

## Looking to the Future

Andrew's sudden deterioration in health led to his very reluctant resignation as our treasurer. It was always his intention to train someone up to replace him in that role. He was very sad to have to hand it over with no successor in place. And while we cannot deny we have a problem, it is also something of an opportunity.

Andrew's life reminds us that serving is an essential part of belonging to a church. This is not just because the church needs people to do jobs, but because God has given each of his people gifts. *The Parable of the Talents* was told by Jesus to remind us that using our gifts is not an optional extra. Jesus reminds us that serving God is a source of joy and blessing both for ourselves and others.

Over recent years, Andrew has taken more of a back seat. But those who have been around for a while have only to reflect on how different our church would have been had he not used his considerable gifts in the way he did.

So we are taking the opportunity of the vacancy in the role of treasurer to examine the whole idea of our ongoing service as a congregation. Everyone will be receiving a brochure on this subject from Sunday onwards.

As for the treasurer's role, Andrew never envisaged anyone doing the job exactly as he has done it. He realised that paper ledgers, cheques and calculators were giving way to automation and simplification.



### PC Blues:

At the time of writing, our PC is still misbehaving. For some reason, when it went to the workshops of SP computers, it behaved itself impeccably. But as soon as it came home problems started again. Paul Nichol was being driven demented on Thursday morning when it worked perfectly twice only to fail again immediately after. It has that most irritating of all faults – an intermittent one.

The are currently working on the idea that it is a faulty graphics card.

## The Furlong Close homegroup will be leading the prayer meeting on Tuesday 3rd July at 8pm.



Some of our confirmation group this year shared a keen interest in *Poldark*. You will recall that the latest season started with Capt. Ross swimming out of the sea. I guess it made a change from scything.

John Ortberg in his wonderful book, "The Life You've Always Wanted" faced a similar situation.

*"Some time ago my wife and I were watching a movie featuring an action star famous for his chiselled physique.*

*For some reason, the poor guy had a terrible time keeping his shirt on, even though the story took place on a snowy mountain and everyone else in the movie was wearing parkas. At one point, as his rippling torso again filled the screen, Nancy looked at him and then took a long look at me. I was nine and a half stone when we met at university. Any weight I've put on since then is mostly in the wrong places. She looked back at him then at me and finally said, "You know, I'm just not attracted to well-built men." I turned this comment over and over in my mind, looking for the compliment that I was certain lurked beneath the surface of what she had said, but apparently it lurked too deep - for I could never find it!"*

Want to know what happens next? Read "The Life You've Always Wanted"

### Ecclesiastical Bonus Scheme

Last year, to mark their 130<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018, the Ecclesiastical Insurance Office offered to donate a bonus of **£130.00** each time a member of our church takes out a home insurance policy with them. **Full details of the bonus offer can be found on the church notice board.** So far over 600 donations have been made to churches but none to St. John's, Haydon Wick! Is your home insurance policy due for renewal soon? If so, why not obtain a quote from the Ecclesiastical?



**Sunday School Families  
Picnic  
22nd July 1pm  
Lydiard Park  
(in front of house)**

**Prayers:** **Ruby Allen** at the time of writing is in hospital with a chest infection, but hoping to be home for her birthday on Saturday. **Andrew** remains in the Prospect Hospice. He is very weak and tired and sleeping a lot, but was greatly cheered by the card from the congregation thanking him for his work as our treasurer. **Rachel** his daughter, had an operation on her foot on Tuesday. Do pray for her as she finds her lack of mobility a great sadness under present circumstances. **Brian Sweetman** has been very unwell again recently. We remember him and **Susan**. **Andy Hall and Carol** are also in our prayers. Andy's brother Michael passed away last week. We remember his wife **Audrey and their children** in these sad days and as they face the future without him. **Dean Viv Faull** is going to be consecrated Bishop in St Paul's on Tuesday, the first step to her becoming Bishop of Bristol in September.



# Sunday July 01

## Trinity 6

Mon 2nd	9.30-11.30am	Pram Club
Tues 3rd	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>
Wed 4th	1.00-3.00pm	Craft Club
Fri 6th	10.30am-1.30pm	Rock Café

Please pray for our church family	
<b>Mon 2nd</b>	Stan & Decima Iles
<b>Tue 3rd</b>	Julie Jarman
<b>Wed 4th</b>	Dilys Kimber
<b>Thurs 5th</b>	Delroy & Natalie King & family
<b>Fri 6th</b>	George & Joan King
<b>Sat 7th</b>	Pearl King
<b>Sun 8th</b>	Natalie Lam

There is an Ikea plate and a plastic cake container on the table in the foyer. If this is yours please collect it. Thanks.

Services Next Week			
<b>8th July</b>	9am 11am	Holy Communion All Age Service	Raymond Adams Raymond Adams

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Time	Service	Preacher	Readings
9.00am	Holy Communion 1662	Raymond Adams	Zechariah 4: 1-6 2 Corinthians 12: 1-10
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