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Today I saw some 'rule breakers!' The sign at the park says that dogs must be kept on a lead at all times. Yet we saw two couples each with their dogs off leads, whilst all the other dog walkers were following the instructions. The next time was at the roundabout, when a van pulled out in

front of a car causing the car driver to stop suddenly and somehow manage to avoid being sandwiched between the van and the car coming round behind him! The van driver was definitely not following the Highway Code or the rules of the road!

I don't know how you feel about rules. Some people are more a stickler for keeping to the exact rules, following them completely. Some people act as if rules are for others, and take no notice of them. It's interesting to see how different people act, and I wonder if it could be down to our personality type, with some people programmed in a way to follow rules completely, whereas some are a bit more rebellious. Although I suppose it might depend what the rules are for. Some rules are for safety. Some rules are more of a common courtesy, thinking of others and for the good of all.

We've all been living with rules and regulations during the covid restrictions and lockdowns. Now we have our 'freedom' back, it is interesting to see how people react to that freedom. Some people are no longer wearing face masks, whilst others are still wearing them. When I went into town the other day, I saw many people still wearing their face masks. I think it is something some of us will continue to want to do for at least the time being. I've heard it said that still wearing a face mask is a way of still caring for others.

As Christians, we want to show care and compassion for others. Jesus says that we are to love our neighbour as we love ourselves. Maybe how we react to rules and regulations is a way of showing love. And maybe how we react to our 'freedom' is a way of sharing God's love, and helping us all live together as a caring community. **Anne Bradford**



Hebrews 11: 1-3 & 11: 8-13

11 Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. 2 This is what the ancients were commended for. 3 By faith we understand that the universe was formed at God's command, so that what is seen was not made out of what was visible.

8 By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going. 9 By faith he made his home in the promised land like a stranger in a foreign country; he lived in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.

10 For he was looking forward to the city with foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

11 And by faith even Sarah, who was past childbearing age, was enabled to bear children because she considered him faithful who had made the promise.

12 And so from this one man, and he as good as dead, came descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as countless as the sand on the seashore.

13 All these people were still living by faith when they died. They did not receive the things promised; they only saw them and welcomed them from a distance, admitting that they were foreigners and strangers on earth.



Tips for a more sustainable summer from Tearfund -2

Whatever adventures you've got planned for the next few weeks, we've got some tips to help keep your summer sustainable. A new UN report this week has given the starkest warning yet about the urgency of the climate crisis – and we all have a part to play in tackling it. By making greener choices we have the opportunity to demonstrate our love for our global neighbours and

for God's creation while sending a clear message that we want decision-makers to act to build a better, fairer world.

Keeping it clean and green this summer

If you've been spending more time at home than usual this year, you might notice that cleaning is a job that never ends! How we clean has the potential to impact the environment – from the ingredients in the products we buy and the packaging they come in to the temperature we wash our clothes at.

- Reduce packaged cleaning products. Nowadays, there seems to be a plastic-packaged product for everything. This can quickly add up to a lot of plastic bottles in your cupboards — and eventually your bin. Could you find a local refill store to refill your supplies, or find a refill service online?
- Or why not take things a step further and make your own cleaning supplies? Many of the chemicals in our cleaning products can have a negative effect on the natural environment.
- When you put on a load of washing over the summer, try lowering the temperature setting. This reduces the amount of power your machine uses as 90% of your machine's energy use is for heating the water. Lowering the temperature also helps your clothes last longer.
- Make use of the warmer weather to air-dry your clothes! Air-drying could reduce your carbon footprint as well as your electricity bill.

Summer BBQ menu

Introducing more plant-based meals into your diet is one of the best ways to cut your carbon footprint, and it's often a healthier choice too. Why not add some meat-free alternatives to the dinner table this summer? Lots of supermarkets now offer great meat-free BBQ options, so why not try some plant-based alternatives on the grill over the holidays – or try eating meat-free one day a week or opting for a vegetarian option whilst eating out.

Whatever you get up to this summer, **remember your actions and everyday choices make a difference** – and influence those around you to take action too. This goes hand-in-hand with calling on leaders to act. Together, we can build a greener, fairer world that will help people in poverty who are hardest hit by the climate crisis

What is Climate Sunday?

The Climate Sunday initiative is calling on all local churches across Great Britain & Ireland to hold a climate-focused service on any Sunday before COP26 (November 2021).

So far over 1,000 churches have joined in, could your church add its voice this year?

Our vision is to leave a lasting legacy of thousands of churches better equipped to address this critical issue as part of their discipleship and mission and to make a significant contribution to civil society efforts to secure adequate national and international action at COP26.

The collective action and commitments from local churches across Great Britain & Ireland will be presented to UK Government at a Nations' Climate Sunday Service in Glasgow on Sunday 5th September 2021.

You can watch the Nations' Climate Sunday Service live online, from 3.30pm. Make sure you've booked through the Eventbrite link. Book your free online ticket here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/nations-climate-sunday-service-churches-prepare-for-cop-26-tickets-165258230817> **Christine Rodrigues**



Rev'd Thomas Mills

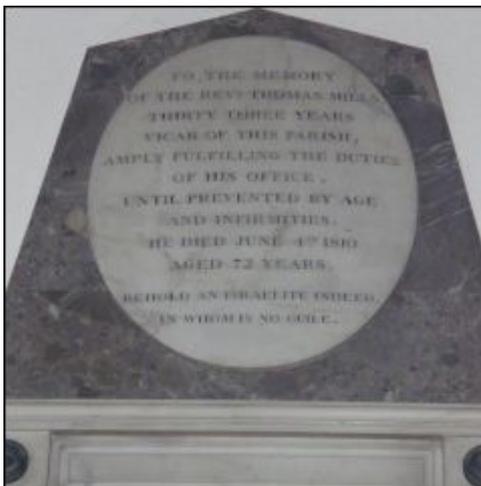
There are 2 monuments side by side to the memory of Revd Thomas Mills and his wife Anne. Rev'd Thomas Mills was Vicar of St John's for 33 years. Thomas died in 1810, and his wife Ann died in 1808, "lamented by all who knew her worth". 33 years is quite a long time to be a Vicar of a parish, but even more amazing is that Thomas's father, Revd Richard Mills, was Vicar of St John's before him for 53 years! The bible verse quoted is the King James version of John 1:47 and were Jesus's words when he saw Nathanael, "Behold an Israelite indeed in whom is no guile"(not a word we use much these days, and it means deceit).

Revd Richard is buried in the churchyard and a brick chest tomb marks the spot. He is buried alongside Mary his first wife and his second wife also called Mary. The second wife was daughter of Hon Major General Rich Russell who lived at The Cedar House opposite the church and is also buried in the churchyard. Rich Russell was the grandson of Oliver Cromwell.

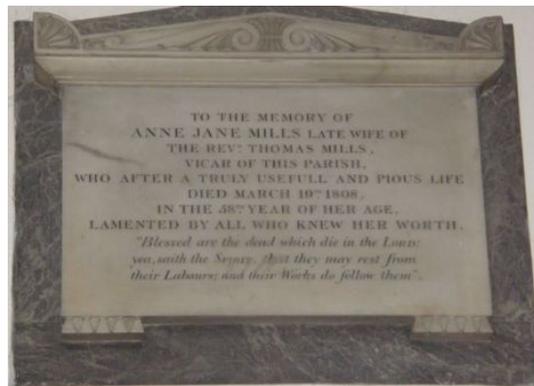
Whilst Richard Mills was Vicar, many repairs to the church were necessary and good records were kept. The pulpit was moved to allow repairs to take place, 6 bells were recast, beams in the tower were pronounced unsafe and were replaced by steel girders, walls were plastered and whitewashed.

During the time when Thomas and his father Richard were Vicars of St John's, the parish registers were kept very neat and tidy with straight lines and clear handwriting, much appreciated I am sure by family historians! In the photo below you can see their signatures taken from the parish registers.

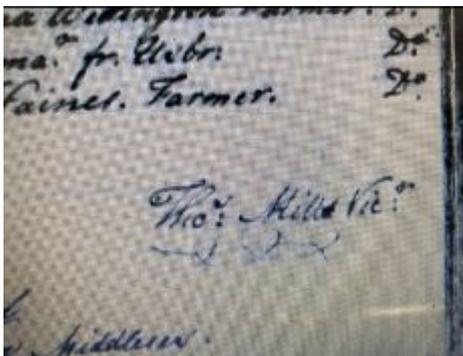
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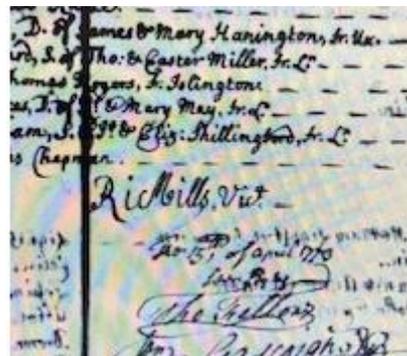
Rev'd Thomas Mills Memorial



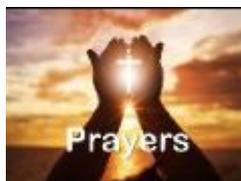
Anne Mills Memorial



Rev'd Thomas Mills Signature



Rev'd Richard Mills Signature



Pray for Stephen and Kayley who are making the final preparations for their wedding at St John's

on Saturday 4th September.

Lord, we pray that as our couples get ready for their wedding day, you guide them with any unforeseen challenges they may face especially with the pandemic. We pray for protection over all that will be attending and for loving interactions even during the stresses that undoubtedly come with an event like this. Lord, grant our couples joy of heart and reverence of spirit that as they enter the oneness of marriage they may be strengthened and guided by you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NOTICES



Tasty line-up of food themed history events as Heritage Open Days return to Hillingdon

Hillingdon residents can sink their teeth into an enticing range of free activities from a walking tree trail and classic car rally, to a host of food-themed events for this year's Heritage Open Days.

For 2021, the theme for the national event is 'Edible England', and food is a key topic for many of the activities, which celebrate local history. An enticing range of council-run events will take place between Friday 10 and Sunday 19 September across Hillingdon and including some of its heritage sites, including:

- Manor Farm, Ruislip, on Saturday 11 September
- Cranford Park, Harlington, on Sunday 12 September
- Uxbridge Library, Uxbridge, on Saturday 18 September
- Eastcote House Gardens on Sunday 19 September.

Every September, venues across the borough open their doors to celebrate Hillingdon's heritage, community and history. It's your chance to see hidden places and try out new experiences - and it's all free.

The broad range of activities ensures there's something for everyone, including haiku poetry and a tour of an archaeological dig, so you don't necessarily need to be a historian to enjoy what's on offer.

Gaze at stunning vintage vehicles during the classic car rally at Eastcote House Gardens on Sunday 19 September, or uncover more of the Uxbridge's local history at an exhibition at Uxbridge Library on Saturday 18 September.

Under the Edible England theme, on Saturday 11 September between 11am and 3pm discover the role of food and its influence on the local area in talks from local historians at Manor Farm, where you can also plant your own tomato plant and make a sage bookmark. On the same day, residents can also enjoy a 'foodie walk' around Hayes.

On Monday 13 September, Yeading Library is the venue for a demonstration of garden recipes from 1pm to 3pm.

Heritage Open Days is England's largest festival of history and culture, bringing together more than 2,000 local people and organisations.

For a full list of events and locations, visit: www.hillingdon.gov.uk/heritage-open-days.



Be aware of a new phone scam!

2 almost identical reports have recently been identified.

The victims answered a call on their home phone, the caller claimed to be a police officer and even told the victims to call 999 to verify their details (which the victims did), details were then verified and then they were told to call their bank and check what they were being told was true. Again bank staff confirmed the callers story.

Large sums of money were scammed from the victims.

How??? When you answer the call the person ringing you then has control of the line and when you call 999 or the bank you are dialling another number allocated by the caller not the real 999 operator or the real bank staff.

Stop this from happening to you...USE A DIFFERENT PHONE TO CALL 999 OR BANK SUCH AS A MOBILE OR A NEIGHBOURS PHONE.

The POLICE will NEVER ask you to move money to a different account or ask you to purchase expensive items and send them to an address nor will they ever ask for you to send in any gold to be tested.

Please pass this on to friends, family and neighbours.

Download a useful leaflet on Cyber Crime by clicking on this Link <https://www.owl.co.uk/a/?i=cf86250535794b28be4b144851e597b1>

How to join the Sunday service from your landline/mobile (without Internet)

- Dial **020 3481 5237** or **020 3051 2874**.
- Enter meeting ID Code **894 8145 2808** then the # key
- You will be asked to enter your participants' ID. Ignore this, and just press # key
- There is no password. If you are asked for one, then just press the # key.

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