



KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



September 2012

'Keep Calm and Carry On'

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER - KINGSDOWN



- 2 Sep 10.30 Mrs Regina Prempeh
3.30 Service at Hanwell House
(please try to join us)
6.30 CIRCUIT SERVICE at Greenford -
Welcome to New Ministers
- 9 Sep 10.30 Rev Peter Catford, Family/Parade Service & MRDF
6.30 Mrs Esther Ackah
- 16 Sep 10.30 Mrs Lynda Blackburn
6.30 Rev Peter Catford, Holy Communion
- 23 Sep 10.30 Rev Peter Catford, Holy Communion & Healing Service
6.30 Rev Dr Jennifer Smith
- 30 Sep 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe
6.30 Mrs Esther Ackah



Circuit Welcome Service for New Ministers

The Circuit Welcome Service for our new ministers Rev Peter Catford, Rev Suva Catford, Rev Chrissie Howe and Deacon Richard Goldstraw will be held at Greenford Church on Sunday 2nd September at 6.30pm in the presence of the Deputy Mayor of Ealing, Cllr Shahbaz Ahmed.

The sermon will be preached by Rev Michaela Youngson, newly installed Chair of the London District. All are invited to attend.

The KINGSDOWN MESSENGER

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*Into your midst have come a clan
To tell you about them is my plan*

*Peter's career here is reckoned
Before the ministry beckoned
October in the 1960th year
Was the time he did appear
An only child in Plymouth city
Supporting Argyle, such a pity
From there his family emigrated
5 miles to Cornwall, Plymouth elated
Saltash used him on the rugby field
As hooker because of his build
For work he joined a local bank
Whose name leaves most people blank
He's doing Ok until a voice
That left him very little choice
It was much to his surprise
that God should use him, so unwise.
Choir member, steward, local preacher
What a very odd creature
At God's call he left the bank behind
He uprooted family, how unkind*

*The Catfords have done much journeying
Before landing up here in Ealing
Saltash, Bristol, Isle of Wight
Have all appeared in this family's sight
Then Brum, Belize, Lancaster*

Life just got faster 'n' faster
Kingston, Andover and then Whitchurch
Which was their last perch

Who makes up the rest of this travelling tribe
I'll give you a very quick guide

Throughout her life Suva's name
Has been the source of fame and pain
So you may find it profitable
To know it's Fiji's capital
Although she was born in Hampshire fair
But soon moved on to Cornish air

For holidays her family band
Travelled through Europe's land
In a VW, camping here and there
She has some tales that'll curl your hair
It was ended when she met a Plymouth son
It was in February 81 this branch of Catford's was begun
It was the royal wedding year
Ours was less grand, you'll be glad to hear.

Seven years elapsed the family grew
Adding children numbering two
Rebecca here you will meet
Elizabeth married lives in Benfleet
Rebecca has just become a local preacher
Elizabeth a presbyteral probationer

Over time we've ebbed and flowed
Pets have come some had to go
Dogs, birds, hamsters, fish
Rabbits, chicken complete the dish
Currently we've Poppy the cat
Dogs Jill and Meg enjoy a pat

As a family we love music and drama
Badminton makes us feel a little calmer
Walks out in the English country
Has to be accompanied with a cup of tea
When at home it's not DIY
But ridding the garden of greenfly

Our moving here is a huge change
As we take on roles new and strange
Who's the minister, who the spouse
Will make for debates within the house

We come to discover and explore
God's call for us here it will be no bore
For what God has placed on our communal heart
Will be the best place to start

There's so much more that I could say
But I'll save that for another day

Peter Catford

Kingsdown Family News

Condolences to Liz and Steve Palmer and their family on the death of Steve's mum thanks for her life were offered at Morning Service on 17 July.

Thanks were also offered for the safe delivery of twins, a boy and girl, to Vanessa and Raymond Swan; grandmother Mary is so delighted.

The Blessing of Fynn James, son of Madeline and John Church, took place at the Morning Service at Kingsdown on Sunday 29 July.

The Garrett and Glassman families went to the USA early in August to celebrate the wedding of Martin Garrett; we hope they had a wonderful time.



Dear Friends at Kingsdown

Maria and I enjoyed the Circuit Farewell Service for Rev Michaela Youngson, Rev Roger Dunlop, and Rev Kit Bennett. I hope I will be attending the Induction Service of Rev Michaela Youngson as Chairman of the West London District at Wesley Chapel.

I am busy watching the Olympics. We are great and feel very proud we won so many medals. Serena, the Home Manager, is helping me to make arrangements to go to church Sunday morning or in the evening (if attending in the morning is not possible).

I am looking forward to meeting the new Minister, the Rev Peter Catford, on 2 September at the Circuit Welcome Service at Greenford Methodist Church.

I send my regards to all at Kingsdown, hoping to see you all in the near future.

Frank Bedwell

A BIG THANK YOU ...

Mark Parsons, Operations Manager at St John's Church (and responsibilities with the West London Trust) has asked that sincere thanks be passed to to everyone for supporting the Ealing Soup Kitchen and for the generous contribution made to the salary for the Worker with the Homeless, which has been very much appreciated. Total donations amounted to £1,201.

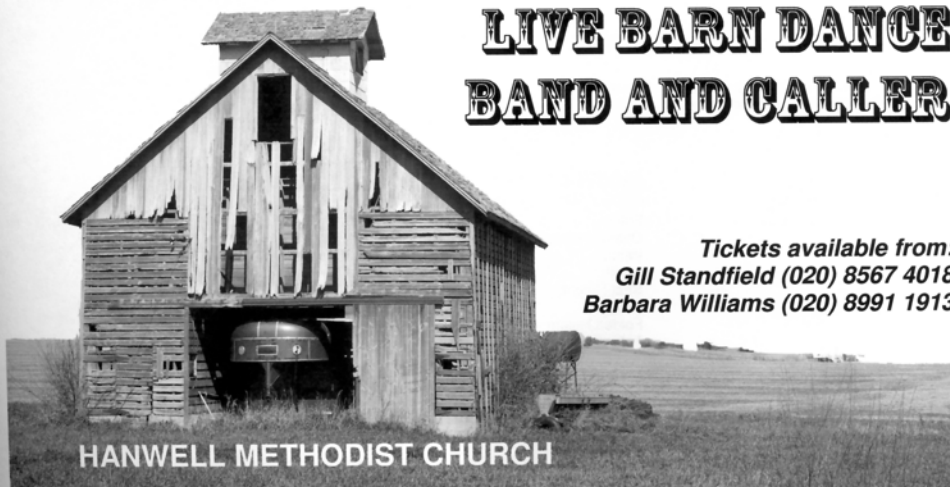
HARVEST CEILIDH

and welcome social
for our new Minister
and family

Saturday
29th September 2012
7:00 – 10:15pm

Tickets: £6
Under 16s: £3
including hot meal

LIVE BARN DANCE
BAND AND CALLER



HANWELL METHODIST CHURCH

Tickets available from:
Gill Standfield (020) 8567 4018
Barbara Williams (020) 8991 1913

Proceeds will be donated to our Church's Ghanaian Primary School project
and to Ealing Churches' Winter Night Shelters

Saying Goodbye and Hello

Kingsdown Church Hall was full of members and friends from the local congregation and from Pitshanger Methodist Church at lunchtime on 8 July, to say farewell and thanks to Rev Roger Dunlop at the end of his nine-year service in the Circuit. Church Steward Chris Marlow paid tribute to Roger's commitment and hard work, the high quality of the pastoral care he gave to members, friends and strangers, and his inspired leading of worship. A card signed by all, and a cheque, were presented to Roger in gratitude for what he had achieved amongst us. Best wishes were also given to Greg and Aidan who were present with their father, as we remembered their considerable contribution to Young Church, to the Boys Brigade and to several of our fund-raising shows.

Earlier, Junior Church had paid their own tribute to Roger, and presented him with a number of gifts, during the final service he led for us. Both then and in responding to the Steward's speech, Roger illustrated his messages to us through the medium of magic, including old favourite tricks, and at least one brand-new one. A splendid lunch was served for all, as Roger mingled amongst us for a last 'Family' meal and many photographs were taken, before the three Dunlops cut a cake decorated for the occasion.

The following Sunday, a more formal farewell from the Ealing Trinity Circuit for Roger, and the Revs Micky Youngson, Kip Bennett and David Jenkins, was the focus of evening worship - also at Kingsdown - conducted by Rev Jen Smith; the Preacher was Jarel Robinson-Brown.

Members and friends will be pleased to know that some of us made an early visit to Roger and Greg in their new home. (It was Aidan's turn this time to be away on moving-in day.) On the day after the removal team had delivered their furniture and boxes of belongings, Roger could be found setting up his computer in his half-organised study, before setting off to conduct a funeral. And I understand that Greg has already held at least one barbecue for his university friends in the manse's very large garden.

Roger's new address is:- Fieldings, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, HA6 3AA. Members and friends are invited to support him at the Welcome Service in the Harrow and Hillingdon Circuit (where our previous minister, Rev Cecil Smith, also lives) at 8.00pm on Tuesday 4 September, at Ruislip Methodist Church, Ickenham Road, Ruislip, Middx, HA4 7BZ.

There will be an opportunity in the early autumn to offer our thanks in person to Ruth Dunlop for her contribution to the life and work at Kingsdown, particularly in Young Church, in the past nine years. Details to follow.

Kathleen Loveridge

Harvest Ceilidh - Short acts or turns wanted

On Saturday 29th September Hanwell will be holding a Harvest Ceilidh and welcome social for our new minister and his family (details on the poster displayed on page ...)

If you are unsure what a Ceilidh is, then it is a Barn Dance interspersed with short acts/turns provided by the people present. Ray Garnett will be the Caller and MC for the evening and will be accompanied by a live barn dance band. Ray is an experienced caller and well known for his fun Singing Calls.

Ray is now looking for short acts or turns of about 3-4 minutes that members attending may be able to offer as entertainment between the dances. Songs from individuals or a small group, (especially if they have a "folk" theme), monologues, playing an instrument (he could find you a backing pianist), etc would be welcome. It would be great to have some turns from Kingsdown people. If you can offer something then do contact him on ray@hanwellmethodist.info or (020) 8567 6739 with details.

Rev Roger Dunlop - Welcome Service at Ruislip Methodist Church

The service to welcome Rev Roger Dunlop as one of the new Ministers of Harrow & Hillingdon Circuit will be held at Ruislip Methodist Church on Tuesday, 4th September 2012 at 8.00pm.

BOOK FAIR - SATURDAY, 22 SEPTEMBER

Our fifth Book Fair for 212 will be held on 22 September and, in addition to books, we shall have a nearly new and bric-a-brac stall, and shall be grateful for your gifts for this stall.

The proceeds from this Book Fair are for Contact-a-Family - Ealing and Southall, and our last Fair for this local charity was in 2008! CONTACT-A-FAMILY is the only National Charity that exists to support the families of disabled children. They now have over 30 years experience and offer support, information and advice to over 340,000 families each year. They also campaign for families to receive a better deal.

Someone from the charity will be coming to Kingsdown on 22 September, to tell you about the local group. Please do come along and give your support.

Ruby Warne

**Kingsdown Methodist Church
Northfield Ave W13**

Book Fair



Books

Nearly New



Bric-a-Brac

Raffle

Saturday 22nd September

10.00am – 12.30pm

Admission 40p

***Proceeds to
Connect a Family – Ealing & Southall***

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2012

£3,220 - our total for Christian Aid Week and an excellent result! In addition the total for Gift Aid is £178.54 (unconfirmed) and Anna raised £268.00 - Circle the City Walk - so a grand total of £3,666.54.

House-to-house collecting - £144.92, and this was achieved with just 17 collectors. Flag Day - £540.85 - for various reasons four of our usual collectors were unavailable this year and, although Roger appealed for four collectors at the Family Service, only one member of the congregation responded! The money was there, but the collectors were not.

Our annual Christian Aid Fair with books and numerous stalls raised £606.72 - a terrific result! And Deborah took £60.00 on the Traidcraft stall.

Christian Aid Week began with an inspiring service led by Dr. Anita Oji. This year the focus was on Sierra Leone. Our thanks to Anita and I know she enjoyed being with us.

Very many thanks to everyone who helped in any way during Christian Aid Week.

Unfortunately, due to holidays, I was unable to attend two meetings at Christian Aid HQ. The first was the annual 'Thank you and Evaluation', when those who had been involved in Christian Aid Week were thanked for their work, and then the CA week resources were discussed.

A few days later there was a meeting to discuss the problem of the landless people in India. I am very grateful to Rachel Kamara who attended both meetings, representing Kingsdown and Pitshanger, and you can read her report in this edition of the Messenger (p.).

Ruby Warne



CHRISTIAN AID APPRECIATION EVENING AND TASTE OF INDIA

I was asked to attend because Ruby was otherwise engaged. The event was attended by volunteers who took part in the Christian Aid week and workers of the Christian Aid office.

Refreshments were served after which we were showed a DVD on Sierra Leone. We saw a church in London engaged in a fund raising event for Sierra Leone. They sang choruses which churches in Sierra Leone sing and several activities of dancing and clapping were viewed. Gbap a village in Sierra where tools for fishing were donated had a show of school children, singing, dancing and ended with a thank-you speech from one of the pupils. During the DVD one of the volunteers who had visited Sierra Leone during the time gave an intensive explanation of all the activities which took place.

Those who attended were encouraged to fill in a feed back form from the experience during the week of collection. There was a large turn out and it was a very good time meeting others who were involved in collection and running the office.

Another activity which took place later in the month was referred to as 'A taste of India' at this event there was a quiz on each table which had photographs of important people from India who had worked to improve India, past leaders, some who fought to improve life in the community.

Most of those who attended had either been to India on a visit or lived there. After that there was a DVD on India how people united to travel a long road to put across a point which would improve their livelihood. They had their lands for farming and fishing taken away from them by the higher authorities. They contributed the little they had to share with those who led the protest as they had to travel from village to village. Food and monies were collected. The monies were put in pots which could not be opened unless broken.

Finally we had a taste of various Indian foods for the cost of £8.00. This was an evening we were encouraged to support the Indian communities.

Rachel Kamara



THE RICHMOND PARK HARVEST WALK - SATURDAY 29 SEPTEMBER

Have you seen the poster in the Church Foyer?

Taking place at harvest time in one of the most beautiful Royal Parks, with great children's activities, this sponsored walk is a fun day out for all the family! You can choose between a 3 mile walk or a 6 mile walk through the Isabella Plantation.

All those who are taking part will meet at the Cambrian Gate - prayers, coffee and croissants, lots of stops and more coffee!

Violet, Janet and Ivy have their sponsorship forms and will be seeking your help. All money raised will help poor communities help themselves out of poverty.



FIGHT POVERTY STEP BY STEP

Ruby Warne



The new season of CBSI at Kingsdown will commence on Wednesday September 12th from 11am -1pm and will run for 18 weeks till February 2013.

We are holding the sessions in the daytime to suit people with school age children who have expressed an interest in attending.

This season we will be studying the Gospel of Mark. September 12th will be an introductory and registration meeting.

There will be a one-off registration fee of £5 per person plus a £5 fee per month to cover expenses and to make a donation for the work of CBSI.

Further information can be obtained from the Course Leader Rachel Kamara- tel 020 8840 5576 email rachelkamara@hotmail.com



Mamush's Story



Mamush's Story

'Before 2007 I was in absolute poverty, I needed to take care of my wife, three preschool children, a niece and my aging parents. It was a great challenge for me to feed my family from the meagre income I got from farming three hectares of eroded land. I had to sell my sheep and young bulls when we ran short of food. I couldn't keep enough milk cows to feed my children or oxen to plough the fields and it kept getting worse.

It was in 2007 that I heard about SUNARMA from project workers who encouraged me to attend a meeting. Realising that I was keeping bees in two traditional beehives, SUNARMA gave me two modern beehives and provided training for me on beekeeping techniques. From this training I learnt how to keep beehives clean and protected from rain, how to protect beehives from pests, and when and how to harvest the honey. I started to see the difference straight away, instead of collecting 4kg of honey from a traditional beehive, I managed to harvest up to 15kg. This encouraged me to focus on beekeeping and with the extra income I invested in more beehives, now I own 14. I also bought oxen to help with farming and a cow to provide milk for my children. I have also been putting money aside to re-roof my house, replacing the thatch with corrugated metal.

For the first time since I was married, I can feed my family properly. Now I am happy because my children eat enough and dress properly. I have been receiving close professional support from field workers and I hope SUNARMA will continue supporting me with making my dream of transforming myself come true. SUNARMA's programme has enabled me to feel confident that I am involved in a sustainable activity that generates a long-term income.'

MRDF's partner SUNARMA supports farmers in the Wof Washa region of Ethiopia to improve their agricultural production techniques and increase their income. SUNARMA provides crucial equipment, training and resources, so individuals can establish small businesses which are environmentally friendly and sustainable.

MRDF Service 9th September
Gift Aid Envelopes will be in the Pews on Sunday 2nd and 9th



Parabati's Story



Parabati's Story

'My name is Parabati Patika, I am 49 years old and live in Suludia village, Orissa. I was 16 years old when I married and have two daughters who are 24 and 16 years old. I became involved with MRDF's partner, READ in 2008 when training workshops started being held in my village.

Before READ, my life was very miserable. I didn't know anything other than housework, cooking and taking care of children. I was a bit shy and scared to speak with other people. I didn't know women from other villages. In my family, my husband used to make all of the decisions. I wanted to be the one making decisions.

Now, I am enjoying my life with the women's group. Everyone in the village gives me respect and my husband and local leaders involve me in all decision making. After attending regular meetings and workshops I became more confident and can now speak to anybody, anywhere. Through READ I have received a lot of training in leadership, entrepreneurship, communication and agricultural production. We have received support from READ to buy seeds, cultivate cotton and transport products – many women have also received small loans and now own their own businesses, including me!

Most people's attitudes toward women has changed and gender discrimination has been reduced. Whenever they conduct village meetings they invite our women's group leaders.

I hope to involve all local women in development activities. With the support of READ we are now concentrating on the education of young girls. Once women are educated, many of the problems of women and the community will be solved.

I am very thankful to READ for its constant effort to bring us up to this level. Secondly I must extend sincere thanks to the people in the UK for their whole hearted support and the noble work they do.'

READ is an MRDF partner working in Eastern India to empower marginalised women through education, life skills workshops and income generating activities. The women form groups and together are then able to start businesses, become more aware of their rights and develop crucial skills.

Tuesday, 24th July Olympic Torch Relay

Tony Plews, Boys' Brigade Captain, and much admired son-in-law, was to carry the torch in Hillingdon.

We set off ridiculously early at 11.15, Ken, Kathleen, Matt, Dan and myself. Maria had gone to take Tony to the start venue. When we arrived at Kingston Lane we parked the car and went out onto the road. It was deserted apart from two policemen and a couple of people putting up bunting on Marian House, which is a home for retired nuns. We set up camp under an oak tree, secured the banner, which the boys had made, to the fence behind us, arranged our chairs, opened our sandwiches and settled down to wait. Only another 2½ hours to go!!



More police arrived to ensure that we did not create a riot. They were all very friendly and talked to us about who we were supporting and why he had been nominated. Maria arrived bringing news from the relay start venue about what was happening there. Gradually more friends and family appeared and spaced themselves out along the route. It grew hotter and hotter and we were very glad of the shade from the tree. Fortunately time passed very quickly.

About 2 o'clock things began to start, the buses appeared to have been diverted and there were many more police and motor cycle police. Then vans, lorries and various cheer-leaders began to come down the road and finally the torch came into view, followed by the coach containing the torch bearers. Some of our party moved down to the handover place and some to the place where Tony would finish. Ken and I stayed put (guarding the luggage) and also because it was so hot when not under the tree. We could just about see the handover and then Tony was running along the road waving. We all cheered and tried to get the best photographs, and then it was all over, the moment had passed, but what a wonderful experience we had all had.

Tony was then whisked back to the start venue where he had left his things and we hot-footed it back to Kingsdown where people were gathering to see the torch and talk over tea and cakes. Tony duly arrived and we opened the front doors of the church so that people could have photographs taken with the torch. Lots of people coming along Northfield Avenue stopped to look at the torch and to have their picture taken – Tony was quite the celebrity!

It was a wonderful, happy afternoon which we will never forget.

Hazel Pennells

Blossom at Heathrow!

The Guards wanted to know about AFHS Scheme, said it was highly commendable and was happy to take a photo with us!

In the picture with the guards are Michael, Athletes family member, from the USA, Lita Stoll-volunteer- Ealing Trinity Circuit - Methodist Church and me - (AFHS - Morethangold, Workgroup!)



Blossom Jackson

BOOK FAIR - 7 JULY

A Book Fair, with numerous stalls, was held on 7 July and proceeds were for the United Anglo Caribbean Society. The sum raised was **£363.03** with people from Kingsdown and the UACS (Mrs Adeine Elvin and friends) contributing to the event.



I have received a most appreciative letter from Mr. John Swan (Chairperson) who was with us at Kingsdown. He writes:

“We would like to thank you and everyone at the Kingsdown Methodist Church for the part they have played in helping to achieve such a successful outcome. In view of the current pressures on the finance of our organisation, I would like to assure you, by God’s guidance, we would be prudent in how we use these funds to achieve maximum benefits to our members and users.”

Ruby Warne

Data Protection

Kingsdown Methodist Church maintains a database of basic information relating to members and the community roll. Keep the Minister informed of any changes to your personal details. The database is maintained in accordance with the guidelines of The Trustees for Methodist Church Purposes, Central Buildings, Oldham Street, Manchester M1 1JQ to whom any formal requests for access to the data must be addressed.

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20th October 2012

CAPTIAL CHORUS IN CONCERT

London's foremost "Barbershop style" close harmony male chorus.
A fun evening of popular songs and light entertainment.

7.30 pm on Saturday 20. October 2012

Kingsdown Methodist Church, Kingsdown Avenue, W13 9PR.

Tickets £10.

Proceeds in aid of the Kingsdown Methodist Church Redevelopment Fund.



THE BOX IN THE CHURCH FOYER

Many of you contribute regularly to the box in the Church Foyer, and I now have another request! As you know, SOCKS are taken to the Hinde Street Methodist Church, for the West London Mission Day Centre; the Centre is in need of BATH TOWELS for the ever growing number of people using showers on a daily basis. Please donate NEW or OLD USABLE TOWELS as you can. Since bath towels are too large to leave in the Church Foyer, please contact me if you are able to help.

A short report about the WLM Day Centre from the Annual Report:

"The West London Day Centre exists to provide health, housing and education services for rough sleepers in the Westminster area. We work with some of the most marginalised and destitute members of society. As well as using the basic services such as showers, canteen, laundry and clothing store, we also have a doctor and nurse on site, and specialist advisors on benefits and mental health issues. We also run many different support and activity groups and have an on-site construction skills course and computer room."

Please do help.

Ruby Warne

Charity of the Year



Kingsdown's COTY for 2012/13 will be the Ealing Street Pastors initiative. Street Pastors is an inter-denominational Church response to urban problems, engaging with people on the streets to care, listen and dialogue. It was pioneered in London in January 2003 by Rev Les Isaac, director of the Ascension Trust, and has seen some remarkable results, including drops in crime in areas where teams have been working.

There are now some 9000 trained volunteers in around 250 teams in the UK. Each city project is set up by the Ascension Trust and run by a local co-ordinator with support from the Trust, local churches and community groups in partnership with Police, Councils and other statutory agencies.

Our year will start with the Harvest Festival service on Sunday October 14th and there will be COTY envelopes with Gift aid forms in the pews for the Sundays of October 7th, 14th and 21st. The charity has asked specifically for a scanner printer and ink cartridges. The Ealing co-ordinator Lehoma Tannis-Harriet will be available at the Harvest service to speak on the charity.

We hope that Kingsdown will give this initiative all the support that it truly deserves.

Olwen Britton

CHRISTIAN AID TAX JUSTICE BUS VISITS EALING

Christian Aid's tax justice campaign has been running for several years. Tax dodging robs developing countries of an estimated \$160bn every year - one-and-a-half times the international aid budget! This autumn CA is taking the tax justice campaign on the road around Britain and Ireland in a converted double-decker bus. The tax bus will travel through more than 80 towns and cities in seven weeks, raising awareness of the campaign. The bus will have an exhibition on the lower deck and an area for small meetings on the upper deck. CA are organising the tour with Church Action on Poverty.

And now the exciting news! On Friday, 14 SEPTEMBER between 12.30 and 2 pm the CA Tax Justice Bus will be visiting ST MARY'S CHURCH, ACTON HIGH STREET.

I do hope you will find time to visit. The E3 WILL TAKE YOU THERE.

Ruby Warne

ALL ABOARD FOR TAX JUSTICE

Tax dodging costs developing countries an estimated US\$160bn every year – more than the annual global aid budget.

So this autumn we're taking the message of tax justice on the road – in our Tax Justice Bus. We'd love you to get on board.

Come and hear our partners from around the world talk about how tax dodging affects their lives and what they're doing to bring about tax justice.

Find out more at
christian-aid.org/tax-bus



Where: St Mary's Church, Acton High Street, W3 9NW

Come to explore the exhibition, hear from one of our partners, and join us for lunch

When: Friday 14 September, 12.30 – 2pm

Contact: Hannah Griffiths

020 7523 2061 / HGriffiths@christian-aid.org

Christian Aid will be joined on the bus by Church Action on Poverty, who will talk about how tax dodging also affects lives and livelihoods in the UK.



**KINGSDOWN CLUB
PROGRAMME
FOR
SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER 2012**

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH .ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND . WE MEET IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH ON THE CORNER OF KINGSDOWN AVENUE / NORTHFIELD AVENUE FROM 2.00 TO 4.00 P.M. TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WHO SHOULD NEED IT. PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN TOBIAS [TEL. NO. 0208 567 4205] FOR DETAILS.

**SEPTEMBER 4th
PIANO PLAYTIME with ROB CUNNINGTON**

**SEPTEMBER 18 th
THE OLD PARISH OF EALING
a talk by ANGELA BARNFATHER**

**OCTOBER 2cd
THE SUNSHINE KEEP FIT CLUB
with the SALVATION ARMY**

**OCTOBER 16th
ILLUSTRATED TALK ON BRAZIL
by MISS PICKERING**

**NOVEMBER 6th
DAVE and MARIA ENTERTAIN**

**NOVEMBER 20th
CHRISTMAS BINGO and QUIZ**

**DECEMBER 4th
DAVE ENTERTAINS.**

**DECEMBER 18th
THE CHRISTMAS TEAPARTY
with the CAROLINERS**

THE NEW PROGRAMME BEGINS 8thJANUARY 2013

Reflection, after the storm

Mk4:35-41)

*"Let's go to the far side of the lake."
He was with us.
Although sleeping,
He was with us,
In our boat, in the storm.
Yes, we were afraid,
Yes, we woke him up,
And yes, he spoke words of power,
Demonstrated who he is
By a mighty act of power,
But we could have let him sleep,
We faithless ones.
He was with us.
We arrived on the far side of the lake,
Just as he had said.*

By Daphne Kitching



Heathrow Airport Chaplaincy Responsible Adult Scheme

The UK Border Agency has asked the Heathrow Chaplaincy if it can provide additional volunteers for the 'Responsible Adult Scheme'. By law, when an unaccompanied young person under the age of 18 arrives in the country a 'Responsible Adult' must be present whilst the young person is interviewed. This is to ensure that they are treated appropriately and to help them feel at ease. As unaccompanied young people can arrive at any time of day or night, having a pool of volunteers to call on means that they can be interviewed with the minimum of delay.

The Heathrow Chaplaincy is looking for people who hold a current Enhanced CRB and a current safeguarding training certificate and who live within about 40 minutes of Heathrow Airport. Applicants should also have the support of their church leader. Being a 'Responsible Adult' is on a voluntary basis and is unpaid. However, UKBA reimburses travel expense, parking fees, etc.

If you would like to know more, or feel you could help with this work, please contact Revd John Mackerness (details below) for more information. If you then decide to apply, please contact Revd Jennifer Smith before doing so.

Revd John Mackerness, United Reformed Church Chaplain, Heathrow Airport Tel 0789 994 3447; john_mackerness@baa.com

Revd Dr Jennifer Smith, 020 8579 8114; jennifer.methodist@yahoo.co.uk



Praying with the Methodist Church

The Methodist Prayer Handbook provides daily prayers from and for each country in the world where Methodist Societies are formed, and from each Methodist District across the United Kingdom. 'Crossing the Chasm', the new handbook for September 2012 to August 2013 is now available.

Please collect one from the foyer in you would like to use it. Donations towards the cost are not essential, but can be passed to Kathleen Loveridge if you are able to give a little.

with Back to Church Sunday this month in mind...

Local churches are to be thought of not as churches of individuals, but, primarily, churches of families. - Paul Helm

There is no place for any loose stone in God's edifice. - Joseph Hall

The Lord God hath given us three principal signs and marks by which we may know this his church, that is to say, the Word, the sacraments and discipline. - John Hooper

A church is a hospital for sinners, not a museum for saints.

A cold church, like cold butter, never spreads well.

I believe in loyalty to the local church. I don't believe in that view of the invisible church that makes you invisible at church! -Vance Havner

Never futile is the work of the church, for it is a product not of the mind of man but of the sovereign grace of God. - William Hendriksen

The church is the only society in the world that never loses any of its members, even by death.

Miscellaneous musings on daily life..

The most effective way to remember your wife's birthday is to forget it once...

Ask advice, but use your common sense. Yiddish proverb

Kind: someone who could tell you all about his operation – but doesn't.

Government expert: one who complicates simple things.

Farm: a portion of land covered by a mortgage.

Nothing is as inevitable as a mistake whose time has come.

I feel so miserable without you; it's almost like having you here." - Stephen Bishop

"They never open their mouths without subtracting from the sum of human knowledge. " - Thomas Brackett Reed

"He has the attention span of a lightning bolt." - Robert Redford
Sharp tongues have a way of sharpening other tongues. - E Stanley-Jones

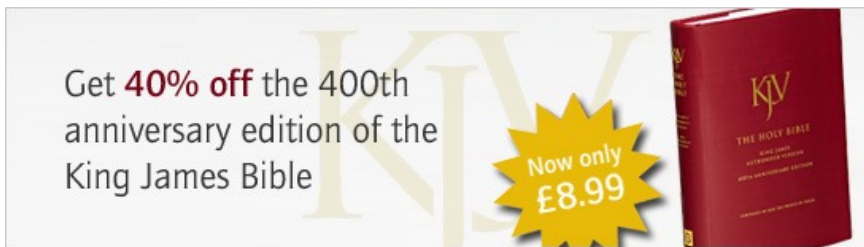
Deficit: what you've got when you haven't as much as if you had nothing.

If I understand what the economists are saying, the situation is hopeless – but improving. Herbert V Prochnow

Some people just can't unbend and be human until misfortune has taken the starch out of them.

Our eyes are placed in front because it is more important to look ahead than to look back.

The average person works themselves to death so that they can live.



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CHURCH

When someone says the word 'church' to you, what do you think of? A quiet building made of stone? A busy place with lots of happy people? Somewhere surrounded by gravestones or busy roads?

The Greek word for the church – ecclesia – comes from a word that means 'called out'. In other words, a church is a group of people called by God. The church is not a bunch of stones or bricks, it is a bunch of us!

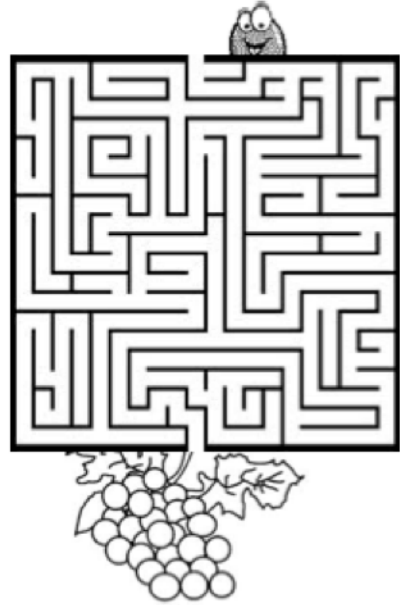
We are all called out to be a part of the Body of Christ and all of us have a job to do. We may not understand what that job is now but we will in time and with help.

In the New Testament, in 1 Corinthians, chapter 12 and again in Ephesians, chapter 4, verse 11, these types of calling or ministry are listed. We may be teachers or healers, prophets or administrators, but whatever role God calls us out to do we are not alone, because God is with us, giving us the strength and the tools to do the job.



JOIN THE BUNCH

Poor little lost grape – can you help it find its way through this maze to join up with the bunch?



What did the green grape say to the purple grape?
"You need to breathe"

A man decided to start a chicken farm and brought 24 to get started. A week later he bought another 24 and another 24 the week after that. When his friend asked how the farm was coming along the man replied, "Not one of them has grown yet. I wonder if I'm planting them too deep?"

EVENTS AT KINGSDOWN

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 3 8 pm Guides (and most Mondays throughout the month)
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OCTOBER

- Sat 20 7.30 pm Capital Chorus in Concert at Kingsdown Tickets £10
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Five reasons God created Eve

1. God worried that Adam would get lost in the Garden, because men never ask directions.
2. God knew that Adam would never buy a new fig leaf when the seat wore out, and therefore would need Eve to get one for him.
3. God knew that Adam would never make a doctor's appointment for himself.
4. God knew that Adam would never remember which night to put the wheelie bins out.
5. God knew that Adam would need someone to hand him the TV remote, because men don't want to see what's on television, they want to see **WHAT ELSE** is on television.

