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October 2024

November 2024

URC Morning Services
Sunday - 11.00am
Children's space available during all services
Holy Communion, 3rd Sunday

St Giles' Morning Services
Sunday - 8.00am BCP (said) Holy Communion
- 9:30am Family Praise (video bible story, action songs & object lessons for families with younger children)
- 10:30am CW Communion with songs (except 1st Sunday - 10:30am All-age Service)
Thursdays - 10.00am BCP (said) Holy Communion

Sunday Evening Services
Please keep an eye on the Church websites for details:
www.stgileschurch.co.uk
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REV'D CHRISTINE BRITTON

As you will have seen from the photo in the last edition of ICN, the Rev'd Christine Britton is now installed as the new Rector of St Giles' Church, and happily living in the Rectory with her husband Malcolm and family Austin (20), Ted (18) and Annie (14). She met Malcolm, currently Deputy Head at Bishop Ramsey School, at the Bible School connected with Kensington Temple. Her roots were in Melbourne, Australia (the pioneer was her English great-grandmother who rejoiced in the name of Myrtle Hebblethwaite), where Christine's family of two sisters and one brother attended the local Baptist Church; she came over on a working holiday and has never really left. After working here in the NHS for a decade, she



started teaching music at BWI and Laurel Lane schools, before feeling a call for ordination and then training at St Mellitus College in South Kensington, followed by 4 years as curate at Emmanuel Church in Northwood. Her vision is to see the love of God embodied at St Giles' church and shared throughout the whole community.

She is really friendly and approachable, and has an amazing facility for remembering names; so do go and introduce yourself to her when you see her around the village.

The URC are also blessed to have a new incumbent; look out for an interview with the Rev'd Wilbert Sayimani, in the next edition of ICN.

ICKENHAM CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB - 2024

As was hoped, Ickenham Churches Holiday Club went well, creating its own friendly atmosphere, during the week after the schools broke up for the summer. It was mainly held in the United Reformed Church, but involved over thirty children and almost as many helpers of all ages who came from both churches.

In the morning there was a pleasant routine of Bible-focused singing and



readings, with activities and crafts, focusing on a challenge called "The Guardians of Ancora".

In the afternoon the children decorated T-shirts for them to wear, and did other crafts or played sports on Top Field.

On Friday midday, the youngsters did a very impressive presentation of their learned skills to their families, as they came to collect them.



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WELCOME TO WILBERT

At last, after long searching, discussing and endless meetings, we now have the joyful and brilliant news of a new minister joining us on our journey at the URC.

The Rev'd Wilbert Sayimani and his family have moved into the manse and become an integral part of our community at Ickenham.

Wilbert's first service at the URC took place on Sunday 1st September and his formal Induction Service is to take place at Christ Church, Uxbridge on Saturday 21st September. His is a shared ministry with Christ Church.

On behalf of all at Ickenham URC, St Giles' Church and our village of Ickenham we welcome him, his wife Regina, and their family to our great community.

It is the conclusion of our hard work to bring him here and the start of our bright and fruitful future together.

Some time ago I was watching on television a most interesting nature programme about an octopus. The word "octopus" is a Latinized form of the Greek word *októpus*, which translates to "eight foot." At the time it struck me that if we humans had eight tentacles (or arms) and blessed with the high intelligence this octopus was showing, we would have the ability to carry

out, and multi-task, some amazing feats of skill and endeavor.

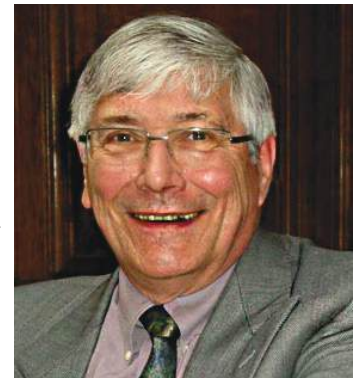
To extend my musings a bit further, with Wilbert as our minister and guide, along with the arms (or tentacles) of our eldership, I feel that we can enhance and make the job of spreading God's love and word a most amazing experience.

Do I muse in vain? Probably, because we have to work with the body that God has already supplied us with and work hard to do the best job we are able. Most of all... be very thankful for what we do have and can do, with the best of our skills allow.

*From him the whole body, joined and held together
by every supporting ligament, grows and builds
itself up in love, as each part does its work.*

Ephesians 4:16

JOHN MILLER, URC ELDER



CONCERT FOR CLICKRUKIGA

Torrential rain didn't deter a packed audience of live music fans attending the incredible Mari Wilson concert at The Hub in Chalfont St Peter. Organised by our sponsor Richard Cottle, a keyboard sensation, we are extremely grateful that Mari, Richard and his band gave their time and talent for free to raise funds for CLICKRUKIGA's Youth in Development training project (RYID).

Our Chair, Julie Dungey, outlined the work of our charity, then introduced Mari who beautifully reprised a series of 60's hits including 'Perhaps, Perhaps, Perhaps' and 'Don't Sleep in the Subway'. She covered Smokey Robinson, The Beatles and various Burt Bacharach favourites to smiles and singalongs in the appreciative audience. She ended with an encore of her well known 80s hits "Cry me a river" and "Just what I always wanted".



A successful raffle raised £400 and with ticket receipts and donations on the night the final figure is just over £2,500!

We have now been able to send £4,000 for RYID to start building the much needed extension to their premises. This will enable more young people to achieve training in practical skills. A really big thank you to our team of volunteers and of course everyone who joined the event.

DEREK HUGHES, SECRETARY

DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

Tuesday 8th October 10am - 11:30am

Tea (or coffee) & cakes in St Giles' Church Hall
(proceeds to the Emergency fund supporting poorer families in crisis)



Saturday 23rd November 8pm - 10pm

Harrow Apollo Male Choir concert at Ickenham URC
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FROM THE CHURCHES' REGISTERS

Weddings

9th August Stacey Power and Philip Keating
 7th September Lesley Goldsmith and John Symons

Committal at Breakspeare Crematorium

12th August Teresa Angold, aged 87

Service at Greenacres Woodland, Chiltern

5th September Kathleen Bellamy, aged 91

ST GILES' CHURCH STREET PRAYER LIST

Each week we pray for all the people who live or work in a particular road in the Parish as follows:

6th October	Summer Gardens	3rd November	Tavistock Road
13th October	Sussex Road	10th November	Tayfield Close
20th October	Swakeleys Drive	17th November	The Avenue
27th October	Swakeleys Road	24th November	The Chase

DROP-IN FOR THE BEREAVED

St Giles' Church Back Hall

2.00pm to 3.30pm third Monday in the month

Come in for a chat over a cup of tea with other bereaved people and bereavement visitors. The next drop-in's are on Mondays:

21st October, 18th November and 16th December

A GOOD SUMMER ON THE URC FORECOURT!

Our 'Late Summer Forecourt Sale' was well attended in overcast though dry weather conditions, and seemed to be enjoyed by those who came and it raised over £900.

This meant total takings for the summer of close to £3,000, with over £700 going to each of our chosen charities for 2024,

Smile Train and Papyrus prevention of young suicide.

Our sincere thanks go to all of you who donated goods, came to the sales or helped in any way, and look out for us again at the Festive Community Night!

RICHARD PIPER



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The ICN needs your stories - deadline for the December 2024/January 2025 Edition is:

12noon on Friday 8th November

and future editions by the following date:

Friday 10th January 2025 - for the February/March 2025 Edition

All items are subject to Editorial review.

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CHARITY CONCERT SUCCESS

White Knight's semi-staged performance of HMS Pinafore in St Giles' Church at the end of June raised £1,150 for the Disasters Emergency Committee.



Members of the chorus sang from the side of the church transept

An excellent line-up of professional soloists performed in the main transept, supported by an expert chorus singing from the choir area.



'A British Tar is a Soaring Soul':
Leon Berger, Russell Painter
and Jordan Bell

Musical director Zena Wigram said: "Having such a superb group of singers meant that we could deliver a quality performance with just two hours of rehearsal. We were supported by a wonderful team of backstage and front-of-house helpers, as well as the lovely

St Giles' churchwardens and administrators. Everyone gave their time for free, although some folk had travelled a long way, and several of them went on to add donations too. The enthusiastic audience was extremely generous; we even received money from well-wishers who were unable to attend!"



Josephine (Louisa-Alice Rose) confesses her love for Ralph (Russell Painter)

Although billed as a concert, simple scenery, props, and costumes made it a delightful theatrical event - the lighting was particularly effective, with the moon projected onto one of the pillars for Act 2's night-time scene.

Saleh Saeed OBE, CEO of the Disasters Emergency Committee, sent sincere thanks to everyone involved for White Knight's "incredible support."



HORTICULTURE



Despite our good old British summertime playing tricks on us, with a real mix of weather – sometimes, very hot sometimes chilly and often wet – Ickenham gardeners were not deterred as they attended the Autumn Show on Saturday 7th September, filling the Village Hall with fabulous displays of flowers, fruit, vegetables, and floral art as well as photographic, domestic, and creative junior entries.

We were delighted to welcome some new entrants, many of whom won prizes. Amongst these were some of our local allotmenters who had some fantastic fruit, flowers and vegetables to show. We hope they will encourage some of their fellow growers to join us next time too.

Floral Art entries were spectacular, with their creations depicting "Harvest" and "Golden Times" full of beautiful autumn colours.

Our Juniors presented some fantastic entries – the creatures made using fruit and vegetables made all our visitors smile.

Our Domestic section was very well supported too and as always there was great competition and camaraderie in the Men's chunky apple cake Challenge!



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ICKENHAM & SWAKELEYS CULTURAL SOCIETY - AUTUMN SHOW 2024



Results of our annual Sunflower competition were also on show. It seems that many plants fell victim to the army of slugs that have been invading the flowerbeds of Ickenham, but this year's amazing winner measured an impressive 326 centimetres and was grown by Anke and Ian Phillips.

As always, there was a lovely atmosphere in the hall as visitors admired the exhibits and enjoyed the ever-popular tea and homemade cakes.

Following the formal judging, prizes were presented by Jackie and Ken from "Friends of Ken Weinling" who work tirelessly to raise funds for Guide Dogs for the Blind. Jackie told us about the amazing fundraising they do to sponsor the training of Guide dogs and told us about some of their success stories. An appearance by her very friendly dog Loki made the afternoon complete. For more information about the Friends of Ken Weinling please see <https://friendsofken.jimdofree.com/>

Trophies for the overall winners throughout the year will be presented at our AGM on 29th November; meanwhile here is a summary of Best in Section for this show.

MICHELLE CASON & ROSEMARY BENNETT (JOINT SHOW MANAGERS)

- Roses** – Rosie Mountain
- Dahlias** – Wendy Biddick
- Flowers** – Erica Locke
- Pot Plants** – Roger Trigg
- Vegetables** – Rhys Jaggar
- Fruit** – David Saunders
- Floral Art** – Suzanne Marshall
- Domestic** – Steve Youens
- Wine** - Chris Lane
- Photographic** – Rosemary Bennett
- Juniors** – Dexter Nolan



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The first biography of Breakspeare for 100 years was written by retired consulting actuary R. A. J. Waddingham in 2022 and tells the whole story of Breakspeare's remarkable journey through twelfth-century Europe. Breakspeare: The English Pope, comes out in a paperback edition in November, and we asked the author to write a short piece for ICN:

Residents of Ickenham will recognise the name 'Breakspeare': The Breakspeare School, the Breakspeare Arms, Breakspeare Road South and Breakspeare Crematorium. Many will have enjoyed a pint of Henley's Breakspeare beer but without making the connection to a local hero. Nicholas Breakspeare, born around 1105 near Abbots Langley, hailed from a Harefield family and deserves more attention.

Overlooked for centuries, Nicholas Breakspeare's achievements outshone those of his contemporary, the martyr Saint Thomas Becket. Born to a minor cleric at St Albans Abbey and perhaps illegitimate, Breakspeare was rejected by the Abbey School.



Medieval St Albans Abbey (by permission of the Friends of St Albans)

In his late 30s he was elected abbot of the Avignon monastery and soon came to the attention of the pope who despatched him to the fighting in Spain during the Second Crusade. Appointed a cardinal in the Church in his mid-40s the pope then sent him on a perilous mission to the far north to reform

the Norwegian Church. Such was his success in Scandinavia that on returning to Rome two years later he was unanimously elected pope on the first ballot, at the time the highest elected office in Europe. A remarkable achievement.

Breakspeare is so far the only Englishman to ascend the throne of Saint Peter, ruling over the papal states as Adrian IV. His five-year papacy is not a tale of liturgy or sermons, and there are more cannons than canons, as Breakspeare was immediately thrust into conflicts.



Adrian meets Frederick Barbarossa for the first time

Breakspeare ruled for only five years dying of Quinsy when he was about 59. His nemesis Barbarossa was not finally defeated for another 17 years but Breakspeare had saved his Church from German domination, but his legacy is contested. There was a papal schism on his death and some claim he permitted Henry II's subjugation of Ireland even though that took place 12 years after his death.

St Albans remains proud of its 'rejected' son and his statue has a place of honour in the stone screen behind the cathedral's High Altar. An 19th century portrait by G Francisi and owned by Hertfordshire County Council, hangs in St Saviour's church at Abbots Langley. A modest concrete plaque on the outskirts of nearby Bedmond village marks the site of the house where he was born.



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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

For which your support would be appreciated.

Please find FULL details of all events at

www.ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk or email events@ickenhamchurchnews.co.uk

All submissions to be entered online by representatives of the church groups, clubs and societies themselves.

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER EVENTS

One-off Events throughout these months - Open to all

MACMILLAN ARTS & CRAFTS GARDEN PARTY

4th October 10.00am-6.00pm 1 Witney Close, Ickenham, UB10 8EL (off Thornhill end of Woodstock Drive)
Art, crafts, and coffee & cakes in aid of Macmillan Cancer - in the garden, in gazebos, or in the house if too wet/cold. Please do come and bring your friends, for such a good cause.
Contact Sheena Rosser 01895 635714/07960 985328
photosonthings@gmail.com

COFFEE FOR RUKIGA

8th October 10am-11.30am St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8BG
Supporting the ClickRukiga Family Emergency Fund. All welcome.
Contact Shirley Gledhill 01895 234836 or Mobile: 07876 278837

HILLINGDON PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA - LEGENDARY CLASSICS

12th October 7.30pm-9.45pm Winston Churchill Theatre, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL
Haydn's Trumpet Concerto with soloist Ian Lynch.
Programme also includes Beethoven's Symphony no. 5 and Mozart's Overture to The Magic Flute.
Leader: Lucy Cumming. Conductor: Peter J. Williams.
Tickets: £15, under-18s free of charge. Book online at www.hillingdontheatres.uk. Or call 01895 674223 or 01895 250615

RUISLIP DRAMATIC SOCIETY - IT RUNS IN THE FAMILY

13th - 16th November at 7.45pm Compass Theatre, Glebe Avenue, Ickenham, UB10 8PD
A rip-roaring farce for Christmas from the master Ray Cooney.
Tickets: £14; Concessions £13 Wednesday/Thursday only. Book online at www.hillingdontheatres.uk or call 01895 250615

APOLLO MALE VOICE CHOIR CONCERT FOR RUKIGA

23rd November 8pm-10.00pm URC, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8BE
A fund raising concert for ClickRukiga featuring a wide range of favourite songs. Tickets £15 including light refreshments available from St Giles' and URC offices and Derek Hughes on 07793727259

CHURCH ORGANISED EVENTS

Everyone is welcome - Open to all

ST GILES MOTHERS' UNION

Second Thursday of each month 1.45pm - 3.45pm St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE
Thursday 10th October - Pauline McCalla - Transformation - GBV and prison work
Thursday 14th November: Rev'd Ken Tombs - More Travels with my Camera Contact Brenda on 01895 636803

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

1st Wednesday of each month 1.00pm-2.00pm
Oasis Café, URC, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8BE
Please sign the list at the URC or call the Church Administrator 07792 143888

CLUBS, SOCIETIES & INTERESTS

Weekly & Monthly - Open to all

OASIS CAFÉ AT THE URC

Every weekday 10.30am-12.30pm
URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE
Tea, Coffee, Cakes & Biscuits - Friendly, relaxed atmosphere - Monday - Friday. All Welcome.

HILLINGDON BRIDGE CLUB

Every Monday and Thursday 1.00pm-4.00pm
Every Monday 7.00pm-9.30pm
Hillingdon Community Hall, 304 Long Lane, UB10 9PE
Come and play Duplicate Bridge £1.50 or £2 per session including tea/coffee and biscuits. New members welcome.
Contact 07808805033 or www.hillingdonbridgeclub.co.uk

HILLINGDON CHORAL SOCIETY

Every Monday in term time 7.45pm-9.45pm
URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE
2023-24 Season. We are a friendly and hard-working choir of about 60 voices who celebrated 40 years in 2021. We rehearse on Monday evenings in Ickenham, and we perform three concerts each year.
New members very welcome. No auditions required.
Contact hillingdonchoralsociety@gmail.com

OVER 60's FUN EXERCISE WITH ALICE

Monday, Thursday & Friday 10am-11am
The Guide Hut, Community Close, Ickenham UB10 8RE
All abilities / UK Award Winning classes
Please contact Alice at exercisewithalice@yahoo.co.uk or phone 07736 546190 www.exercisewithalice.co.uk

HILLINGDON SING! COMMUNITY CHOIR

Tuesdays in term time 1pm-3pm
St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE
The Hillingdon Sing! Community Choir is a friendly mixed vocal group. We sing a variety of music and our aim is to have fun and meet like-minded music lovers. No auditions required and new members very welcome.
Contact Email : admin@hillingdonsingchoir.co.uk
Website: www.hillingdonsingchoir.co.uk

HATHA YOGA

Every Tuesday and Wednesday in term time 10am-11.15am
St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE
Improve your Mental & Physical Wellbeing. Beginners welcome. Classes £8 when booked in a half term block, can swap between classes. Contact Sally Baxter 07977 748820
yogawithsallyb@gmail.com website : yogawithsallyb.com

CHAIR FIT - MOBILITY • STRENGTH • DANCE

Every Tuesday 10-10.45am
St Giles' Church Hall, Ickenham, UB10 8LE
For anyone wanting a gentle session that doesn't include any floor work. Seated and standing exercises using light dumbbells and bands to maintain strength, plus moves for mobility, flexibility and balance. We also do a little dance for fun such as disco, 80s and salsa.
First session free, then £8 per session or £27 monthly.
To book a place contact Emma Boffo - 07956 315851 - or email emma@emmabfitness.com

SOW & GROW GARDENING CLUB

Every Monday 10-11am
Ickenham Library garden, Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD
All welcome, please just turn up and speak to a member of staff
Look out for monthly nature crafts for adults too

RUMMIKUB KLUB

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday 10am-12noon
Ickenham Library, Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD
Would you like to learn how to play Rummikub with our friendly group? Rummikub is a tile based game which is easy to learn, good for the brain and above all FUN! Drop in, no booking required

TURKS BADMINTON CLUB

Every Tuesday Evening 7-9pm
Bishop Ramsey Sports Hall, Hume Way, Ruislip HA4 8EE
Please just come along. £5 a session.
Contact Kirsten Taylor 07940 950709 or kirst@europe.com

SWAKELEYS TENNIS CLUB - SOCIAL TENNIS FOR SENIORS

Every Wednesday and Friday morning from 9am Saturdays from 1pm
Swakeleys Tennis Club off Swakeleys Drive UB10 8FU
Entrance opposite The Grove. Free for first couple of visits
Contact Brian O'Leary - 01895 467843
email.tennis@swakeleys-tennis.co.uk
www.swakeleys-tennis.co.uk or just come along!

ICKENHAM ART SOCIETY

Every Thursday 7.30-9.30pm
Guide Hut, community Close, Ickenham, UB10 8RE
www.facebook.com/ickenhamart/ or 01895 232569

ST MARTIN'S THURSDAY LUNCHES

Every Thursday 11am-1.30pm
St Martins Church Hall, corner of Ruislip High St/Eastcote Rd, Ruislip, HA4 8DG Everyone welcome for light lunch, tea, coffee, homemade cake, filled rolls, conversation & company, non-profit making. Inexpensive prices. Contact Church Hall Office 01895-625456 or stmartinsruislip@btconnect.com

ICKENHAM KNIT & NATTER

Bimonthly on Thursday 10:30am - 12:00pm
Ickenham Library (Meeting room) Long Lane, Ickenham, UB10 8RD
Please come and join us for friendly chat and knitting. Free admission.
October dates - 10th and 24th November dates - 7th and 21st
Contact Jill Wakeman 07876 233545 or email wakemanjill@gmail.com

THE ICKENHAM MINIATURE RAILWAY

1st Saturday of the month April - December
12 noon - 5.30pm
Entrance in the car park of the Coach and Horses pub
Free admission, rides £1 Everyone is welcome to join us.
Contact www.idsmc.co.uk and see our Facebook page

HILLINGDON U3A MONTHLY MEETING

Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip HA4 7QL
Second Monday of each month 10am-12noon
Come along and meet us and join our u3a on the day. We also have frequent meetings of varied groups in both St Giles' Church Hall and the URC in Ickenham. Contact www.u3asites.org.uk/hillingdon or call our membership secretary on 07532 268002

THE ARTS SOCIETY HILLINGDON

Usually 2nd Wednesday of the month 1.45pm for 2pm
Winston Churchill Hall, Pinn Way, Ruislip, HA4 7QL
9th October: History of Cartooning November: No meeting
Visit to Pitzhanger Museum tbc
Everyone welcome, just turn up. Member free, visitors £7
Contact: Rachel Garside 01895 674484

ICKENHAM FLOWER CLUB

2nd Thursday monthly 7pm - 9.30pm
Ickenham Village Hall, Swakeleys Road, UB10 8DG
Uxbridge and Ickenham Floral Art Society. Themed flower arranging demonstration. Watch a professional demonstrator create floral art designs - free for members - £8 for visitors - raffle on the night and refreshments. Contact Cristine Benn - cristiebenn@hotmail.co.uk

LIVE JAZZ

1st Wednesday of the month 8pm-10pm
Ruislip Conservative Club, 56 Ickenham Rd. Ruislip, HA4 7DQ
Admission £15. Contact: 01895 637477

LATIN AND BALLROOM DANCE CLASSES

Unleash your inner sparkle and have a go at Strictly Come Dancing - every Thursday. Children: 5.15pm Basebox Studio, Ruislip Gardens
Adults: 8pm Brunel Indoor Athletics Centre
Book online: www.dancelnb.co.uk Contact 07805 360709

ICKENHAM AFTERNOON TOWNWOMENS GUILD

4th Monday of the month 2pm-4pm
URC, Swakeleys Road UB10 8BE
Contact Tayna Roper, Ickenham Afternoon TWG Secretary
Tel: 07525 368819

HILLINGDON LANGUAGE CLUBS

Spanish, French and Italian Clubs
St Giles' Church Hall, UB10 8LE
7.30pm one Thursday of the month each Club, from October to the summer. For details, contact the club you are interested in:
hillingdonspanishclub@gmail.com or 07759 804960
hillingdonfrenchclub@gmail.com or 07941 918 473
hillingdonitalianclub@gmail.com or 01895 674292
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