JOIN IN THE CAROL SINGING



On **Tuesday 5th December 4.00pm-5.00pm**, carol singers will be singing in aid of **CLICK Rukiga** at Uxbridge Underground Station. Come and join in!

On **Saturday 23rd December at 10:30am**, singers, led by a group from St Giles' Church, will meet outside the Village Hall in Swakeleys Road for carol singing outside the shops. After singing for 40 minutes, there will be a break for coffee and mince pies in St Giles' Church Hall, followed by another half hour of singing. Supported by Father Christmas, it is hoped a considerable amount will be raised for Save the Children. Anyone is welcome to join in! Further details from Jenny Reid on 01895 633130.



The URC will again be leading the carol singing around the wards at Harefield Hospital on **Sunday 24th December at 7:30pm**. This is very much appreciated by patients who will be spending Christmas Day in hospital. Just turn up if you'd like to join in - meet in the entrance foyer to Harefield Hospital just before 7:30pm. All welcome!



CAROLS FOR CHOIR AND AUDIENCE

**HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS
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Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm

Vyners School, UB10 8AB

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Adults £12 / Children £3

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**UXBRIDGE CHORAL SOCIETY
CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT**

Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm

St Margaret's Church, UB8 1AB

Carols for choir and audience

Adults £7 / u12s £4

Tickets available online, via the choir, on the door or from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/uxbridgechoralsociety

**EASTCOTE AND RUISLIP CHORAL SOCIETY
CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Saturday 16th December, 3.30pm

St Edmund's Church, HA6 1QS

Carols for choir and audience
Alan Bullard – O Come, Emmanuel
Bourne Primary School Choir

Adults £12 / u12s Free

Refreshments afterwards

Tickets available on the door or from 01895 904556

www.eastcote-ruislip-choral.org

**ST GILES' CHURCH
STREET PRAYER LIST**

You would be most welcome to join us in St Giles' 8am and 9:45am Sunday services as we pray for those living or working in the following roads in the Parish as follows:

December 3rd	Turnstone Close
December 10th	Tweedale Grove
December 17th	Vinlake Avenue
December 24th	Vyners Way
December 31st	Wallasey Crescent
January 7th	Warren Road
January 14th	Willowtree Close
January 21st	Windrush Close
January 28th	Witney Close

ST GILES' CHRISTMAS MARKET

WHERE:
St Giles' Church Hall



WHEN:
Friday 8th December 6pm-9pm
Saturday 9th December 10am-12noon with Café until 1pm

WHAT:
Lots of Stalls, Silent Auction, Grand Draw, Café, Fair Trade Stall
Visit Santa Friday Evening!
0-5 year olds £1.00

DONATIONS

All donations are very gratefully received and individually acknowledged in writing. Cheques should be made out to "PCC of St Giles' Church" and sent to Patricia Lee at: The Office, St Giles' Church, Ickenham, UB10 8BG.

This month donations were gratefully received from: Mr Woo, Marion and Henry Smith, Argosy Players, Hillingdon Philharmonic Orchestra and Anon (Rectory Way).



FROM THE CHURCHES' REGISTERS

Baptisms at St Giles'

September	24th	Luke Anthony John Kybert
October	22nd	Jake William George Brennan

Weddings at St Giles'

September	23rd	Stephanie Reay and Jonathan Bean
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Committals at Breakspear Crematorium

September	23rd	Lorna Greatrex, aged 73
October	16th	William Thomas, aged 100
November	8th	Betty Pike, aged 91

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OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX APPEAL

This year the children of The Breakspear School donated 116 filled boxes that will be sent to children in Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia. The boxes will be going to children who are very much in need of them and it will be the only present that they will receive this year. The Breakspear School Councillors packed all the boxes and they were collected on Tuesday 7th November. Due to the generosity of the parents and children at Breakspear, these boxes were filled with: gloves, hats, toys, colouring pencils, toothbrushes, toothpaste and much, much more. On behalf of everyone at The Breakspear School, I would like to say a huge 'THANK YOU' to all who donated £156.90 in total, brought in gifts and donated wrapped boxes. This is such a worthwhile cause and I'm sure the children receiving them will be very grateful.

MISS BEALE, YEAR 4

Thank you to everyone in the community who contributed to our Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal, either by giving a filled shoebox, gifts to go in the shoe boxes or money towards the shipping costs. On Monday 6th November, 111 shoeboxes were collected from the United Reformed Church, St. Giles' Church and members of the Community, and a further 116 shoeboxes were collected from Breakspear School on Tuesday 7th November (pictured) and taken to the centre in Hayes to be crated ready for shipping. That is a wonderful result and over 200 children in Asia, Africa or Eastern Europe will have a big happy smile when they receive a shoebox. Thank you and well done to Ickenham Community!



DOROTHY VICKERY

AWARDED!



Ickenham Neighbourhood Watch continues to go from strength to strength by bringing criminals to book with its innovative CCTV scheme. There are now over 170 residents with their own domestic CCTV systems sited on their homes who are prepared to step forwards with evidence if a crime takes place at or near their property. Through the scheme over 150 arrests have been made in the last seven years. The message to criminals is clear – if you come to Ickenham to commit a burglary then the residents will not put up with it and will see that you are arrested and charged, with high definition CCTV images to prove it.

One of the members, was recently nominated for a High Sheriff's Award for his contribution at Crown Court for an aggravated burglary case. The Award was presented at the Supreme Court in Westminster in the presence of Baroness Hale, President of the Supreme Court of the United Kingdom and Cressida Dick, the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police Service. One of several Award recipients, he is pictured here with High Sheriff of Greater London, James Furber, who presented the Award.

Remember that if you are the unfortunate victim of a burglary then you should always call the Police first, but please also inform our Police Liaison Team via hw.ickenham@gmail.com and they will co-ordinate directly with the Police to gather CCTV evidence from the many residents who are standing by to help you.



ICKENHAM FESTIVAL 2018

Now is the right time to start planning your Ickenham Festival 2018 activities. The Festival will run from Saturday 9th June 2018 to Sunday 17th June, with Gala Day being Saturday 16th June 2018. Gala Day will include our ever popular parade through Ickenham, Festival Gala in the afternoon, and an evening concert.

Remember that Gala Day is only one set of events out of more than eighty that we co-ordinate in the week. There are many opportunities for your group, charity or sport to organise events in Festival Week and receive free publicity from our programme and social media.

What can YOU do? Start planning now to secure the buildings and facilities you need (venues in Ickenham book out early). Talk to the Festival Team about your ideas; we can advise and help you. Look out for our website, www.IckenhamFestival.org.uk our Facebook page and other media when we start to collect and collate events in February 2018. Thank you!

DOUG NEILSON, ICKENHAM FESTIVAL, 07516 984514



DEADLINE

DEADLINE: - As the team takes a festive break, the next ICN will be the combined February/March 2018 edition. Please send items to the team by 12noon on January 10th 2018. Contributions welcome. All items are subject to editorial review. *The team wishes you all a Merry Christmas and a Peaceful New Year!*

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MY SUPERHOME

Gavin Roberts (seen here with his wife, Karen and their children Noah and Sam), was the personality selected by the Horticultural Society to present the show prizes at their 2017 Autumn Show.

Gavin has a long-standing interest in the use of renewable energy and told us how he adapted his Ickenham house to join the 'Superhome' network. A Superhome is a property that has undergone refurbishment to reduce the carbon emissions to 60% below that of a normal, similar-type home.

How did he end up with such a home? Well, 15 years ago he started to read about climate change and what could be done to deal with it. This led to him joining as an employee of a professional installer – in his case one called 'Solarcentury' who specialised in solar-electric systems for houses, factories and fields. So when he bought his new home he decided to convert it to run on renewables and, to learn more, he joined the Superhome network.

They started on the house by replacing the old windows with double-glazed units, insulating the loft and adding more insulation all round. After that they switched off virtually all the electrical equipment so that when they left the house it was using no more than 30 watts of power.

Solar hot water came next with installation of a new hot water tank with a collector on the roof. This heats up water with the sun and uses that energy to heat up the tank. On a sunny day they can have 150 litres of hot water at 60 degrees for free and in the winter it heats the water to 30 degrees leaving the boiler to do the rest.

Almost last they installed six solar panels to generate electricity during the day to feed into the fuse board. Then that power can be used in the house or fed into the grid. By setting equipment such as the washing machine to run at the most economical times they can make more savings and have seen their electricity bill drop by 30%!

Finally, they bought an electric car and so ensure that some of the 'left-over' power goes into the car's running costs.

That's it in a nutshell - but if you'd like to know more search 'Superhome' and 'Ickenham' or ask Gavin on gava.roberts@gmail.com

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The Roberts Family

ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US

A goodly turnout gathered at St Giles' to celebrate this year's Harvest Festival. Gifts of food in various forms were brought to the church for Hillingdon Food Bank and money was left for the Mustard Seed Appeal. The Harvest Evensong service, led by Felicity, included familiar harvest hymns which took us back to our childhood days. Some of us even recalled the sturdy horses pulling the ploughs, fields of crops being turned into wheatsheaves and haystacks, windmills producing flour and the delicious smell of newly-baked bread.

After the service we retired to the Church Hall where Placida and Brenda plus helpers had prepared a scrumptious harvest supper. Yet more was to follow – in the shape of Felicity and Wendy presenting a selection of poems and songs including the old favourite monologue of Albert and the Lion. You may recall that the lion, teased unmercifully by Albert's 'stick with the 'orses 'ed 'andle, swallowed Albert whole, only to be regurgitated intact later when satisfactory insurance compensation had been paid to Albert's father for the loss of his son!

They don't write stories like that anymore, do they? Who said, "Thank goodness!"?

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l-r: Wendy presented poems; Brenda and Placida preparing Harvest Supper

ST GILES' CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL AND TREE OF REMEMBRANCE

Friday 8th December, 6.00pm-9.00pm (Festive Community Night)

Saturday 9th December, 10.00am-4.00pm

Come and see the display of decorated Christmas Trees in St Giles' Church. Both natural and artificial trees, decorated to reflect the interests or activities of individuals, families, groups and even shops, will be on display. Local school choirs and musicians will be performing during both days. Admission is free (programme 50p). **Why not enter a tree of your own?** Entry is free, trees must not exceed 3ft in height. Entry forms with full details are available from www.stgileschurch.co.uk from St Giles' Church or from davidmillen.72@btinternet.com Closing date for entries December 7th.

Following the death of a loved one, Christmas can bring intense feelings of loss and loneliness. If you want to remember someone dear to you, do visit the Tree of Remembrance in St Giles' Church on 8th and 9th December at the above times. There you can write the person's name or a message on a star to be hung on the tree. The stars will be taken down from the tree at 11.30am on 10th December and placed on the altar in the St John's Chapel where they will stay until after Christmas. During this time, we will give thanks to God for those named on the stars and pray for those who are missing them.



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TEACHING IN FIJI

I am a trainee teacher at Oxford Brookes University; at the end of my first year was presented with the opportunity to teach in schools around Fiji, visiting and staying within the local villages. In total, two other trainees and I visited two schools and stayed within local homestays over 5 weeks.

The first school we visited, Tagaqa, was a well-established school for ages four to thirteen. Throughout two weeks, I was able to observe different classes, and lead some activities. Children could learn up to three languages - English, Fijian and Hindi - and would have separate lessons for each. The classrooms were made up of chalkboards and wooden desks; the children had their lunches delivered to school and after eating, had to brush their teeth before going outside.

Whilst volunteering at Tagaqa, we stayed in a small village called Namada. In the homestay we watched the routines of the family and built relationships with each member. The women would cook for the men; a lot of the meals consisted of fish, chicken, rice and a crop vegetable called kasava.

The second school we visited was a twenty-hour boat trip away to Kocoma; this was a very remote village with no paths, roads, cars or shops. Having lost parts of their school during cyclone Winston in 2016, the school only had four remaining classrooms with two year groups per class. We took a more active teaching role within this school; we planned and taught many lessons. Our aim was to teach and also to show the teachers a more creative approach to teaching and learning; the children and staff were very appreciative of our visit.

During our time in Kocoma we again stayed in a local home which was a more religious based community and valued their relationships, traditions and heritage. Sundays were seen as a complete day of rest with people only attending church. Kocoma had limited electricity – the generators were only used for four hours a day. This meant that the villagers had to catch their fish and meat daily.

Returning to the main island, we stayed in a local hostel before making our way back to the airport. Fiji is a very beautiful country and during my time there we completed a variety of mentally and physically challenging activities such as; horse riding, shark snorkelling, jungle hikes and a hike up a mountain leading to a very beautiful waterfall. If you are interested in teaching abroad visit www.island-spirit.org

LAUREN VICKERY



MARTIN LUTHER AND THE REFORMATION

Antoine Fritz, (right) Team Leader at 'Compassion UK' spoke at the Men's Breakfast recently about the part Martin Luther (below) played in the introduction of the Reformation, 500 years ago.

As a law student in 1505, (when Catholicism was virtually universal and religious teaching was in Latin), Martin Luther was caught in a violent thunderstorm which changed his life. He was so scared that he vowed to God that, if he survived, he would become a monk. And, by 1507, he was ordained and continuing his education, but now in theology.

This led to his close study of the Bible and eventually his personal interpretation into language which could be understood by the 'common man'. Not only that, he arrived at a new understanding of the scriptures, particularly the teachings of Paul.

Perhaps the discovery which Luther made and had the greatest effect was that Romans 1:17 did not intentionally refer to God's penal justice but rather to the salvation that God opens up to believers. Luther came to the overwhelming knowledge that man was saved by grace through faith and it is by grace that men are justified and forgiven of sin. Through this discovery Luther felt he was born again and started to preach about it to his ever-increasing audiences.

At this time, he learned of the practice that the Catholic Church had adopted of 'selling indulgences'. By this process, the Pope sold religious merits in exchange for reduced punishment for their sins and, in some cases, total forgiveness. Luther publicly objected to this 'dishonest' practice (and several other church teachings) and wrote his 95 theses, formally challenging church leaders, which he nailed to the church door. This was seen as a threat to papal authority and Luther was warned to retract his views, which he refused. The act of nailing his thesis to the church door has since been regarded as symbolic of the birth of the Protestant Reformation.

In 1521, Luther was excommunicated by the Pope and ordered to appear before the Emperor in Worms, Germany – a ceremony known famously as the "Diet (Parliament) of Worms" and led to his being declared an outlaw of the Empire and imprisoned. During this time, he continued his work on the translation of the New Testament into the German language which ordinary lay people could read and finally, in 1534, completed the translation of the Old Testament.

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PATRICIA SELF nee GARNHAM

Tricia passed away suddenly at her home, Swakeleys Cottage, in Farnborough, Kent a few days before her 83rd birthday in November 2017. Our parents moved in to a new build house in Wallasey Crescent in the early 1930's from where our father travelled to his work in London on the new Metro Line. Tricia, our younger sister, Janet, and I were all born in that house. We all went to Breakspear School, attended church and got married in St Giles' Church before moving away in the 1960's. Some of Tricia's fondest memories were of her childhood in Ickenham and she still kept in touch with friends she made in the village. She looked forward to receiving her copy of the *Ickenham Church News* which she then passed on to me. Sadly missed.

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