

Monday 27 January "Open to All" meeting in church, 8 pm  
Monday 27 January Parochial Church Council meets, after the 8 pm meeting  
Monday 3 February Men's Fellowship: Marion Field on the Brethren  
Tuesday 4 February Monthly youth update and prayers, 9.30 am and 7 pm  
Wednesday 5 February Holy Communion at 11 am, followed by a light lunch  
Thursday 6 February Anchor: Stuart Wright on working with the young  
Friday 7 February Taizé evening in Holy Trinity, 8.30 to 9.30 pm  
Tuesday 11 February Rev Shirley Cooper instituted at St Mary's Long Ditton  
Monday 17 February Meeting for pray-ers, readers and PA operators  
Monday 24-27 February Half term Holiday Club  
Saturday 1 March New Hall youth Reunion being held at Holy Trinity  
Monday 3 March Men's Fellowship (Ladies Night): Ben Young on  
The Times Round the World Yacht Race  
Tuesday 4 March Monthly youth update and prayers, 9.30 am and 7 pm  
Wednesday 5 March Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at 11 am, plus lunch  
Wednesday 9 April Annual Parochial Church Meeting  
Friday 18 April Good Friday: St Matthew Passion performed in church  
Monday 2 - 4 June Senior Holiday at Pilgrim Hall  
Friday 12 March 2004 Parish Weekend away at High Leigh

### REGULAR SUNDAY SERVICES

	8 am	10 am	6.30 pm
1st Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	All Age Service	Evening Prayer
2nd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Holy Communion Ord. 1
3rd Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer
4th Sunday	Holy Communion BCP	Holy Communion Ord. 1	Evening Prayer
5th Sunday	Holy Communion (trad)	Morning Praise	Evening Prayer

### WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monthly on a Wednesday (see diary above): Holy Communion (Prayer Book)  
2nd and 4th Wednesdays, at 2 pm: Toddlers' Praise (in the Church Hall)  
Every Wednesday, at 7 am: Prayers for 30 minutes (in the Quiet Room)  
Every Thursday, at 3.45 pm: Intercessions (in the Quiet Room)

Monthly on a Thursday, at 11.45 am at Wingham Court: Holy Communion  
4th Thursday in month, at 11.30 am at the Day Centre: Holy Communion

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Calling all our 5 to 11 year old readers..

## IT'S HOLIDAY CLUB TIME AGAIN

It's half term at the end of the month, so head for the church every morning, Monday to Thursday. We are welcoming everyone between the ages of 5 and 11, and it costs just £1 a day. All you have to do is come to the foyer of Holy Trinity to register each morning.

Our Holiday Club this term is called **The Rockzone**. Come and find out what 'Chip' has discovered in the Super Computer, and meet Fisherman Pete, who has met the most amazing person in the world.

The dates are Monday 24th to Thursday 27th February, and the times are 9.30 am till noon.

What's more, come to church at 10 o'clock the following Sunday, 2nd March, and see yourself on the Big Screen. There will be a special Holiday Club-oriented All-Age service, where a video of the Club will be shown.

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## Annual General Meeting

Holy Trinity's Annual Parochial Church Meeting is only two months away, so it is time we urged you to make sure that the date is in your diary. It is on Wednesday 9th April, starting at 8.15 pm.

Since it is the one occasion in the year when we review the activities of the church and hold elections for those to represent the membership on the Church Council, it is important that there is a good attendance from across Holy Trinity's different congregations. If you haven't been before, perhaps this is the time to come along.

This could also be the time for you to start considering whether you should offer yourself for election to the PCC. Look for more about this in next month's magazine.

## MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

An upbringing among the Plymouth Brethren, with one of the more extreme interpretations of what it means to live by God's rules, can be a strange experience. Marion Field is one of those who were brought up in that way, and she will be speaking to this month's meeting of the Men's Fellowship. It is on Monday 3rd February, in the Church Hall at the usual time of 8 for 8.15 pm.

The March meeting of the Fellowship, on the 3rd, will be one for which a warm welcome is extended to lady guests. It will feature Ben Young giving an illustrated talk on *The Times Round the World Yacht Race*.

## NEW VICAR FOR LONG DITTON

St Mary's Long Ditton receives its new Vicar this month. The Revd Shirley Cooper will be instituted at a service in the church on Tuesday 11th February. We send our good wishes to her and to all in our neighbouring parish.

## Pray-ers, readers and PA operators get together

All those who participate in Holy Trinity's Sunday services by reading lessons, leading prayers and operating the sound system have been invited to meet in the church on Monday 17th February. Across the three services, that includes a large number of people, whom Julian thanks for helping the church's Sunday ministry run so smoothly and to such a high standard.

The meeting is designed to encourage us in good practice, to hear of any problems we are facing with the task, and to learn some of the do's and don'ts. Anyone who is thinking of volunteering to be added to one of the rotas is welcome to come along to the meeting, which starts at 8 o'clock.

## Taizé Hour

The haunting music of the Taizé style of worship has achieved considerable popularity in recent years as a way of helping us to find God and listen to him. Holy Trinity is hosting an hour of Taizé-style music, prayer and silence, for Churches Together in Esher and Claygate, on Friday 7th February at 8.30 pm. Do join us!

## Anchor

Stuart Wright will be the speaker at February's Anchor meeting, on Thursday 6th February at 15 Claremont Road, 7.30 for 8 pm as usual.

## Insight

The deadline for contributions to the March issue of the Parish Magazine is Saturday 15th February.

## CHRISTMAS CONGREGATIONS SET RECORDS

Attendances at the traditional carol service and at the Christingle services reached new levels this year. For the first time since the church was enlarged, it was full to overflowing for the carol service. And the decision to split this year's Christingle service into two was vindicated when a total of 730 adults and children turned up on the afternoon of Christmas Eve!

## A NEW NOTICEBOARD

Although it was in the Christmas magazine that we told readers to expect a new Church noticeboard, the extremely wet conditions in November and December delayed it. As most of you will have seen, the board has now been erected facing Church Road, giving information about Holy Trinity staff, when the office and church are open and Sunday services.

## Parish boundary is under review

The PCC has decided to pursue the idea of modifying Holy Trinity's parish boundaries so that they conform more closely with the identity of the village. Housing development over the years has led to several anomalies.

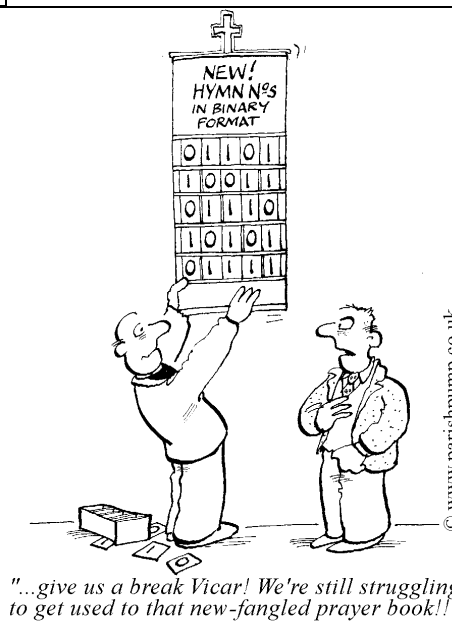
For example, much of Stevens Lane and the roads to the east of it (Lower Wood Road, Melbury Close, Ruxley etc) fall within the parish of Long Ditton, while the Chessington parish boundary sneaks across the fields to take in a few of the houses in Ruxley Crescent. On the other hand, Claygate's boundary encroaches on Hinchley Wood by embracing houses at the southern end of Manor Road.

Colin Wheatley, on behalf of the PCC, will be negotiating with our neighbouring parishes to see whether a more sensible definition of boundaries can be formally instituted. It is not expected to be a speedy process!

## Leaders meet

The leaders of all the various areas of Holy Trinity's ministry met together on 13th January. They included not only the staff team but a number of church members who have taken charge of aspects of the church's activities, numbering about two dozen in all. Julian said that he was greatly encouraged and heartened by what was being achieved as a result of the willingness of individuals to take on responsibility in the church, and by their turning out in force for such a meeting.

Julian spoke about the implications of the Church's 2003 Motto for the work of the Church and put it in the context of the various developments which were in train for 2003. The meeting then spent some time praying for the Church and its work.



"...give us a break Vicar! We're still struggling to get used to that new-fangled prayer book!!"

## Stuart to return to college

Stuart Wright is to start an MA course at King's College London in the autumn, on the subject of Youth Ministry and Theological Education. The course is part-time, but it inevitably means that Stu will not be able to continue in a full-time capacity as Holy Trinity's Youth Worker.

We are delighted to report that the PCC and Stu have agreed that he will continue with us on a part-time basis, so that his talents will not be lost to us, and his valuable work among the young people of the community need not come to a stop.

Nevertheless, the move means that some changes will need to be made in the way that Holy Trinity's children's and youth ministry is organised and conducted, and the details of those changes are in the course of being worked out.

## Social goes with a swing (of a bell)

A very enjoyable time was had by the Men's Fellowship and their guests at their New Year Social on 6th January. With no shortage of food and drink, another of Ken Hibberd's introductory games (did you succeed in finding anybody admitting to being 90?), and brainteasers from Bob Burgess, we eventually settled down to some entertainment. Bob Burgess took advertising as the theme for his slide show, with plenty of amusement from the past, after which John Williamson got a brave line-up of volunteers playing tunes on handbells. An expert - and diocesan consultant - on church bells from East Molesey, John quickly taught our volunteers (oh, all right - most of them, anyway, but it did add to the entertainment, didn't it?) how to master the technique of ringing a bell when required, and not otherwise!

## CHARITIES BENEFIT FROM CHRISTMAS AT HOLY TRINITY

This year's beneficiary of Holy Trinity's Christmas appeal was Crisis, the nationwide charity working with homeless people, and collections at our Christmas Eve and Christmas Day services enabled us to send them the sum of £2725.38.

The two Christingle services on Christmas Eve raised £918.51 for the Children's Society, the Church of England charity which has promoted the Christingle service in this country. In addition our Churchwarden Simon Botham sold copies of his CD and raised £450 for the Independent newspaper appeal for Africa.

## Exchange of linked pulpits

Readers of our centre feature last month, about our link parish of St Peter's Norbiton, will be interested to know that the two Vicars will be swapping pulpits for the main morning service on Sunday 9th February. The Revd Peter Holmes will be preaching at 10 o'clock at Holy Trinity, while Julian takes Peter's place in Norbiton.

## Alpha update

Holy Trinity's latest Alpha course started its twelve week run on Thursday evening, 16th January, and has 16 participants.

## emailing the Editor

Those sending material for *Insight*, or otherwise contacting Jon Davey by email, should note that the correct address is [jondavey@fish.co.uk](mailto:jondavey@fish.co.uk). The address in the Church Directory was an error, and should not be used.

## A message from the Archbishop

*This New Year article by the Most Revd Dr Rowan Williams, the Archbishop of Canterbury, has been circulated to editors of parish magazines.*

A visit to the theatre is something special ... from period dramas to murder mysteries to musicals. There's something magical about the theatre. It is a different world in which anything can happen. In this world, with a dab or two of makeup here and a change of costume there, the players are able to transform themselves completely - to assume new identities, far removed from their every day characters and personalities. As spectators we enter willingly into the make believe. We admire the skill of the actors. And perhaps we feel a twinge or two of envy. How wonderful to be able to escape into another character, to become someone else altogether - inhabiting that absorbing world on the other side of the footlights.

After the performance we accept the make believe for what it was. But in much of the modern world the issue is a bit more serious. We are in the world not of make-believe but of make-overs. Walk down almost any street in town, and you'll see banks, businesses, cafes and bars busy reinventing themselves. Time for a change to the décor and the name. Businesses, charities, seem obsessed with re-branding themselves. You do wonder a bit how much difference it really makes.

So what's going on? I suppose that behind all this is an anxiety. What do people really think of us, of me? Do they trust us, do they admire us, do they think we're better than our competitors? Perhaps if we changed the name, changed the image, we'd look better, and be trusted and relied on. Worth a try. But how do we know?

Perhaps people trust us even less when we change the brand name? It can be an infallible recipe for anxiety, permanent, restless concern about how we look. We're bound to think, as a new year gets underway, about change in general - and this is just one kind of change. But it's one that tells us some uncomfortable truths about ourselves, about

the way we live now.

So it may be worth remembering that, for Christians, February 2nd commemorates the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, when he became 'publicly' known. Christians, like other religious believers, see God as someone who tells us who he is, who gives himself a name by which we know him, a name to call him. And we believe that God isn't constantly anxious about what we think of him, constantly reinventing himself. Of course, that hasn't stopped us down the ages inventing millions of pictures of him - human images of our own devising to help us try to grasp the divine.

But in reality Christians, like other religious people, believe that God doesn't change - he is eternally who he is and delighted in being who he is. So God tells us, openly, lovingly, who he is, and invites our response. And the strange thing is that if we do respond in trust, we discover that our anxieties about who we are can be dealt with. For if God doesn't change, there's something in us that doesn't change, something that's always true and valuable and loveable. No need for constant makeovers.

For me, this isn't just words - I find myself in the middle of some of the biggest changes in my own life. Still, however the world goes, whether any of us ends up as a success or a failure, something is there that can't be destroyed - this year, next year, or ever. I hope that as 2003 gets underway you'll be aware of that, and know that there is something beyond anxiety and fear. God is to be trusted; you don't have to struggle endlessly in order to be loved.

# Holy Trinity's support for a start-up church

## *Where is the Church on the Heath?*

Those of our readers who drive down the M3 will have seen the large hoarding, not far from the Fleet Services, proclaiming the new community of Elvetham Heath. It is a new housing development between Fleet and Hartley Wintney which was started in 2000 but which by 2007 is expected to have expanded to a population of about 5000. Regarding it as crucial that there should be a worshipping community as part of this development, the main Christian churches got together to establish a Local Ecumenical Partnership, comprising Anglicans, Baptists, Methodists and United Reformed members. Moreover, the former owner of the land on which Elvetham Heath is being built, Sir Euan Calthorpe, was instrumental in ensuring that a site for a church was integrated in the planning of the development.

## *How far has the church progressed?*

To ensure that a Christian presence was an early feature of Elvetham Heath, a Church Minister, the Revd David Price, and his family, were among the first to take up residence in the new community. A seeding congregation of 25 began to meet in the Community Centre, and a church family began to grow. We reported last March that the congregation had grown to over a hundred, and the latest news is that, after a quiet summer, the church has been pleased to welcome a renewed flow of newcomers, and eight new people were received into membership in November.

## *Holy Trinity's support*

As a matter of policy, Holy Trinity devotes 10 per cent of its income to outward giving, which is overseen by the Missionary Team. It is from this budget that £2000 was given at the beginning of last year, with a similar amount being donated at the year end.

*Reviewing our outward giving budget at the end of 2002, Holy Trinity decided to make a further donation to 'The Church on the Heath'. It is one of those rare examples of a church being started from scratch, and is very grateful for the support of others in its struggle to establish itself. These pages give some of the background.*

## *The activities of the church*

At an early stage, the Church on the Heath started a Sunday School and a Youth Group. The latest news is that it is facing an increasing need to rearrange its children's work, as they are outgrowing the available space in the community centre, being used until the church has accommodation of its own.

In the October half-term, the church held a 'Desert Detectives' Holiday Club at the local school. An increasing number of other events led to a patchy attendance, but the club was enjoyed by 28 children, searching for the Mighty GodSword.

The church has a music group, which has been expanding with the addition of guitarists, a violinist and a trumpeter.

A network of small groups has been developing: there are currently four groups studying links between Christianity, working life and the contemporary world, plus an Alpha group and a post-Alpha group studying the 'Challenging Lifestyle' series on the Sermon on the Mount.

The Minister has conducted the first marriage of an Elvetham Heath resident, and this year will see more.

## *A home for the church*

Last year, the Church on the Heath accepted an option agreement for a half-acre site at the end of the new village square. This will place a new church building immediately opposite the main entrance of the new Safeway supermarket which, along with a petrol station, opened for business last November.

The church and its architects are working to put in place as soon as possible a high quality building which meets the needs of the church and community and which satisfies the local design brief. They are discussing designs with Elvetham Heath Developments, from whom approval is required before they are permitted to make a planning application. They are in the meantime also liaising with Hart District Council as the planning authority.

The cost estimate for the building is £2 million. Support from the sponsoring denominations is expected to provide about half of this amount, with the remaining £1 million coming from the congregation, community, trusts and other sources. The church expresses its gratitude for some generous and encouraging donations already received from individuals and churches.

A public appeal for funds will be launched once Elvetham Heath Developments agree the initial design. That will be at the same time as the design is made public and planning permission is applied for. This is expected to be early this year.

Once planning permission has been received and the funding for the new church has been committed, the option agreement on the site will be translated into a 999 year lease at a peppercorn rent. The Church on the Heath is looking forward to sharing details of the agreed design with its community and its supporters - just as it looks forward to welcoming them to the finished building!

There is always a risk in deciding to cancel a service in favour of an alternative. But the decision to invite a Korean Choir to Holy Trinity for the evening of January 19<sup>th</sup> proved for the second time to be a risk well worth taking.

Though their visit was fleeting, they arrived at 5.30 pm and had gone by 8.30 pm, all who were able to attend were treated to one of those rare and very special moments, that will remain etched in the memory for many years to come, an evening that uplifted the thoughts and the spirits of all present. What made those three hours so significant, such a cause for thanksgiving to Almighty God?

First, it is moving to be caught up in the customs of another culture. Too easily we become narrow in our outlook. It's good to have those horizons broadened on a regular basis and learn from another way of being and doing.

Secondly, the ability of the human voice when trained and practised seems to know no bounds. The skill of the choir was breathtaking. They did not need any music and from a glance at the conductor's finger were able to start and stop with extraordinary precision and unanimity.

Thirdly, their creativity was inspiring. There was always something to surprise, from the echo sound of voices from four hidden singers to the encircling of the audience for one of the final songs.

Fourthly, care in presentation, swift changes of clothes, and meticulous appearance gave the evening a sense of dignity and importance. Their sense of discipline over detail was exemplary.

Fifthly, the smile of their faces told an important story. They loved what they were doing and were having fun in the doing of it. That on its own was therapy!

Lastly, the sincerity of their faith in Jesus Christ was evident. They meant what they were singing. They were Christians first and singers second. Their concern, no doubt expressed in secret prayer before the evening, was for their hearers to know Christ better as a result of their singing.

And all of this was true of a group of twenty eight young students. Their fleeting visit has I am sure left a lasting impression.

The point I want to leave with you this month is this. Each of us makes an impression on the lives of others, those we live and work with, either for good or for ill or a mixture of both. Even our brief contacts with others leave an impression. Our resolve as Christians must be to stay so close to Christ, that others when they meet us sense that we have been with Him. His presence in us can make a good and lasting impres-




### *From the Parish Registers*

We welcome into the  
family of the Church:

Conor Hayley Ballard  
(Baptised on 19th January)

We offer sympathy to the  
relatives and friends of:

Irene Mabel Culling  
(6th November)

Joyce Eva Smith  
(7th December)

Edna Jean Margaret Burrows  
(13th December)

Mary Eileen Tyte  
(18th December)

Angela Robinson-Smith  
(20th December)

Violet Waller Baker  
(25th December)

Doris Woolley  
(31st December)

Dorothy Syrad  
(3rd January)

Peter Arnold  
(9th January)



## Parish Personalities

*Clive Finniear faces this month's  
Insight Inquisition.*

*Where were you brought up?  
Porth - Gateway to the Rhondda.  
How long have you lived in Claygate?  
For 26½ years.*

*What do you like most about it?  
The visibility of the changing seasons,  
with the abundance of trees.*

*And if there was one thing you could  
change? The increasing presence of  
litter and graffiti.*

*Where would you locate your ideal home?  
Where it is sunny and warm, and near  
the sea.*

*What is the least welcome part of your  
daily round? Getting up early.*

*Which personal trait do you struggle most  
to overcome? My inability to focus on  
more than one thing at a time.*

*What food are you most partial to?  
A good rump steak with chips.*

*And leave on the side of your plate?  
Baked beans.*

*What do you watch on television?  
Sport, current affairs & period drama.*

*What would your desert island book be?  
Nelson Mandela's 'Long Walk to  
Freedom'.*

*What is your favourite music?  
Mozart's Flute Concerto in D major.*

*And your favourite hymn?  
"When I survey the wondrous cross".*

*Which passage of the Bible is most telling  
for you personally?*

*Matthew 5. 16.*

*Do you have an unfulfilled ambition?*

*To be able to speak French and German  
reasonably well.*

# A Moment to

That story of how Jesus called his first disciples is astonishing, isn't it? It is very sudden and dramatic. The call comes without apparent preparation. The response is instantaneous. No CVs, references or interviews. No job description or discussion of terms. And they all seem to have been strangers, even if, in John's account (1. 35-51), there was slightly more to it.

The first extraordinary feature to our contemporary eyes is the identity of those whom Jesus chose. Fishermen. It was a far from obvious choice for the leaders of a new movement, called to preach God's word, teach his ways and carry the good news to the wider world. But the first readers of the gospels knew how the story was to end. Simon Peter and his fellow disciples were well-known figures. The early Christians knew what sort of men they were, they were aware of their origins but could see how Jesus' choice had been vindicated in the way they had committed themselves to his service.

Everything we know about Jesus leaves us unsurprised that he could see the potential of those he called. But might we not still be surprised by the alacrity of their response? They can have had no inkling of where the decision to follow would lead, of what discipleship would involve or require them to do, of the sacrifices that would be demanded from them, even martyrdom. Yet they had no hesitation in going when Jesus called, immediately leaving their boats, their tackle and their workmates in order to be with him.

We can see the gospels as using this story in order to remind the followers of Jesus, not merely those for whom they were first written but Christians through the ages, of the nature of the personal commitment which is inseparable from faith. First, the initiative for faith is not our own, but God's: it is he who has called us into fellowship with his Son

"Come, follow me,' Jesus said, 'and I will make you fishers of men'"

Matthew, chap. 4, verse 19

Jesus Christ, as Paul likes to emphasise. When God calls us, what can we do but obey?

Secondly, faith necessarily involves us in leaving things behind. They will include those things which are worldly rather than godly, the things which are not compatible with the new life to which we are called. But they may also include good things as well, things like the disciples' fishing business, from which we move away in order to progress in our life with God.

And thirdly, the commitment of faith involves service, putting ourselves to whatever tasks God would have us do, working in the steps of Jesus and with the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to fulfil his purposes here on earth.

- *Scribatius*

## How to obscure a simple message

*And Jesus said to them: 'Who do you say that I am?'*

*And the theologians replied: 'You are the eschatological manifestation of the ground of our being. In you we find theosis, for you are the kerygma of which we find the ultimate meaning of our interpersonal relationships.'*

*And Jesus said: "What?"*

# Practical parenting

*Holy Trinity's service to the local community gets under way*

An 8-session programme for parents of children in the 0 - 6 age group begins at Holy Trinity on Tuesday evening, 11th March.

The 'Practical Parenting' organisation, based in Guildford, is to help us with leading the programme. This is a great opportunity for all parents to come and talk about the issues involved in a fun, informal way, and to discover how to really enjoy being a parent!

Our hope is that leaders from within the church will emerge so that a full series of programmes can be developed, and run on a

regular basis, in the future. These will also cover the parenting of older children and teenagers.

A leaflet giving more information about the programme running from March to May, which is open to all in the local community, can be picked up in the church foyer. Otherwise, if you would like further information about how to attend (places are strictly limited!) please contact Valerie Bagley on 464243.

Having been so impressed by Professor Chai Hoon-Cha's older choir last July, we couldn't resist suggesting that other members of Churches Together in Esher and Claygate should come to Holy Trinity to catch his return visit on 19th January. Well over a hundred people turned up, and they cannot have been disappointed.

The Korean Students Glee Club sang 21 pieces from their repertoire, all from memory, but with total confidence and conviction. Professor Chai is clearly a gifted choir trainer, and the enthusiasm and discipline with which the choir sang - reflected too in the way they moved around,

broke up and reformed - was testimony to his talent, just as the quality of the singing was evidence of the high talent of the choir members.

The concert ranged from Bach to the avant-garde, via spirituals and psalm settings, even including a spirited version of *Get me to the Church on time* as one of the four encores. That the choir is Christian, meeting for Bible study as well as singing practice, came over so well, and comments in the foyer afterwards included 'inspirational', 'moving' and 'exhilarating'. It was, Julian told the choir, a 'terrific treat' for us all.

## NEIGHBOURHOOD WATCH

Neighbourhood Watch has languished in Claygate in recent years, but the scheme is

### Congratulations

... to Leonard and Winifred Smith on the occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary. Len and Win were married in Holy Trinity on 17th January 1953 and, having moved away in the meantime, returned to the church for a service on Saturday 18th January 2003 in which they renewed their marriage vows.

