

Calendar

July & August 2017

JULY	Sunday 9th	11:00am	Worship – Led by Julian Templeton	JULY
	Tuesday 11th	8:00pm	Elders' Meeting	
	Wed 12th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club (final before summer break)	
	Sunday 16th	11:00am	Worship Led by Helen Snider and Andrew Summers	
	Wednesday 19th	8:00pm	St. John's Fellowship – In the Footsteps of the Famous in Barnet & Monken Hadley with Paul Baker	
	Sunday 23rd	11:00am	Worship Led by Julian Templeton	
	Monday 24th		Extension Work to St. John's Sanctuary due to begin	
	Tuesday 25th	8:00pm	Prayer & Discussion Group at 37 Greenhill Park	
	Wed 26th	2:30pm	Short and Simple Worship, Memorial Room	
	Friday 28th	2:00pm	Women's World Day of Prayer Summer Tea Party, Large Hall - All Welcome	
	Saturday 29th	10:00am	Community Garden Session	
	Sunday 30th	11:00am	Worship – Led by Roz Douglas, Large Hall	
		3:00pm	Causeway- "Party in the Park" in Greenhill Gardens. (In Church Hall if wet).	
	Monday 31st	8:00pm	Men's Group – The Railway Bell, East Barnet	
AUGUST	Sunday 6th	10:00am	Informal Prayer in Memorial Room	AUGUST
		10:30am	Elders' Meeting, Vestry	
		11:00am	Worship with the Lord's Supper Led by Julian Templeton, Large Hall	
		12:30pm	Shared Lunch	
		2:00pm	Informal Presentations and Discussions of Traditional Marriage and Same Sex Marriage	
	Sunday 13th	11:00am	Worship Led by Julian Templeton, Large Hall	
	Saturday 19th	5:00pm	Fellowship Garden Party at 67 Belmont Avenue, EN4 9JS	
	Sunday 20th	11:00am	Worship led by Julian Templeton, Large Hall	
	Friday 25th		Copy Deadline for next edition of Church Record	
	Sunday 27th	11:00am	Worship led by Alison Bond, Large Hall	
	Thursday 31st	8:30pm	Men's Group – The Black Horse ,Wood Street	
SEPT	Sunday 3rd	10:00am	Informal Prayer in Memorial Room	SEPT
		10:30am	Elders' Meeting, Vestry	
		11:00am	Worship with the Lord's Supper Led by Julian Templeton, Large Hall	

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From the Minister

The Sufficiency of the Scriptures

Guide us, Lord, by 'Scripture only',
speak to us your living Word.
Open minds, Discerning Spirit,
making clear what's read and heard.
Preacher's passion, scholar's skill;
both combine to show your will.

When the Reformers appealed to 'Scripture alone' (*Sola Scriptura*), they were claiming that the Old and New Testaments provide sufficient authority and guidance for faith and life. In claiming this sufficiency the Reformers were indicating that the Scriptures ought to take priority in the Church's decision-making. The Word of God in the Scriptures is invested with the highest authority; the Church is the creature and servant of the Word.

The Second Helvetic (Swiss) Confession, 1566, is typical of many Reformed Confessions of the time in affirming the sufficiency of the Scriptures' authority.

We believe and confess that the canonical Scriptures of the holy prophets and apostles of both Testament to be the true Word of God, and to have sufficient authority of themselves, not of men. For God himself spoke to

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the fathers, prophets, apostles, and still speaks to us through the Holy Scriptures.

The Scriptures' authority derives from being the written record of God's Word to the patriarchs, prophets and apostles through which God himself still speaks to us. This firm and passionate conviction that God *still speaks to us* through the Scriptures explains the lengths and pains to which the early Reformers went first to translate the Scriptures into native languages and to make the Bible readily available. In hindsight we may reflect on the providential invention of Gutenberg's mechanical moveable type printing press, which made mass-produced and affordable editions of the Bible available. Through the combined labours of translators and printers, William Tyndale's retort to an objectionable clergyman became a possibility:

...if God spares my life, ere many years, I will cause the boy that driveth the plow to know more of the Scriptures than thou dost!

The assertion that neither the Pope nor the Church Councils have the right to interpret the Scriptures by authority *without learning* was what led directly to Martin Luther's excommunication by the Roman Church. Luther spent much of his early career lecturing on the Bible. Once he was excommunicated and became a Reformer of the Church he continued to be an interpreter of the Bible, as did all of the early Reformers. The vast majority of Calvin's work and output was sermons, biblical lectures, and Bible commentaries. Having read some of the Reformers' works, I am struck by the way in which they put their renaissance and humanist education and facility with languages to the service of the *learned* interpretation of the Scriptures.

Anyone who has tried to read the Bible knows that it is, in many respects, not an easy read. This is hardly surprising given that it is a collected library of 66 books, written by authors who wrote in Hebrew or Aramaic or Greek, and spans approximately a thousand-year period from 900 BC to 100 AD. It ranges over a vast variety of different kinds of literature: poetry, prose, theological history, apocalyptic vision, epistle and Gospel. Despite this variety and range the Reformers affirmed, and billions of Christians have testified in their experience, that God speaks through the Scriptures. God speaks to us through the Scriptures but never the Scriptures in isolation. This is because none of us exists in a culture-free bubble. We speak a language or languages in which cultural assumptions, worldviews, and thought-forms are embedded.

The Reformers in their role as scriptural interpreters realised the necessity for cultural translation and explanation if they were to communicate the gospel of

Jesus Christ effectively. In practice they never restricted themselves to the Scriptures alone but made reference to other sources that enabled their hearers and readers to understand the Scriptures better. For example, they believed that God continues to speak through the Church's tradition—Calvin frequently quotes Augustine of Hippo (354–430 AD)—and they also believed that God speaks through contemporary learning, which is why, wherever the Church went, literacy, schools, and eventually universities followed.

What distinguishes Reformed Churches from Fundamentalist Churches is the former's refusal to identify the Word of God with Scriptures *without remainder*. That is, Reformed Churches do not affirm that every word of the Bible is inerrant (without error); generally, Fundamentalist Churches do. The United Reformed Church's statement in the *Basis of Union* is typical of Reformed Churches' understanding of the Scriptures

[We acknowledge] the Word of God in the Old and New Testaments, discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as the supreme authority for the faith and conduct of all God's people.

The Word of God is acknowledged "in" the Old and New Testaments, and is to be "discerned under the guidance of the Holy Spirit". Discerning the Word of God—God's message and will today—is what I attempt to do week-by-week when I prepare to preach. It is also what we attempt to do together in Church Meeting. It is the demanding process of trying to understand the message of the Scriptures guided by the Holy Spirit. We would do a disservice to the Spirit's guidance either if we were to think 'God has nothing to say to us in this particular Bible passage' or if we were to think 'God has nothing to say to us in this cultural or scientific insight'. Our challenge and task today is to discern God's Word by bringing Bible passages and cultural/scientific insights together. For example, if we believe that "God so loved the world that he gave his only Son" (John 3:16) then what theological insights about God, and what cultural and scientific insights about 'the world', will help us to communicate this gospel message? I recently came across the following story that may encourage us as we try to integrate the Bible with advances in knowledge:

Someone once challenged Galileo to explain how, when the universe is so vast, God can care for every creature. Galileo replied: "The sun, with all the planets revolving round it and dependent on it, can still ripen a bunch of grapes as if it had nothing else in the universe to do."

Julian Templeton

Manse Garden Party Saturday 17 June



We were blessed with a fantastically hot summer's day for this annual event. The Patio is a great sun-trap but luckily we have the beautiful apple tree that offered shade for those that preferred this – even Pebbles the cat. Thank you to everyone that brought all the delicious food and drink that makes this such a success and easy for us to host. The first picture illustrates the love Julian puts into mowing the lawn in preparation!

Laura Templeton

Junior Church Summer Holidays

During the school holidays the usual Junior Church activities will not be provided, to enable the team to have a break. If you bring any children to St Johns on these Sundays (23 July – 27 August), or notice

any visiting children, please give them the Junior Church Activity Box, or ask a door steward for it. It contains books, colouring and small toys which can be used during the service. Thank you!

The Junior Church Leaders

OPERATION CHRISTMAS

This autumn some of us will once again be supporting the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. If you haven't been involved before, is this something you might like to consider? Leaflets, with full details, will be available in September, and the deadline (the date on which I will be taking our boxes to the nearest collection point) is likely to be during the first half of November. It's really very simple; you cover an ordinary shoebox in coloured paper and put into it gifts likely to be appreciated by a child who has very little – small toys, stationery items such as pens and pencils, and useful things like toothbrushes. Sweets can also be included! (The leaflet lists the 'dos and don'ts', which are quite important, so do refer to this before packing up the box.) These boxes are sent to children all over the world who have very little – sometimes the box a child receives may be the first gift ever received, and the little gifts will be treasured in a way that is hard for UK children to understand! If you have any questions, do ask, and if you feel you can join in this year, your box will make a difference to a vulnerable child. Happy Christmas!!

Janet Harvey



Sisters Natasha and Elvira were taken into care when a neighbour raised concerns about the girl's welfare. When the social centre gained access to the house they found the girls with no heating and very little food or clothes. They are now well cared for and love the company of the other children they now live with. The girls said they hope to be fostered soon. In all the excitement of looking through their shoeboxes, their gifts became all mixed up, but they said it did not matter as they were going to share everything anyway!

Erina and Anna were found abandoned in their home. By the time the authorities discovered them they were emaciated and starving. They were taken to a Social Centre in an area of Belarus to be cared for, and it was here that they received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox. They both loved their shoebox gifts and said, "We hope lots of other boys and girls have as much fun as we will have."



New Barnet and East Barnet
WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
Summer Tea Party

Friday 28th July, 2017 (2pm start to 3.30pm)

At St. John's United Reformed Church Large Hall,
Mowbray Road Entrance (/Somerset Road),
New Barnet, Herts. EN5 1RH-near Station Road, New Barnet

Everybody Welcome, including Men.



Refreshments provided. Bring and Buy Stall in aid of WWDP Funds.
Donations of gifts or money gratefully accepted.

Enquiries & RSVP: Marjorie O'Connor (WWDP, Sec.) Home-0208 445 6580 or mobile 07515 910514 (no voicemail). Email: marjorie.oconnor@btinternet.com

St John's URC Fellowship Garden Party

To be held on Saturday 19th August 2017
5pm-9pm

At 67, Belmont Avenue, Cockfosters, EN4 9JS
(home of Ron Mobbs & Sue)

Refreshments provided incl. soft drinks but
Bring Your Own Alcohol and glass.

Tickets cost £10 per person and available from
Sue Taylor (old.friend1962@gmail.com) 0208 4414333
Marjorie O'Connor (marjorie.oconnor@btinternet.com)
0208 445 6580 or 07515 910514 but no voicemail.

Last date for sale is Sunday 13th August.
Please confirm a.s.a.p. for catering purposes.
Many thanks. ALL WELCOME.



Update On Church Extension

The work to construct the cantilevered extension in the Church Sanctuary to provide an accessible toilet and enlarged tea point is due to commence on 24th July with completion on about 10th November 2017.

The building contractor is MPD Construction Ltd, a firm which has previously carried out works at Highgate URC. The cost of the extension is about £95,000 including VAT which is higher than was originally anticipated although we have been fortunate to receive three grants totalling £19,500 towards the cost of the works and are awaiting the result of one further grant application. We are very grateful to all those who have pledged money towards the cost of the scheme.

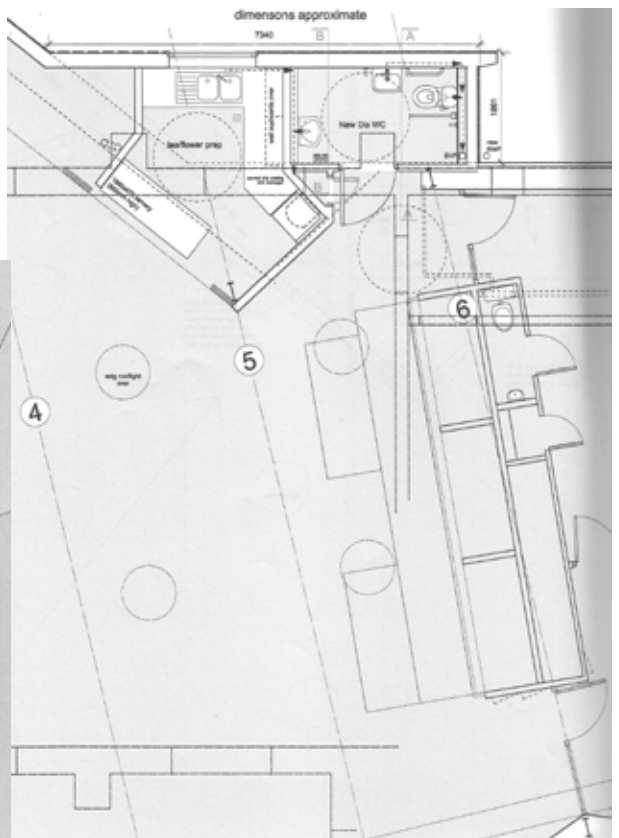
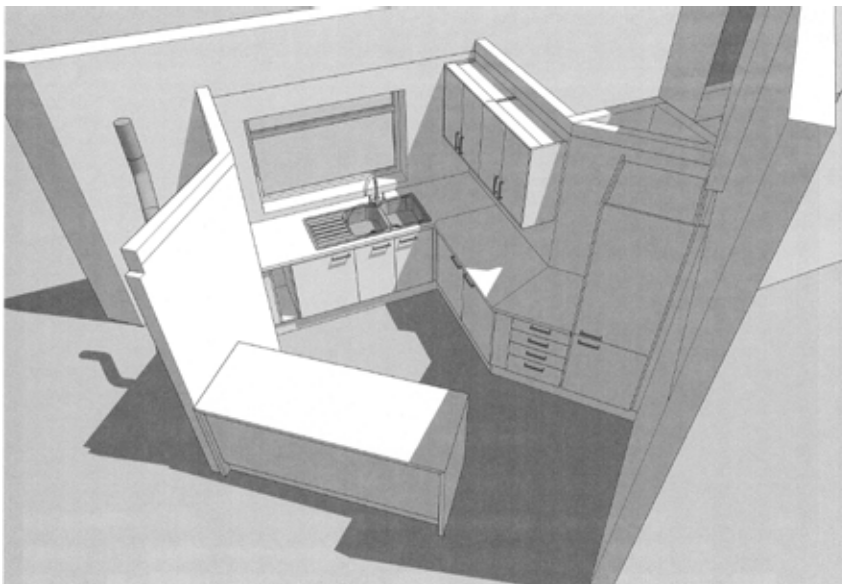
There will inevitably be some disruption during the course of the works. The car park at the side of the Church will not be available although there will still be access to the crypt by way of the side door. It is proposed to use the Large Hall for Sunday morning worship with the use of the piano and we will still be

able to have the benefit of audio and visual aids. A rota will be drawn up for help in setting up the Large Hall on a Sunday morning and any help will be much appreciated.

We are looking forward to the completion of the works which will provide greatly improved facilities for all people especially the elderly, children and for those with disabilities and will enable the Church Sanctuary to be used to a greater extent by Church groups and by those in the community as part of our Church's mission and outreach.

A plan showing the proposed layout at the rear of the Church Sanctuary and an illustration of the tea point is shown below.

Andrew Mills



Shared Lunch and Presentations about Marriage Sunday 6 August

On Sunday 6 August you are invited to bring food for a Shared Lunch after worship. For those who wish to stay beyond lunch, at 2:00 pm we will welcome two guests: one to talk about traditional marriage; one to talk about same sex marriage. Questions may be submitted in

advance, even if you cannot be there in person: email, juliantempleton@btinternet.com or write to: 11 The Fairway, New Barnet, EN5 1HH by 30 July.

This is the second part of the consultation process agreed prior to the substantive discussion at Church Meeting on 17 September. **Julian Templeton**

100 years of Women's Ordination Service, 11 June

At an evening service on 11 June at St John's Church, three Ministers and forty worshippers drawn from a number of different churches marked the centenary of Constance Coltman's ordination by the Congregational Union and celebrated 100 years of women's ministry.

Pictured from the left are the Rev'd Elizabeth Welch, Minister of Clapton Park URC who preached the sermon; the Rev'd Julian Templeton, Minister of St John's Church; and the Rev'd Dr Ann Jeffers, Minister of the Congregational Federation, serving St Margaret's URC, who led the prayers.



Constance Coltman



Julian Templeton

COMMUNITY GARDEN

The gardeners from St John's Church and Incredible Edible Barnet have been busy again planting and tending our Community Garden. As you can see from the photos – and we hope you will take a look for yourself in person – we have strawberries, tomatoes, potatoes, beans, herbs and more! If you see anything that is ripe: help yourself. The next gardening session is Saturday 29 July, 10 am to 12 noon. Even if you've had little or no gardening experience, come along and Heather or Wendy will give you a task.

Julian Templeton



St John's Fellowship

United Reformed Church

Beatrix Potter – Artist, Farmer and Conservationist

Pam Wright 17th May 2017

The Fellowship gathered on the 17th May to hear Pam Wright tell us all about Beatrix Potter and her life as an artist, but also about the less well known areas of her life, an innovative farmer and a leading conservationist. Beatrix Potter was born in London on 28th July 1866 into a wealthy family. Her father was a well known Barrister, and Beatrix was brought up mainly by a governess who encouraged the very young Beatrix to draw and paint.

Her paternal grandfather Edmond was a wealthy industrialist in Derbyshire which encouraged the family to spend every summer in the Lake District, instilling a love of the area and the countryside. As a young woman, Beatrix attended church regularly when in the Lakes, where as a young woman she met Canon Hardwicke Rawnsley, the minister of a church where the family were holidaying. Rawnsley was a very active in protecting the Lakes from over development and later, along with Octavia Hill, started the National Trust.

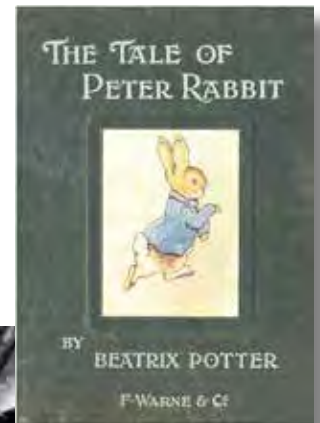
Beatrix first story was not intended to be published. Her old governess had a child who was not well, so Beatrix made him a little story with some pen and ink illustrations to cheer up the child. The story was about the adventures of a little rabbit – called Peter! She was encouraged to publish the story, so she paid for two hundred and fifty to be printed – it sold out in days. Based on this success, Beatrix was accepted by Warnes Publishers and with their guidance, books about Squirrel Nutkin, The Tailor of Gloucester and twenty five other books followed over a period of fifty years.

Beatrix also proved to be a canny business woman by ensuring that she would also receive royalties from any "spin off" merchandise. With her initial

royalties she bought her first piece of land in the Lakes. In 1905 she became engaged to Norman Warne but tragically he died after a short illness. In his memory she bought Hill Top farm in the Lakes, where she was to write for most of her life.

As her wealth grew Beatrix continued to buy farms in the area, where during one farm purchase she met William Heelis, the solicitor managing the transaction. They fell in love and married in 1913. By now Beatrix was a very successful and wealthy woman and along with her husband, she spent much of her time as a farmer and managing her farms. She was particularly interested in preserving the Herdwick sheep, which are native to the Lakes.

During her later life she became increasingly involved with the conservation work of Canon Rawnsley, who had founded the National Trust in 1895. Beatrix became very involved in the work of the NT, at one time being a board member. On her death on 22 Dec 1943 Beatrix left the bulk of her estate to the NT, this included 4500 acres of land and fifteen complete farms, all of which continue to be managed by the NT today.



Hill Top Farm, Beatrix Potter's Lake District Home

Ron Mobbs

The Fellowship Outing to Hatfield House

7th June 2017

Shaking off their rain coats and emerging from the storms of the previous day, nine Fellowship members gathered at the church in weak sunshine. Those with cars gave everyone lifts, and we all set off for a surprisingly short journey, arriving about eleven o'clock where we gathered in the charming café next to the entrance to Hatfield House. I have to confess the café featured a number of times during our visit!

The group elected to explore the magnificent house and gardens at their own pace, as there were a variety of interests within our little group. The approach to the house is spectacular, with a modern water sculpture taking centre place, contrasting modern architecture with that of a building completed in 1611. It was built by Robert Cecil, first Earl of Salisbury and son of Lord Burghley, the chief minister of Elizabeth I. The deer park surrounding the house and the older building of the Old Palace had been owned by Elizabeth's father, Henry VIII, who had used it as a home for his children, Edward, Elizabeth and Mary. It was while she was

living in the Old Palace, in 1558, that Elizabeth learned of her accession to the throne.

The house remains the home of the 7th Marquess and Marchioness of Salisbury and their family, who have lived on the estate for 400 years. At times it appears a little surreal to see modern photographs of the current royal family sitting alongside walls filled with the most magnificent portraits, representing royalty and England's nobility covering the past 400 years. The many rooms available to the public contain a fascinating collection of pictures, jewelry and many other household items, providing a glimpse into life over the past centuries.

Our group gathered again for lunch, back in the café, after which many of us decided to explore the extensive gardens. In the seventeenth century, Robert Cecil employed John Tradescant the Elder to redesign the gardens.



He also sent him off round Europe to gather trees, plants and bulbs, the results can be seen throughout the huge estate and also the formal gardens.

After a long walk investigating the gardens and grounds, some of us had worked up a thirst, so it was back to the café for afternoon tea and cake to fortify us for the drive home.

Ron Mobbs



REPORT ON CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 14-20 May 2017



Thank You!

The total amount raised from the house-to-house collection this year was: £2,143.19. It is the first time the total has been above £2,000 since 2008 and is in fact our best ever total, so a huge thank you to everyone for all your generous support. This is a very fitting way to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of Christian Aid Week. The following thank you comes from Christian Aid:

There are 65 million people across the globe fleeing their homes because of war, conflict and disaster, and making dangerous journeys in search of safety. Thank you for not turning your backs on them. Thank you for joining the thousands who have been witnessing in this way with us for 60 years so that we can be there for refugees around the world. You make it happen.

For those of you who are interested in facts and figures, we collected a total of 271 envelopes and Christian Aid will be able to reclaim an additional 25% on £1,127.40 of the above total (from those who completed the Gift Aid form) adding a further £282 to the total amount. We had 9 collectors plus a further 5 people helping to deliver envelopes, and a very efficient team of 8 people helped count all the money.

Thank you as well to all who contributed to the recent **Christian Aid East Africa Crisis Appeal**, which raised a total of £605, plus a further £41.25 under the gift aid scheme. It is estimated that over 16 million people across South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia were urgently in need of food with people, including many children, dying daily from hunger and malnutrition across the region. Let us continue to pray that the work of Christian Aid partners may help restore life in all its fullness to the people of East Africa and throughout the world.

Alison Bond

Friends of Khasdobir London Walk 2017

Painters, Pensioners and Winnie the Pooh

A wander around Chelsea

Saturday September 2nd

Check-in from 10.30am at the Venus Fountain
in the centre of Sloane Square
(or if wet outside Peter Jones Store)

Full-course 5 miles, short course 3.5 miles
Entry fee £7

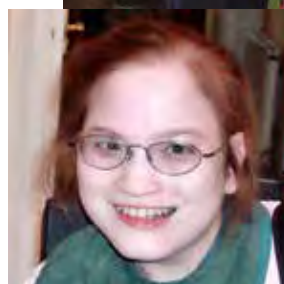
A group of us will travel to Sloane Square Station from High Barnet. If you are interested in joining us or need more information, please speak to Valerie Mills

Ju-Li's Memorial Garden at Vicarage Lodge

On Sunday 14th May Ju-Li's Memorial Sensory Garden was opened, at Vicarage Lodge, 48 Church Lane, Stallingborough, Near Grimsby, DN41 8AA. It was a glorious day in May.

The garden is positioned outside the two external walls of the room that Ju-Li used to occupy (her large bedroom and bathroom, and an entry "study" where her pieces of equipment were stored). Approaching it from the main Old Vicarage, the side on the right borders a field containing two horses (and a full supporting cast of rabbits). At the end of this pathway is the main sensory shed, and alongside the parents of Danny have built several colourful boxes containing various pretty and perfumed plants. Walking to the sensory shed and turning left is the back pathway behind Ju-Li's room, and this gets less direct sunshine, but a raised bed has been built containing many herbs, flowers and vegetables. Within the sensory shed there are two full size murals. One depicts a coastal scene and by pressing buttons the residents can hear waves crashing on the shore and the cries of seagulls. There are other sensory items, such as wind chimes, to interest the young people.

The recent history of Vicarage Lodge is interesting. Ann and Paul de Savary's daughter, Laura, had many physical problems and they realised that they would have to arrange for her to be cared for at some time in the future. They inspected various care homes, but were usually appalled by the smell, lack of love and poor records, so they decided to build one themselves, and now have over ten care homes in Lincolnshire with over eighty residents who, almost without exception, are under 35 years old, so that the intention is that they will be together for life. The company they formed is Home from Home Care Limited (HfHC). Laura de Savary is one of a dozen residents living in the Stallingborough Old Vicarage, and was very fond of Ju-Li. Every day she would come over to Vicarage Lodge to spend time with Ju-Li and Ju-Li's special friend Robyn. The Old Vicarage was, of course, the vicarage of



Ju-Li Rachel Pryor

Laura de Savary with Ian, Mum and Dad

Stallingborough Church which is over 50 yards away. However – shades of Enid Blyton – the two are connected by a tunnel, used for storage and possibly smuggled goods since many years ago it was within a few yards of the coast, near the Humber, although now the coast has receded about a mile. Even today, some of the carers at the Old Vic will not go into certain rooms at night because they fear they are haunted To be continued!

However, back to more pleasant issues!

Before Ju-Li moved to Stallingborough in September 2013 HFHC had catered for nobody quite as disabled as Ju-Li, so they decided to build a new home from scratch for Ju-Li and Robyn from Market Harborough (born within a week of each other and almost as disabled as Ju-Li), and eventually Danny from near Barnsley. The specification of this home, Vicarage Lodge, was remarkable, with three suites and a marvellous communal living/dining room where the cooking was done. Vicarage Lodge is in the grounds of the Old Vic. Prior to moving to Vicarage Lodge she had spent three happy years at Scope-run Orchard Manor, near Royston. We had to fight Barnet Social Services almost tooth and nail in order to get funding for Ju-Li at Orchard Manor, only succeeding when learning that every penny paid by Social Services would be reimbursed by Central Government – something that local councils try to keep very quiet about. Ju-Li had always enjoyed her time at Oakleigh School and then Mapledown School before moving to Orchard Manor, but it was at Orchard Manor where she became such good friends with Robyn, Danny and Laura .

The care she received at Vicarage Lodge was plentiful and loving, nothing was too much trouble, and there were one or more activities almost every day she was



Pretty boxes with entry tape ready to be cut!



Outside the sensory shed

there. This was not just limited to the three in Vicarage Lodge. William had been at Orchard Manor at the same time as Ju-Li, and moved into the Old Vic earlier in 2013. He is blind but loves cycling – with guidance – on his tricycle, so HfHC built especially for him a concrete path around the whole perimeter of the site. Ju-Li had always loved music. I remember that when she used to attend Sunday morning worship

at St John's she would enjoy the quiet atmosphere before and at the very start of the service, perhaps indulging in a quick little snooze (she was not unique in this!) and then when the first hymn began she would wake up smile and start to sing in her own manner, albeit usually half a verse behind, so that when the minister started the prayer after this opening hymn, she would often finish off the final half verse. When, after a few minutes, the children left the service to go down to the Sunday school, Ju-Li – who was a devoted people watcher – would thoroughly enjoy seeing what the other young people were up to. At Vicarage Lodge the carers would take her and Robyn to the Salvation Army citadel in Grimsby every Sunday morning. She loved the music and became a firm favourite there.

From an early age Ju-Li would enjoy sitting with us on the sofa, while we listened to various types of music. She really enjoyed classical music, even opera, and charming instruments like the flute and clarinet. Perhaps her favourite of all was J S Bach's St Matthew Passion. When hearing the evocative plea of Jesus on the cross "My God, My God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" She always seemed

to stop smiling and look more serious, which is quite thought provoking. Her favourite was "Mache dich, mein Herze, rein", which in English leads to the poignant plea "World, let Jesus in!" Many will remember the lovely rendition of this piece by Richard Harvey at Ju-Li's memorial service in St John's.



Fruit, herbs and vegetables at back of Ju-Li's bedroom



Sensory seaside picture

When Ju-Li was just a few months old it became clear that she had problems, and eventually various tests confirmed that she had Angelman's Syndrome, also known as "the happy puppet's syndrome". For Ju-Li it meant that she never was able to stand or crawl, let alone walk, couldn't talk at all although she could express her views vocally to some extent, and of course required full time help with feeding, bathing, etc. However, her ability to enjoy company and be happy was excellent. At this time she was the youngest person in the world to have been diagnosed with A.S., thanks to University College Hospital. There are still only a few hundred people actually diagnosed with A.S. in this country, although they include: William (see above) at the Old Vic; the younger son of prolific Scottish thriller writer Ian Rankin (Inspector Rebus stories); and (it is believed) two grand nieces of the Queen Mother. It is also believed, statistically, that there should be many more with A.S. in this country, but it's a bit of a post code lottery. For example Barnet and Enfield have more than their fair share, whereas in some other parts there are none. A lot depends on the skills of the paediatricians.

Ju-Li had this remarkable ability to bring happiness to all who met her, and a measure of this is the care and devotion that has gone into the memorial garden. She is very sadly missed.

The Manager at Vicarage Lodge is Robert Mooney, and he has confirmed that if anyone from St John's is in the area they would be delighted to show them around. The address is above, but it might be sensible to check first by phone on

01472 882 809, because otherwise you might arrive when they're all out at an activity.



In Ju-Li's memory

Alan Prior