



KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



June 2015



SERVICES FOR JUNE

- 7 Jun 10.30 Ms Ade Benson
- (Wednesday
10 Jun 12.00 Service of Thanksgiving for Peter Loveridge)
- 14 Jun 10.30 Rev Rachel Bending, Family/Parade Service
- 21 Jun 10.30 Rev Rachel Bending, Holy Communion
- 24 May 10.30 Local Arrangement, World Church Sunday
- 28 Jun 10.30 Local Arrangement
- 5 Jul 10.30 Mrs Rekha Cheriyan



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Dear friends

By now it may have occurred to you that I love welcoming people to my home, whether for a meal, a natter or to stay. In the past this time of year has often seen a succession of house guests, some known well, others new to us but friends of friends and on one memorable occasion the nephew of a friend of a friend and his partner. This year feels unusually quiet giving space to reflect on welcome, home and hospitality and to wonder if you share my thoughts.

Each time we welcome someone to our home the visit is preceded by frantic activity: cleaning and tidying, setting up bedrooms, making sure there's food etc. The house feels different as we try to neaten its usual chaos into something a little more respectable.

Then they arrive and we realise that often they're trying just as hard to be acceptable and respectable. Soon we all relax and are more ourselves. We share who we are in cooking and washing up as well as in conversations.

I'm often struck both by the joy and the discomfort of sharing our home. We've made many friends over the years, some of whom we may never meet again. We've shared laughter and sorrow, frustrations and joy, music, dance and silence.

But I've also felt deeply uncomfortable: welcoming others into my home changes it and me, and there are times when I would prefer not to change. Each time someone new enters our home our lives change and adapt to the needs of that person (new and different foods appear in the fridge to cater for dietary needs, the rhythm of getting up and out changes as more people need to shower etc).

We're also changed at a deeper level: welcoming someone else in means seeing our home and ourselves through their eyes. In doing so we may or may not like what we see but we cannot remain the same. Either we allow it to transform and enrich us or we reject it and become stuck.

In our church home we too are called to have open doors, to welcome all and hope that they will make their home with us. It is not always easy. It

will inevitably change us both in the making easy to welcome, and in the sharing life together.

But we cannot stay as we are - to try to shut out change will still change us - harden us and restrict us. Our welcome will allow us to hear God's story and share God's love in new ways. To sing heartily 'All are welcome in this place'.

Love

Rachel

From Rachel:-

I'm including, below the letter from the President of Conference to all ordained ministers because I feel you too should hear his message and receive his thanks - we are all ministers...

From the President of the Methodist Conference

Dear Colleagues,

We belong to a tradition which has always emphasised grace. We know that "from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace" (John 1:16). Grace is for all, and all is grace. It is through God's grace that the Church is raised up as the body of Christ to glorify God in worship and mission. It is by God's grace that we are called and able to minister.

Yet for a people who emphasise grace, we Methodist people (and I am not sure how much its ministers should be exempted from this) are often rubbish at gratitude. We are quicker sometimes to think and speak badly of others than we are to say 'thank you'.

Gratitude, however, is the proper response to grace. That is why 'eucharist' (thanksgiving) is at the heart of our worship as we gather round the Word of God. It is therefore at the heart of the calling of presbyters, inextricably linked with the ministry of the Word and the exercising of pastoral responsibility. Thanksgiving is also at the heart of every Christian's praying (1 Thess. 5:18).

So I want to simply say 'thank you' to you as you minister in Christ's name within and on behalf of that part of His body that is the Methodist Church. I also thank God for you. As I have travelled round I have been impressed by the huge variety of gifts being exercised between us in all sorts of remarkable ways. Some of the most remarkable are in circumstances which appear very ordinary and do not get remarked upon. But they reveal minor miracles of ministry.

This may not be the easiest of times to minister. But when was, if people were trying to keep up with the God who is always seeking to redeem and transform the world into the Kingdom? In each generation we have to face the same issues, but they are expressed in different ways because the world in which we are placed is constantly changing around us.

Wine keeps flowing from God's vineyard. In every age we have to work out how to keep old wine in old wineskins, whilst creating new wineskins for the new. We have to keep the treasury of both old and new ideas and practices safe so that we can pass it on to those who succeed us. But above all we have to work out together – both those who are appointed to serve in particular ways on the stations, and those who are supernumerary – what of the old and the new to bring out of the treasury, and when, to meet particular circumstances.

These things are our common duty and delight, as the Ordination service now puts it. Thank you for living out your calling.

May God continue to bless you all.

Kenneth G Howcroft

Dear friends,

Part of our welcome and hospitality is doing everything in our power to ensure the safety and care of all who are part of our community whether they are with us for a long time or for moments. We believe that all are God's children, God's masterpieces, precious and worthy of care.

As I finished writing for this month's Messenger, news of the publication of a report of the commission looking into past cases of abuse and risk in the Methodist Church hit the national news. The commission looked at

cases from 1950-2014. It took written evidence and talked to survivors and others. It was a major piece of work carried out carefully and prayerfully for this we can be proud. Sadly, the report tells us of parts of church life which have harmed some of God's people both in the original act and in the unwillingness of some to hear that it has happened and to respond.

Please remember all involved in your prayers as we seek to move forward.

The following statement was issued to churches and ministers as part of the weekly national newsletter:

Past Cases Review: Apology to survivors

If you've been watching the news recently, you may have seen that the Past Cases Review has now published its report. **Courage, Cost and Hope: The Report of the Past Cases Review** is available online on the Methodist website (Methodist.org.uk). Speaking on behalf of the Church, the Revd Dr Martyn Atkins has issued a full and unreserved apology to survivors and victims of abuse in response to the report, which is also on the website.

Please pray for all survivors and victims of abuse, both within the Methodist Church and elsewhere. Please also pray for our Church, that we may resolve to do all in our power to improve its systems to protect children, young people and adults from abuse within the life of the Church.

You may find the following prayer helpful:

*Life-giving God,
We pray for the courage to live with our past,
strength to live in our present
and hope to live into the future.
Amen.*

Rachel

FAMILY NEWS

PETER LOVERIDGE regretted that he could not join everyone for worship at Kingsdown on Sunday morning, due to a more pressing engagement. Early on Thursday 28 May, Peter was received into membership of the angelic choir and is now singing before his Father's throne. Peter passed peacefully and quietly from this life to the eternal rest of which he was always confident, and for which he was ready as soon as God had prepared a place for him. Having loved life in this world for almost 88 years he will, we can be sure, enjoy the more glorious place to which he has gone for ever.

A service of Thanksgiving, followed by refreshments and an opportunity to share our memories of Peter will take place at Kingsdown, at 12 noon on Wednesday 10 June, followed by committal at Mortlake Crematorium.

Peter frequently expressed the hope that no-one 'would waste flowers on him when he was no longer able to enjoy them', but donations in his memory can be made by those who wish to ALL WE CAN, the Methodist relief and development fund, or to SAVE THE CHILDREN. He was also pleased that his close family member agreed not to wear mourning clothes for his funeral, and so you too are invited to come dressed as you feel most comfortable for the occasion. Gifts will be accepted at the service or cheques can be sent to Henry Paul Funeral Services, 71 Greenford Avenue, Hanwell, W7 1LJ.

Please remember Kathleen and Peter's family in your prayers at this time.

There is an article by **Peter** and **Kathleen**, on page 10, written a short while before he died. Kathleen wanted it still to be published with a note to say that she hopes people will respond if they are able.

Kathleen will continue her support for St David's as a tribute to the wonderful care they gave to Peter and her over the last 3 months.



Greg Lillis's last Sunday as our organist was 24th May. During the service he was presented with cards and gifts from both the congregation and Young Church as tokens of our appreciation for his contribution to our worship as organist. Greg's rather stunning final voluntary, which many of us sat and enjoyed was from Charles Tournemire's 'l'Orgue Mystique', a cycle of incidental pieces and voluntaries for all Sundays of the church's year.



Greg has emailed the following message of thanks and best wishes: *"I wanted to say how touched I was by the cards and generous gifts I received on Sunday from the Kingsdown congregation and children too. You have always been so encouraging and appreciative of my efforts, and this I have greatly valued."* We wish Greg success in his new appointment and happiness for the future in his new home in Bournemouth.

Action For Children

We are holding a book fair in Aid of Action for Children on Saturday July 4th from 10.00-12.30. There will be stalls for cakes, bric-a-brac, clothes and gifts as well as books for sale. All donations gratefully received.



Also in July there will be an envelope appeal for AFC on the Sundays of July 5th, 12th and 19th. Donations may be Gift Aided if required.

Action for Children is the Children's Charity of the Methodist Church and has been working for children for over 145 years. Its aim is to take action for children as they grow up, take action for children with disabilities, children in care, and action to keep families together. I hope you will be able to support this very worthwhile charity.

Thank you.
Olwen Britton

Further family news Jill Ward has been a touch saying how much she is missing everyone here at Kingsdown, but she and Roy are gradually beginning to get used to their new surroundings and appreciate have family that much nearer to their new home. Jill still manages to retain her wicked sense of humour!



Dear Prime Minister

Leaders from four major UK Churches signed an open letter to the Prime Minister, David Cameron, congratulating him on his election and encouraging him to hold 'truth, justice, peace and wellbeing' at the heart of the government.

With a focus on 'loving our neighbour', the letter reminded the Prime Minister that a wholesome society should be concerned for the weakest and most vulnerable, both locally and globally.

The letter, signed by leaders of the Baptist Union of Great Britain, the Church of Scotland, the Methodist Church and the United Reformed Church, highlights several of the key concerns that the Churches believe should be high on the agenda of the new government, calling for a full review of the impact of the benefits sanctions system; a postponement of further spending on Trident and a serious re-assessment of the need for nuclear weapons; assertive international action to uphold human rights and deliver humanitarian assistance in Syria; and action to make freedom of religion a *human* rights priority in all aspects of foreign policy

"Remembering our neighbours is vital for a healthy society," said Rachel Lampard, leader of the Joint Public Issues Team, which works on behalf of the Churches. "Whilst policies protecting the most weak and vulnerable of society may not always be the most popular, they are necessary to live out the common good, regardless of political perspective."

Yet another request, from another charity!

They never end, do they? I know that we are all doing what we can to serve others, in and beyond our community. Nevertheless, we make no apology for bringing to your notice one more good cause. This time it's ST DAVID'S NURSING HOME on Castlebar Hill in Pitshanger where, of course, Peter is now a resident.

Their activities co-ordinator, Sandra, is absolutely marvellous at encouraging the residents to keep active and alert, and is always looking for new ways of stimulating their interest and involvement.

Sandra runs a bric-a-brac stall each month, mostly attracting staff and residents' relatives, to raise money to fund outings and visiting entertainers, and contributions for her stall are always welcome. In October there will be the Autumn Fayre. When we asked Sandra what kind of things she was looking for she said, 'Anything saleable!' We shan't have difficulty in finding something; perhaps you would like to contribute something, too. Small quantities of sweets that can be given as prizes for Bingo and other games would also be welcome.

But it is other people's time and skills that are most needed. Hazel and Juliet have already offered to knit some woolly hats to keep the ladies warm when they go out to hospital appointments or across the courtyard to Mass in cold weather. In July and August she will be glad to have volunteers to push wheelchairs on occasional outings, such as to Kew Gardens.

Is there anyone who could lead an occasional arts and crafts session? Or provide some materials? Or help residents make Christmas decorations? It doesn't need professional skills, just a few simple ideas and an hour or so of your time. Or do you know anyone who would do an occasional music or singing session? Or can you offer new ideas from your experience of other such homes, which could be copied at St David's?

We would be very grateful if you would take time to consider if there is any way that you could help.

Thank you!
Peter & Kathleen Loveridge

From the General Church Meeting

This year's General Church Meeting was held on Sunday 10th May after the morning service. The meeting was attended by 31 members and adherents.

The meeting made the usual appointments for the coming year. Rachel Bending thanked all those who had served during the past year and said how impressed she was by the work done by the various office holders and how people had helped her fit into the church. In particular, Rachel thanked Rob Hutchings who has continued as Church Treasurer despite having formally resigned at the end of December. Whilst Rob has been happy to continue pending the appointment of a replacement, Rachel stressed that that has to be considered a short term solution only.

Rachel also specifically thanked Janet Smith for the work she does on property matters.

The current stewards agreed to continue and were re-appointed. However, Emily Campbell said that she was considering standing down but would continue pending a replacement.

The full list of stewards is as follows:-

Esther Ackah, Emily Campbell,
Tom Cheriyan, Sybil Corbin,
Kath Jarrett

The existing Vestry Stewards also agreed to continue and were re-appointed. The full list of Vestry Stewards is:

Faith Hodge, Jill Richardson,
Akin Phillips

The existing representatives to the Church Council were re-elected with the addition of Lita Stoll who joins as a new representative. The full list of representatives is as follows:-

Olwen Britton, Christina
Cheriyam, Rekha Cheriyan, Sybil
Corbin, Juliet Edwards, Les
Goodchild, Ivy Hanson, Blossom
Jackson, Akin Phillips, Keji
Phillips, Janet Smith, Lita Stoll,
June Thompson, Eileen Tobias

The existing representatives to Circuit Meeting agreed to continue and were re-appointed. Janet Smith volunteered to fill the vacancy for a fourth rep and was nominated as a representative to the Circuit Meeting. The full list of representatives is:-

Esther Ackah, Chris Marlow,
Derek Matthews, Janet Smith

Gerald Barton agreed to continue as Secretary to the Church Council for a further year and was re-appointed.

Finally, it was noted that Kath Jarrett had resigned as one of our MWiB reps during the year and had been replaced by Olwen Britton. Olwen joins Jill Richardson as church MWiB rep.

On the subject of treasurer, it is important to note that every church must have a treasurer who is responsible for signing the annual accounts and keeping an overall view of church finances. Volunteers have come forward to take on a number of 'peripheral' tasks done by Rob, but as yet no one had volunteered for the central role of treasurer.

The Church Council may need to consider other options such as appointing a paid Finance Officer to work alongside the treasurer and undertake day-to-day finance work or using an external book-keeping service. In addition, the Circuit is carrying out an exercise to investigate what support could be offered to church treasurers.

Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter

Sue Barton thanked the church for their support for the Night Shelter

at the end of 2014. She also thanked the Church Council for agreeing in principle to operate the Night Shelter again this year subject to all appropriate arrangements being in place. It was good to know that some of the Boys Brigade had helped set up the Shelter last year as part of their Queen's Badge requirements.

Vision Process

Rev Rachel Bending said that the vision process and the two AwayDays had been fruitful in helping us think about the kind of church we would like to be. The challenge now was to work out what to do next and how to go forward to become the church we want to be. She noted that there was some 'Talent' money remaining and that finances were sufficiently strong not to be an obstacle.

Suggestions were needed as to how the church could be made a more welcoming space possibly including opening the front doors to make access easier/more obvious. Interestingly, when people are visible at the church during the week, people often 'come to the door' seeking someone to talk to on some issue or other. One possibility would be to have the church 'open' during the week with people available on a rota basis.

Jill Richardson suggested making church activities more widely known with a leaflet (although it was noted that one already exists) made accessible outside the church. June Thompson agreed to consider this.

The meeting agreed that Rachel should put out a 'suggestions' box for people to submit ideas. She said that people should not be inhibited about making suggestions however big, small or crazy and could include such things as Bible studies or other discussion groups, alternative uses for the evening service slot etc.

Church Dates

Rachel said she would circulate a list of dates for special services including the planned service theme from September onwards based on the book 'We Make the Road by Walking'.



Our minister, **Rachel**, has written an article in the latest '**In-touch**' which invites you to write a piece for the next edition as to 'why you are a Christian'. It also contains a 'welcome back' from her sabbatical to Rev Dr Jen Smith', as Rachel steps down from her role as Acting Superintendent.

You may even find yourself featured in one of the photos published of those who took part in the MHA Ealing Live at Home Scheme sponsored Walk. You are encouraged to pick up a copy from the church foyer to read other interesting articles such as an Ebola Update from Annegret..

The meeting discussed the fact that the church does not routinely celebrate its anniversary although special celebrations had been held for the 50th anniversary and to celebrate previous 'decades'. One suggestion was that we could have a special celebration once a year whether or not this coincided with church anniversary.

The Church Council would be asked to consider repeating the church AwayDay although in a different form. The AwayDays in 2014 and 2015 had been financed from the Circuit 'Talents' money. However, future AwayDays would have to be financed by the church/participants.

Finally, the meeting closed by sharing the Grace.

Gerald Barton
Secretary to Church Council



West London All Age Athletics Event



Fresh from our exhausting but wonderful Annual Display our fittest and keenest lads turned up at 9am next morning ready to do battle at the West London All-Age Athletics Event.

As always, the Boys exceeded all expectations and we carried home the following awards:

- * Best Junior Section Team (2nd year running)
- * Best Company & Senior Section Team
- * **Best Individual Athlete** (2nd year running) Matt Howard
- * and another two of our lads were in a three-way tie for second place Best Athlete, Joseph Timms and Alex Davis.

All of which means we literally swept the board and won everything ... quite astonishing.

A big thank you to the organisers, to our parents, to Oliver of 4th Ealing who joined our team for the day, and mostly, of course, to the Boys -- you were outstanding.

What a perfect ending to our best-ever competition year.

Tony Plews



Kingsdown Methodist Church, Northfield Avenue, W13

BOOK FAIR



Books Cakes Gifts
Bric-a-Brac

Saturday 4th July

10.00am to 12.30pm

Admission 40 pence

Proceeds to:



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Three months after the Nepal earthquake, the people still need your help (desperately!)

In July it will be just three months on from the massive earthquakes in Nepal. While the first earthquake's epicentre was between Kathmandu and Mount Everest, the second one struck near Kodari in Nepal. Between them, the damage done will take years to clean-up and rebuild. Here is a selection of Christian agencies who are working in Nepal to help; you may wish to consider supporting them.

Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) helped facilitate helicopter teams to take off or land on average every 18 minutes during daylight hours. As the weeks pass, MAF is helping move relief teams around the difficult terrain of Nepal. Details: www.maf-uk.org

Samaritan's Purse sent 18 metric tons of food and 42 tons of relief goods such as 2,500 kitchen kits, 16,000 blankets and 148 large family tents. To help with clean water, sanitation and hygiene, thousands of jerry cans and hundreds of thousands of aquatabs were also sent to Kathmandu <http://samaritans-purse.org.uk/nepal-earthquake-2015>

TEAR Fund was already working with long-term partners in Nepal, and moved quickly to provide shelter, food and sanitation for the survivors. Much work needs to be done in the months ahead, again through the long-term experienced partners on the ground. Details at: www.tearfund.org/en/latest/nepal_earthquake/

Methodist Church's relief agency, '**All We Can**' has been distributing food, tarpaulin sheets and mosquito nets, as well as helping with trauma management. It will provide longer-term rebuilding and recovery work in the months ahead. All We Can has long-term partners in Nepal. Details: <http://www.allwecan.org.uk/asia/nepal>

To donate by post, send a cheque made payable to 'All We Can' to All We Can, 25 Marylebone Rd, London NW1 5JR, stating your gift is for the NEPAL Appeal.

To donate by phone call us on 020 7224 4814.

On-line : <https://www.charitycheckout.co.uk/291691/nepal>

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17 JUNE
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WESTMINSTER, LONDON**

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Or for more information

Call: 0207 802 9988

E-mail: campaigns@theclimatechangecoalition.org





Walk in Aid of Children

Unite

21st June 2015 will mark The Consortium for Street Children's inaugural Marathon Walk on the Thames Path from Windsor to Bourne End and back. This chosen section of the Thames Path is beautifully scenic and easy on the feet. We have arranged very popular and enjoyable places for your comfort breaks...

I will be doing this walk which lasts for 10K, in Aid of Children Unite AND ESPECIALLY FOR THE FIGHT AGAINST Child Domestic labour.

Some off you will recall, that Children Unite was one of my 2 chosen Charity for fundraising, during my term of Office as President London District and one of the Circuit Fundraising concern, was held here at Kingsdown!

If you wish to become one of my sponsors, a list will be on the Notice Board or you can Donate direct. My fundraising page is now live and here is my unique URL

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/blossomjackson1>

'Money raised will go towards work to prevent Child Domestic labour.

I look forward to your support, if you can

Many thanks
Blossom Jackson





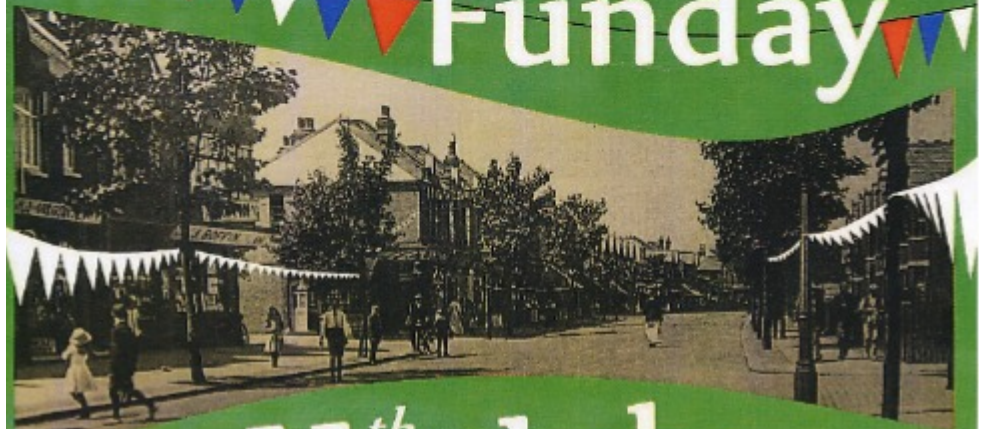
give child domestic workers a voice

We have lived behind closed doors for too long.

Now is the time to protect us.



Northfields Summer Funday



11th July

Saturday from 12pm

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Are you becoming 'nomophobic'?



Where is your mobile phone? When did you last check it? If it is close, and you have checked it within the last few minutes or so, you may have nomophobia.... Fear of being separated from your mobile phone. 'Nomo' stands for 'no mobile', and what you 'fear' is being out of contact, not connected.

Nomophobia is taking its toll on family life, it seems. As one father recently admitted: "The very first thing I do when I wake up in the morning – and the very last thing I do at night – is pick up my phone, press the Twitter app and see what's going on in the world.... During the day I can't undertake the most basic task – from making the children's lunch to cleaning my teeth – without swiping the screen..."

Now Ofcom, the communications industry regulator, has released figures that show that the average amount we spend online has more than doubled from 9.9 hours a week 10 years ago to 20.5 hours a week. A separate report finds that the average person in the UK checks their phone 50 times a day.

Psychiatrists are warning of widespread technology addiction, and urge people to take 'holidays' from their gadgets. Most of us won't manage that, but we might do well to heed at least one piece of advice: avoid screenlight for an hour before you sleep at night, in order to sleep properly. Phone addiction can be just as damaging as addiction to alcohol or gambling. If this is you, be honest, and consider the effect your screen addiction could be having on those people close to you.



Magna Carta

Magna Carta (Latin for "the Great Charter"), also called Magna Carta Libertatum (Latin for "the Great Charter of the Liberties"), is a charter agreed by King John of England at Runnymede, near Windsor, on 15 June 1215.

First drafted by the Archbishop of Canterbury to make peace between the unpopular King and a group of rebel barons, it promised the protection of church rights, protection for the barons from illegal imprisonment, access to swift justice, and limitations on feudal payments to the Crown, to be implemented through a council of 25 barons. Neither side stood behind their commitments, and the charter was annulled by Pope Innocent III, leading to the First Barons' War.

After John's death, the regency government of his young son, Henry III, reissued the document in 1216, stripped of some of its more radical content, in an unsuccessful bid to build political support for their cause. At the end of the war in 1217, it formed part of the peace treaty agreed at Lambeth, where the document acquired the name Magna Carta, to distinguish it from the smaller Charter of the Forest which was issued at the same time.

Short of funds, Henry reissued the charter again in 1225 in exchange for a grant of new taxes; his son, Edward I, repeated the exercise in 1297, this time confirming it as part of England's statute law.

A '**Magna Carta Foundation of Liberty**' event, to celebrate 800 years since the sealing of Magna Carta, is to be held at Runnymede on 15 June.



Princess Charlotte

*Hurrah! There's now a princess
For royal Will and Kate
She's tiny and defenceless
Our joy is very great!*

*We pray that Princess Charlotte
Will grow up fit and strong
For now, it is but our lot
To pray that she lives long.*

*We pray she'll be a pleasure
The apple of their eye
And just as great a treasure
As was her grandma Di.*

By Nigel Beeton



The teddies had this good idea
for the Spring Fair
– ‘guess the name of the grandma’.

Signs found outside churches

- ~ ***It is unlikely there'll be a reduction in the wages of sin.***
- ~ ***If you don't like the way you were born, try being born again.***
- ~ ***This is a ch__ch What is missing? (U R)***
- ~ ***Forbidden fruit creates many jams.***
- ~ ***In the dark? Follow the Son.***
- ~ ***Running low on faith? Stop in for a fill-up.***
- ~ ***If you can't sleep, don't count sheep. Talk to the Shepherd.***





TAKING & GIVING

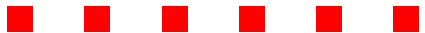
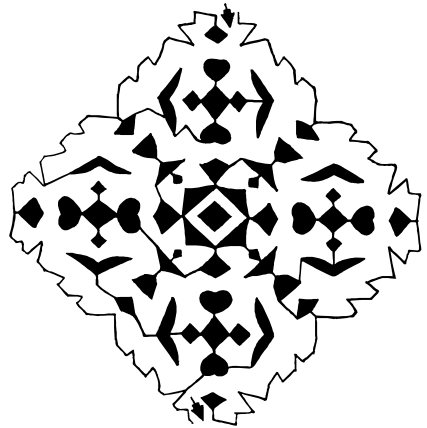
If you look at a map of Israel you will see that there are two small inland seas. And if you look closely you will see that these two seas are linked by the River Jordan. The river starts in the northern hills and goes through the Sea of Galilee, then through the Jordan valley, and ends up in the Dead Sea. But even though the water is all from the same river, the two seas are completely different.

All around the Sea of Galilee are towns and villages, trees and farms. The Dead Sea has no trees or farms, it is dead. What makes the difference? The Sea of Galilee is alive because it has an outlet. It passes the water on as quickly as it flows in. The Dead Sea is dead because it passes no water on.

In St Luke's Gospel we read what Jesus said about giving – 'Give to others, and God will give to you' (chapter 6, verses 27-28). Unlike the two seas we can choose how we want to be: to give and take and be alive. Or just to take - and become sad and lifeless.

IN & OUT

Can you find your way through this lacy maze?



Did you hear about the slimy monster who was famous for his farmyard impressions?

He couldn't do the noises but he could do the smells.



And what about the monster who went shop-lifting?

He was crushed under Tesco's.



EVENTS AT KINGSDOWN

JUNE

- Mon 8 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout the month)
- Tue 9 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Wed 10 12 Noon Service of Thanksgiving for Peter Loveridge
7 pm Youth Group - Upper Foyer
- Thu 11 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm CBSI UK Bible Studies in the Foyer
- Fri 12 10.15 am Coffee Morning in Foyer - everyone welcome
BOYS BRIGADE 6.30-7.30 pm Anchor Boys, 6.30-8.00 pm
Junior Section, 7.30-10.00 pm Company Section (most
Fridays throughout month)
- Sat 13 10.00 am to 12 noon Coffee & Chat - everyone welcome
- Tue 16 2.00 pm Kingsdown Club - A Bingo and Quiz Afternoon
- Thu 25 8.00 pm Church Council Meeting
- Sat 27 2.30 pm to 5.30 pm Teddy Bears' Picnic event at Hanwell
Circuit International Evening at Acton Hill

JULY

- Sat 4 10.00 am to 12.30 pm Book Fair with stalls - cakes, gifts
bric-a-brac. Proceeds to Action for Children
- Tue 7 2.00 pm Kingsdown Club - A Talk by Janet Smith
- Sat 11 from 12.00 noon Northfields Summer Funday

Quotes found on the table of a restaurant in Hampshire:

After dinner sit a while. After supper walk a mile!

Food - an important part of a balanced diet.

Bagels - doughnuts with the sin removed.