



# KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



*June 2017*

## SERVICES FOR JUNE 2017



4 Jun	10.30	Local Arrangement PENTECOST
11 Jun	10.30	Local Arrangement, Family/Parade Service
	6.30	Faith Exploration Study Group - "God's Plan"
18 Jun	10.30	Mrs Rekha Cheriyan
25 Jun	10.30	Rev Oluyemisi Jaiyesimi, Holy Communion
	6.30	Faith Exploration Study Group - "God's Plan"
2 Jul	10.30	Mr Donney Samuel



## Editorial

### Manchester Arena Atrocity

An atrocity that has shaken the faith of many people, but now is the time for all of us to show the strength we have in our determination to stand against terror.

Following John Wesley's famous words - all of us should do all we can however we can to show our strength in unity against terrorism.

We must do all we can, whenever we can, to support those who are fearful; and guide and support those who have lost their way. We have an opportunity to do all we can to demonstrate that differences in the faiths we follow does not lead to hatred but will lead to a better understanding of how God can help us to help each other.

The people of Manchester showed their strength in helping each other at a time of need. Let us follow that example at Kingsdown by helping, in any way possible, to support those endeavouring to combat division and hatred in our society.

**Editors**



Dear Friends,

## **Welcome to the June edition of The Messenger!**

As I write, we have begun to have the first few warm days. I can only hope that they have continued. We are in the midst of a general election campaign – For whatever candidate, please vote.

The headline in our church community right now is that we have begun the recruitment process for our 12-month Associate Pastor – application details are up on the Ealing Trinity Circuit website, and closing is 3 July. Please do have a look, and recommend the post to anyone you know for whom it might be a blessing. The circuit will seek to appoint a person, not a set of tasks. Please encourage interested folk to have an informal chat, in confidence, with me.

In the May 2, 2017 edition of Reform magazine (the magazine of the United Reformed Church), Bishop John Pritchard responded to the question 'Why go to church?' His answer brings into focus some of the themes that Ealing Green is exactly trying to communicate in the welcome it gives, and in our continued affection for this countercultural model of weekly attention to God and community in worship.

Tellingly, he starts with the experience for the worshipper: Why go to church? 'Because it's a place of moral seriousness in a trivialised culture that reduces most things to a form of entertainment.' Then he moves to the project of making community: 'Because there's a saint or two to be found there, and saints are exciting. ...Because churches make an honest attempt at community in a culture that's forgotten how to do it.'

He sees Church as a place in which we are formed and grow, and as a place where we do not have to be strong all the time, but can find internal and practical resources. It's only then that he moves on to God's presence: we may meet Jesus, we might 'bump into God' ourselves. 'Many people don't believe in God, but they miss him,' he observes.

This church has some who come every week, some who come occasionally, many who think of it as their place, and seek God here. The best way for a church to grow is for people to talk about it word of mouth to their neighbours and friends – to speak with un-anxious pride and humility both

about what the church is like, and the joy and resource we may find in God. And then to give away the experience of worship, to let people do it for themselves in the silence, song, and prayer – not worry too much about mediating or controlling the experience they have, but expecting that each one who comes will be greeted by God in Jesus as we are each greeted by God in Jesus.

So the greeting after worship is not 'Did you enjoy it,' but 'I am so glad you are here.'

Friends, as we move into summer pray for this church, for its ministry and presence, for laughter and joy.

With every blessing, **Jen**

## **JOHN PRITCHARD -**

### ***'We might bump into God'***

Here's a bunch of reasons. Because we're looking for a framework to live in, a place that represents beliefs, values and habits of the heart that make some kind of sense of a madly spinning world where we're wondering if the centre can hold.

Because it's a place of moral seriousness in a trivialised culture that reduces most things to a form of entertainment and where truth and facts are losing their value. What we don't like has become 'fake news', and that's a dead end.

Because Carl Jung said the main task of the second half of life (whether that starts at 25 or 50) is to find a spiritual interpretation of life, and a church is a pretty good place to start addressing that task.

Because there's a saint or two to be found there, and saints are exciting. It's good to get an idea of what a human being is meant to be, particularly when we're only a shadow of our future selves.

Because churches make an honest attempt at community in a culture that's forgotten how to do it. Churches have been doing it (and, yes, sometimes messing it up) for 2,000 years. We have a track record.

Because we're learners and the Church is a community of learners who know they've never 'arrived' but who know there's a journey to be on. Church is a school for ordinary sinners training to be ordinary saints.

Because churches, particularly old ones, have a different language beyond words, made up of stones, history, music, prayers, memories, dreams. We find space to sort ourselves out. On a good day these churches may even leave us feeling embraced, understood, loved.

Because when times are hard, there are resources to find there. We don't have to be strong all the time, and when we're at the bottom of the pit maybe we'll find that Jesus has let down a ladder to sit with us there.

Because we might strike lucky and hear an interesting sermon from a thoughtful minister who obviously cares about ideas, listens to what's going on in the world, and tries to make sense of it all. And knows something about God.

Because we might bump into God ourselves. Many people don't believe in God, but they miss him. Many aren't sure what they believe but they know there must be something more than getting and spending. Many have been shafted by love and want to worship God as naturally as a tree comes into blossom with the warmth of the spring.

Why go to church? **Because God might be there.**

*John Pritchard is Assistant Bishop in the Anglican Diocese of Durham*

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(<http://www.reform-magazine.co.uk/2017/05/a-good-question-why-go-to-church/>)

## Northfield Avenue Market.

Ealing Council are exploring the idea of introducing a market on Northfield Avenue, on the pavement between Kingsdown Avenue and Elers Road. They believe this is an exciting opportunity that would complement the existing retail offer, as well as create a vibrant atmosphere and experience for visitors, shoppers and the community.

This consultation closed on 31<sup>st</sup> May so watch out for reports or news.

# Family News

News from our church family has been rather sad of late, and included in our church 'Prayer Book' for those in need in the past month has been the names of Dad **Alf** who is very ill with tongue cancer, and **Noula** who is very ill with face cancer; Lita Stoll, whose friend **Gordon Young** recently died in Barbados; and **Ann Ashby**, who has also recently died and was a supporter of Kingsdown's coffee mornings with friends from St Paul's (her funeral service took place on Wednesday, 31 May at St Paul's).

Perhaps better known to most of us is **Shantini Chase** who has recently had to cope with the death of her sister, and **Blossom Jackson** who is currently in Sweden to be with her family following the loss of her brother.

**Ivy Hanson** has been bereft on two counts; first the loss of her son-in-law **Serge** in America (from cancer) and then of her daughter **Pauline** who had come back with Ivy to the UK following her husband's funeral. Whilst here in this country Pauline sought medical assistance and it was found that, she too, had terminal cancer. It was her wish that she be treated at home with Ivy and with her children **Alex** and **Arielle** by her side. (Ivy is very vocal in her praise of the MacMillan nurses who attended her daughter over the last few weeks.)

A moving ceremony was held on Wednesday, 10 May 2017, at the Kensal Green Crematorium attended by family and friends, including a number of the Kingsdown family. *(Despite her grief Ivy has managed to enhance the church with her wonderful flower displays, which she says have to some extent brought her some solace).*

Sincere condolences to all families who are mourning the loss of loved ones, including those involved in the recent Manchester Arena bomb attack. Please include in your prayers all in need of God's comfort at this time.

Many of you will be aware that Kathleen Loveridge had a fall at the Natural History Museum whilst on an outing with one of Peter's nieces; she was taken into hospital overnight and deemed to have escaped with just severe bruising. However, complications/infection then developed in her left leg. This has been slow to heal and Kathleen has again ended up in hospital (Chelsea and Westminster) for an operation and expects to have another

one (for a skin graft) in a few days. We wish her well and a full recovery very soon.

Kathleen was to have attended Ruth Dunlop's wedding and had been looking forward to the occasion (and a holiday), both of which events she unfortunately had to forgo.

**Ruth** was married to **Roger Bolton** at York Minster on Saturday, 29 April 2017, witnessed by a packed congregation (including Sybil Corbin and Rachel Kamara). Ruth's job there is going well, and she and Roger are currently living in accommodation provided by the Minster while they look for a suitable house. We wish them every happiness in their new life together.

Sybil reports that the beautiful wedding service was conducted by The Revd Canon Dr. Christopher Collingwood: the choir, comprised of members of York Minster's associate choir, the Ebor Singers, and the Music Makers of London, was directed by Dr Paul Gambeson, and the organist was Tim Hone.

Roger and Ruth expressed their gratitude to everyone who took part in the service, and to many others involved less publicly in its preparation, and all those who joined in the celebration of their marriage.

Before the service began there were five candles lit to represent Roger and Ruth's children and the light they bring.

They both thought it special to begin a new life together in the season of Easter, remembering the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

The service ended with Guilmant's triumphant "Finale", and that was in honour of Roger's late mother, Lilian, who regularly attended Minster organ recitals and loved (almost) all things French.



Tell me how it is that in this room there are three candles and but one light, and I will explain to you the mode of the divine existence.

**- John Wesley**

## **ASSOCIATE PASTOR EALING TRINITY CIRCUIT - F/T,** 12 months only, £28-32k depending on experience.

This creative, 12 month pastoral role will serve two churches (Ealing Green Methodist/URC and Kingsdown Methodist) and join the circuit team. Interested in encouraging the folk and being part of a renewal already underway?

Have an informal conversation in confidence with the Superintendent, Jennifer Smith; [jennifer.methodist@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:jennifer.methodist@yahoo.co.uk). Contact Gerald Barton, Circuit Administrator at [office@ealingtrinity.org.uk](mailto:office@ealingtrinity.org.uk) for application see job description and person specification for details.

Closing 3 July 2018 for interview 18/19 July 2017. Subject to enhanced DBS.

The Revd Dr Jennifer H Smith Ealing Trinity Circuit of the Methodist Church

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*This is my kind of church....*

*where God's presence and power are evident...*

*where Jesus is at the centre of all we do...*

*where the Holy Spirit leads and we follow...*

*where it is fun to be serving God with excellence...*

*where we love God's word and love to study it...*

*where worship is exuberant, inspiring and genuine...*

*where deep and lasting relationships are formed...*

*where family and family values are promoted...*

*where leaders lead boldly and people serve willingly...*

*where love is a tangible part of the atmosphere...*

*where prayers are answered in the name of Jesus...*

*where healings and miracles are normal...*

*where all generations are on fire for Jesus...*

*where everyone's gifts and callings grow ...*

*where we give generously because we love Jesus*



# A 'unique' guide to spirituality



## Book Review by Blossom Jackson

METHODIST minister and chaplain on the Norfolk Broads, the Rev Briant Smith, has written an inspirational book, **REcreation – The Broads**, which once I started to read I could not put down! It soon became clear that its intent is not purely that it should be read as if it was a novel or a DIY kit for the enhancement of spiritual growth.

Most importantly, I later found out, as I traversed its pages, that it could be used as a useful tool-kit for a “voyage of discovery” into the realms of spirituality. And so the reader will find that, once read, its magnetism can draw one back to its pages repeatedly.

The dual capacity of this little book is that it does not only provide precise and erudite views about the Broads (such as fauna, flora and history), so that one could not only

be easily drawn to put the Broads on a “bucket list” of places to visit – but, even more importantly, it can also serve to provide insights into a spectrum of spirituality in readily understandable language.

The book undoubtedly could also be used as a study guide to spirituality in a unique way. The author describes this user-friendly book as: “A guide for seekers and searchers, to some of the opportunities to experience the Broads as a place to explore, rediscover and develop a new awareness of nature and our identity, through a deepening interaction with the world around us”. I would strongly recommend this little book as a good companion.

Copies can be obtained from The Mill, Hellyg, Thetford Road, Coney Weston, Suffolk IP31 1DN (£4 including post and packaging).

**Children have clearly reached a critical stage of their development when they stop asking where they came from and refuse to tell you where they are going**

# ***A Warning from Prince Charles***

The growing threat of religious persecution has been branded "evil" by the Prince of Wales who has compared the dangers facing minority faith groups across the world with the "dark days of the 1930's".

In a video for the religious freedom charity 'Aid to the Church in Need', Prince Charles said the scale of the problem is under-estimated and not simply limited to Christians in the Middle East, claiming research shows other groups including Jews and Yazidis are also being targeted.

He said: "We are now seeing the rise of many populist groups across the world that are increasingly aggressive towards those who adhere to a minority faith. All of this has deeply disturbing echoes of the dark days of the 1930's." He went on to say it was "beyond all belief" to him that "such evil persecution" still exists, more than 70 years after the Second World War.

He added, "I was born in 1948, just after the end of World War Two, in which my parents' generation had fought and died in a battle against intolerance, monstrous extremism and an inhuman attempt to exterminate the Jewish population of Europe." He also described a recent meeting with a Jesuit priest from Syria who feared there may not be a single Christian left in Iraq within five years.

**From ACE Forum**



## **Lesson in Lying**

A minister told his congregation, "Next week I plan to preach about the sin of lying. To help you understand my sermon, I want you all to read Mark 17."

The following Sunday, as he prepared to deliver his sermon, the minister asked for a show of hands. He wanted to know how many had read Mark 17. Every hand went up. The minister smiled and said, "Mark has only 16 chapters. I will now proceed with my sermon on the sin of lying."

## COVENANT

*The Father knocks at my door, seeking a home for his son:  
Rent is cheap I say. I don't want to rent, I want to buy, says God.  
I'm not sure I want to sell, but you might come in to look around.  
I think I will, says God.  
I might let you have a room or two.  
I like it, says God. I'll take the two.  
You might decide to give me more some day -  
I can wait, says God.  
I'd like to give you more, but it's a bit difficult. I need some  
space for me.  
I know, says God, but I'll wait. I like what I see.  
Hm, maybe I can let you have another room.  
I really don't need that much.  
Thanks, says God, I'll take it. I like what I see.  
I'd like to give you the whole house, but I'm not sure -  
Think on it, says God. I wouldn't put you out.  
Your house would be mine and my son would live in it.  
You'd have more space than you'd ever had had before  
I don't understand at all.  
I know, says God, but I can't tell you about that.  
You'll have to discover it for yourself.  
That can only happen if you let him have the whole house.  
A bit risky, I say.  
Yes, says God, but try me.  
I'm not sure - I'll let you know.  
I can wait, says God. I like what I see.*

*Sister Margaret Halaska*

**A reputation is built not so much on what you do, but on  
who you are.**

**ALL  
WE  
CAN**

Methodist  
relief and  
development

## Where YOUR money goes

We spend the majority of our funds on long-term development projects which are delivered through our talented local partners rooted in poor communities.

We speak out for social justice through our work on campaigning and advocacy to tackle the root causes of poverty. We also respond to quickly emergencies through international humanitarian aid partners, Methodist Church links and our own partners when appropriate. Find out more about our work.



Last year, 82p in every pound we spent was used for our charitable work supporting people in the world's poorest communities. We aim to keep our administration costs low and constantly look for ways of making our work more cost effective.

When you give to our emergency appeals 100% of that money is restricted to the appeal and we reduce our administration costs to 12p in every pound. This figure compares favourably with similar organisations and ensures we have the core funding required to run our emergency appeals and organisation effectively, maximising our impact on the ground.

Find out more about our income and expenditure in our latest Annual Review.

# Organisational Goals

All We Can helps people to find solutions to poverty and become all that they can, by investing in partnerships that improve quality of life and create positive, long-term change in some of the world's poorest communities.



**Lome Wolde-Medin, her daughters and her grandchild have been able to secure a brighter future. All We Can's partner SUNARMA provided Lome with chickens and she now runs a successful egg selling business in her community.**

## Organisational goals 2015-2020

To enable local partners to fulfil their mission to sustainably improve the quality of life of poor, disadvantaged and marginalised people

To help local partners to prepare for disasters and enable local and global partners to respond effectively to humanitarian crises

To challenge the causes of poverty, inequality and injustice and promote solutions through engaging in education and advocacy

To have a prominent and instrumental role across the global Methodist community in international relief and development

To inspire and value supporters and donors, and ensure sustainable funding to fulfil our purpose

To be efficient in the management of All We Can's resources.

# **Night Shelter 2017**



Dear all,

Thank you so much for the part Kingsdown Methodist Church played in the Night Shelter this winter.

Because of you, and the other venues, we were able to offer Christian hospitality to 43 people. That not only gave them respite from the humiliation, danger and discomfort of sleeping on the streets, but also opportunities for a better life.

Some people moved into permanent housing, and more moved on to places in other shelters. There were some wonderful transformations. One example is Wlodek, who had been in the shelter before, and was suffering after an injured leg and unable to work. Like most of our guests, he is not entitled to benefits, so without work he could not rent a room. By the end of the shelter, he had received physiotherapy, and improved enough to return to his job.

Alistair, who joined us before Christmas, had underlying mental health and addiction problems which he addressed through St Mungos and RISE, and with their help got a recovery house place and then a Clearing House flat in London. He had been homeless for 10 years, mainly sleeping in a garage and had not told his family.

We hope that you continued to find that running the shelter brought God's blessing to your church as well as to the guests, and that you will be able to be a venue again next year.

**Yours with grateful thanks**  
**Ealing Churches Winter Night Shelter**

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## **How many do you remember?**

Headlight dip-switches on the floor of the car.

Ignition switches on the dashboard.

Trouser leg clips for bicycles without chain guards.

Soldering irons you heated on a gas burner.

Using hand signals for cars without turn indicators.

# The difficulties of praying

Why, O Lord, is it so hard for me to keep my heart directed toward you? Why do the many little things I want to do, and the many people I know, keep crowding into my mind, even during the hours that I am totally free to be with you and you alone? Why does my mind wander off in so many directions, and why does my heart desire the things that lead me astray? Are you not enough for me? Do I keep doubting your love and care, your mercy and grace?



Do I keep wondering, in the centre of my being, whether you will give me all I need if I just keep my eyes on you?

Please accept my distractions, my fatigue, my irritations, and my faithless wanderings. You know me more deeply and fully than I know myself

You love me with a greater love than I can love myself.

You even offer me more than I can desire. Look at me, see in me all my misery and inner confusion, and let me sense your presence in the midst of my turmoil. All I can do is show myself to you. Yet, I am afraid to do so. I am afraid that you will reject me. But I know - with the knowledge of faith - that you desire to give me your love. The only thing you ask of me is not to hide from you, not to run away in despair; not to act as if you were a relentless despot.

Take my tired body, my confused mind, and my restless soul into your arms and give me rest, simple quiet rest. Do I ask too much too soon? I should not worry about that. You will let me know.

Come, Lord Jesus, come.

Amen

**Henry Nouwen 1932-1996**

*With acknowledgement to The Vine,  
Wheathampstead Churches Together*

**If your supermarket is lowering prices every day,  
how come nothing is free yet?**

# **Action for Children**

Action for Children Sunday is on July 9th and envelopes will be in the pews for the Sundays of July 2nd, 9th and 16th for those who wish to contribute. Your contribution may be Gift Aided if you wish.

We will be holding a book fair in aid of AFC with stalls for gifts and bric-a-brac on Saturday July 1st. Any donations and/or offers of help gladly appreciated.



Action for Children is the children's charity of the Methodist Church and has been active since 1869. The charity works with children and young people, building confidence and self-esteem. It gives them the practical and emotional support they need to help them thrive and build the skills they need for adulthood. The charity works with and supports young carers across the UK, and also supports teenage mothers in vulnerable and difficult situations.

AFC also supports children and young people in care with fostering, adoption and residential care services, and helps them build happy, healthy, independent futures for when they leave care.

The charity also provides support for disabled children and their families. It provides programmes to help young people who have had a difficult start in life get into education, training and employment.

The youth justice and intensive family support services help young people who have been identified as being involved in or at risk of offending. The services are tailored to address the level of risk and need presented by young people.

For further information [www.actionforchildren.org.uk](http://www.actionforchildren.org.uk)

Registered address 3, The Boulevard, Ascot Road, Watford WD18 8AG

**Olwen Britton.**

**Don't wait for people to be friendly; show them how.**



# Book Fair - 1<sup>st</sup> July

A regular event that has been part of Kingsdown life for many years.

An opportunity to find a bargain or just to find a favourite author again.

A chance to have a cup of tea or coffee with someone you may not have seen for some while.

Buy that odd item of Bric a Brac that attracts you. Maybe a CD or DVD.

All proceeds from Book Fairs go to the charities that Kingsdown supports, or occasionally to help the cost of essential maintenance.

If you have not attended do come on the 1<sup>st</sup> July, and if you are a regular bring a friend.

Kingsdown Methodist Church, Northfield Avenue, W13

## BOOK FAIR



Books

Gifts

Bric-a-Brac

### Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July

10.00am to 12.30pm

Proceeds to:



action for  
children

## Late for church

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for church. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

While she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late...But please don't shove me either!"

# The 10<sup>th</sup> Ealing

May was a very busy and a very blessed month for your Boys' Brigade company, 10th Ealing. As well as our usual weekly meetings we also took part in all the following ...



## West London Athletics Competition - Saturday 13th May



We entered the West London Athletics Competition at Perivale Park hoping to maintain our usual sterling performance. And, as always, our Boys exceeded expectations and were in stunning form.

We captured the top five individual placements and retained the Best Company Trophy for the second year. Pte Matt Howard was also awarded Best Athlete for the third year in a row.

What a fantastic day and a very appropriate ending to the Competitions season. Our trophy cabinet currently contains five honours -- an excellent achievement.

### **Church Parade - Sunday 14th May**

We were delighted to attend Church Parade at Kingsdown the following day, which was led by Mrs Rekha Cheriyan, mother of old Boy and Queensman Jonathan Cheriyan. Rekha gave a simple and wonderful sermon based on the Lord's Prayer. It was a lovely and heartwarming service and our Boys took home a good message for the week.

### **Annual Display - Friday 19 May**



Our 49th Annual Display and Presentation of Awards Evening was a great success, and was attended by over 100 parents, friends and church members. The Boys played, jumped, marched, prayed and worked for two hours to impress the crowd and received badges, certificates and honours at the end of the programme. It was a moving and inspiring occasion.

Our 50th Birthday Year is almost over (we still have Summer Camp in Swanage -- hooray!) and it has been a glorious and happy time. On behalf of the three staff and 78 Boys I offer sincere thanks for your constant and prayerful support. Sure and Steadfast.

**Tony Plews**

# **Pentecost - a day that changed history**



People call it 'Whitsun' because once upon a time it was a day for wearing white and going on church processions. The church, however, calls it 'Pentecost' and it's on June 4th this year. It is a crucial date in the Church calendar – in some ways the birthday of Christianity as we know it.

After the crucifixion the followers of Jesus took to meeting in an 'upper room' in Jerusalem, with the doors locked 'for fear of the Jewish authorities'. It was here that the risen Christ appeared to them several times, as well as on a few occasions in other locations when they ventured out. Eventually He told them that He was 'going back to the Father', but that they should stay in the city until they received the spiritual resources to do the job for which He had called them – to take His message to the world. They did as they were told, about 120 men and women, Luke tells us, including the mother of Jesus.

Then it happened, on the Jewish feast of Shavuot, which was 50 days after the Passover. Pentecost was a spiritual experience which transformed their lives. Emboldened, they emerged from the upper room and started preaching on the city streets. They continued to do so even when ordered to stop. What had happened to bring about this transformation? The answer was two words: Holy Spirit. If that sounds very elusive and vague, think of it in its basic meaning in the Greek of the New Testament: Breath – the very source of life itself, the most precious gift of God. At Pentecost the handful of believers were brought to new life because the Holy Spirit of God breathed upon them. The Church was born. Two thousand people were baptised. Wimps became witnesses!

On that long ago first morning of Pentecost, Jerusalem was crowded with thousands of visitors, for it was one of the most popular feast-days in the



Jewish calendar – the Feast of Firstfruits, looking forward to the wheat harvest.

In one small room of that great city, a small group of people who had followed Jesus were praying. There was nothing else for them to do: Jesus had died, He had risen, and He had ascended, promising to send them 'a Comforter'. They were left alone, to wait at Jerusalem. And so they waited – on Him, and for Him. They were not disappointed: for that morning the Holy Spirit fell upon that small room, and transformed those believers into the Church, Christ's body here on earth. Pentecost was not the first time that the Holy Spirit came to the world – throughout the Old Testament there are stories telling of how God had guided people and given them strength. But now His Spirit would use a new instrument: not just isolated prophets, but the Church, His body on earth.

Acts opens with the preaching of the gospel in Jerusalem, the centre of the Jewish nation. Within 30 years the gospel had spread throughout the northern Mediterranean: Syria, Turkey, Greece, Malta... to the very heart of the Roman Empire: Rome. The Church was on the move – God was on the move! He was calling people from every nation to repent, turn to Jesus for forgiveness of their sins, and to follow him.



**Hanwell Methodist Church**  
Church Road, London, W7 1DJ

**Saturday 24th June**  
**2:00 - 4:30pm**

Admission **FREE**

**Cakes Refreshments**  
**Picnic area Crafts Ice cream**  
**Sand Activities**

*Parents are responsible for their children*



**17 - 19  
October  
2017**

**CRE has moved**

Remember CRE – the *Christian Resources Exhibition* – well this year it has moved not only from the Excel Centre but also from the normal time of year. This year it is to be held at Sandown Park, a previously used popular location, and the dates will be Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017.

CRE is an exhibition that exhibits resources from up to 200 church suppliers including workshops and youth workers. The event features areas such as worship, families, Bible, mission, Church buildings, clothing, finance and technology.

The cost of entry is £4 when you register in advance - a saving of 50% off the on-day price. Groups of 3 or more will be charged the group rate of £3 each. This ticket is valid on any and all of the three days of the exhibition.

There's lots of free car parking at the venue. There may be some complimentary tickets available from some of the exhibitors - we will update you are able to get some.

**More details on the CRE Web site: <http://creonline.co.uk/>**

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## **That's Not My Job**

This is a story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

## *A Psalm of Val*

*Oh Lord search me.  
Know my Heart.  
You are with me all day.  
When I sleep You guard over me.  
How wonderful you are!*

*You alone are my constant guide and companion.  
I love your ways  
In the darkest night you shine supreme.  
In the beauty of the day you are there too.  
Where would I be without you?*

*Lord I would give you thanks -  
But that is not enough.  
Lord I would praise your name-  
But that does not suffice.*

*And so I just throw myself on your mercy,  
And give you my heart, a sacrifice. Amen*

## *Agape Love*

*Love Divine  
You are mine  
To share and give  
For as long as I live.*

*God gives it to me  
And I pass it on,  
Living in Victory  
Just like a song.*

*His love never dies.  
It lives in our eyes  
And I give it to you  
My love is true  
For You.*

*Val Elgar*

# **BEE FRIENDLY**

Bee killing pesticides have devastated many colonies of bees across the country and still the insecticide companies try and try to get the ban on their use lifted.

What can YOU do - petition, protest and do what ever you can to stop the use of unfriendly pesticides..

When you buy flowering plants check with the Garden Centre - Super market - that they have not been polluted with pesticides that are harmful to Bees.

More positively you can create a bee friendly part of your garden - any space with bee friendly plants that helps to feed the bees is a space that is helping to preserve their vital role in our ecological systems.

If you want to learn more then there is some good detailed advice on the Wyevale web site at:

<https://www.wyevalegardencentres.co.uk/cms/tips-and-advice/tips-for-success/bees/>



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# Heinz Chapel Choir Concert

Kingsdown was filled with glorious singing when the Heinz Choir performed at the start of their 2017 UK tour on Saturday 6th May. A good audience of more than ninety people heard music from a range of composers that was sung by the choir without accompaniment or reading from scores.

After the concert the choir mingled with the audience, providing an excellent opportunity for the choir to meet people from the UK and for us to meet a disciplined group of talented young people from the USA.

Many thanks must go to all those who helped in various ways, publicity, ticket selling, rostra building, front of house activities, or in the church hall keeping the choir refreshed. The choir boarded their coach with 'doggy bags' of Kingsdown's home made cakes which they thought were excellent.

Dr Susan Rice - The Choir Director - sent us a note: Thank you for your kind email and for sharing the photos from our concert at Kingsdown Methodist. The students continued to talk of your warmth and hospitality as the tour went on, as well as the deliciousness of the lovely baked goods that the ladies sent with them when we made our way back to the coaches at the end of the evening! Thank you all, again, for a memorable night!



Overall, including a donation from the Choir, Kingsdown's funds grew by £934.09



## St RICHARD of CHICHESTER

St Richard of Chichester, who lived from 1197 to 1253, is patron saint of the English county of Sussex.

In 1244 Richard was elected Bishop of Chichester but King Henry III wanted someone else as bishop and he ordered that no one should feed or house Richard. So Richard lived with a friend who was a parish priest and visited his entire diocese on foot for two years until the king relented.

Richard is widely remembered today for the prayer he is supposed to have said as he was dying. The prayer was adapted for the song 'Day by Day' in the musical Godspell and it is in this form that most people know it today:

Day by day,  
Dear Lord, of thee  
three things I pray:  
To see thee more clearly,  
Love thee more dearly,  
Follow thee more nearly,  
Day by Day.

## SOUNDS STRANGE

There are still quite a few people called Richard today but some saints' names sound very strange to our modern ears - how many of these names are saint's names and how many of them are something else all together? Answers at the bottom of the page.

1. Wenceslas
2. Mesrop
3. Blaise
4. Porphyry
5. Waudru
6. Methodius
7. Attracta
8. Sebbi
9. Fiacre
10. Budoc



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**What do you call a man with a  
map on his head?**

Miles.

**What do you call a  
woman with a  
tortoise on her  
head?**

Shelley.



**What do you call a man  
checking your homework?**

Mark.

**What do you call a Vicar  
on a moped?**  
Rev.

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Answers: all of them are saints listed in  
the Penguin Dictionary of Saints -  
honestly.

## COMING EVENTS

### JUNE

- Mon 5 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout the month)
- Tue 6 2.00 pm Kingsdown Club - a talk by Janet Smith
- Wed 7 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers (weekly - term time only)
- Thu 8 3.30 pm - 5.30 pm CBSI UK Bible Studies in the Foyer
- Fri 9 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 (term time only)
- Sat 10 10.15 am-12 noon Coffee & Chat - everyone welcome
- Tue 13 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Sat 17 7.45 pm Ealing Choral Society Concert - British Choral Classics at St Barnabas Church. Tickets £15, £15 (Conc) £3 (16 & under) Tel: 07957 923341
- Sun 18 4 pm Iris Axon Concert, Acton Hill - Arun Menon, solo viola (Admission £6, £5 conc, £2 children)
- Tue 20 2 pm Kingsdown Club - The Caroliners
- Sat 24 2-4.30 pm Hanwell Church Beach Party p 21

### Future Dates for your Diary

- Sat 1 Jul 10 am -12.30 pm **BOOK FAIR** with stalls: books, bric-a-brac, cakes, gifts in aid of Action for Children
- Sun 9 Jul** (after morning service) Annual Church General Meeting
- Sat 15 Jul Next Traders Day in Northfield Avenue
- Sun 23 Jul 6.30pm at Ealing Green – farewell service for Rev Dr Jen Smith and her husband, Rev Dr Keith Riglin.
- Thu 27 Jul 8 pm Church Council Meeting

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