



KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



September 2013

SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER



- 1 Sep 10.30 Mrs Keji Phillips
No Evening Service
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 8 Sep 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Family/Parade Service MRDF Speaker
No Evening Service
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 15 Sep 10.30 Mr Donney Samuel
No Evening Service
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 22 Sep 10.30 Rev Chrissie Howe, Holy Communion
No Evening Service
Circuit Discipleship under Development
- 29 Sep 10.30 Rev Dr Jennifer Smith
No Evening Service
Circuit Discipleship under Development



The KINGSDOWN MESSENGER

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Dear Friends,

In the Methodist calendar September is always a time for new beginnings. The beginning of a new Methodist year provides us with a renewed opportunity to seek God's vision for us here at Kingsdown.

What do you think God is asking us to do over the next twelve months?

How will we use the £5,000 gift from Ealing Trinity Circuit to proclaim and live out the Good News of God-in-Christ in our community and in world?

If you feel God is laying something on your heart for our church and community please speak to me or one of the stewards before the October Church Council.

At our July Church Council we spoke about how we can have more fun and spend time as a faith community enjoying one another's company without it involving fundraising. We are planning a fish and chip supper entertainment evening to celebrate this year's Harvest festival.

We also spoke about whether it might be a good idea to plan a church weekend away later in this Connexional year.

If you have any ideas about how we can relax together, laugh together, renew our enthusiasm and deepen our discipleship please speak to me or one of the stewards.

May each one of us seek God's vision for the future and know the presence, strength and grace of God in our lives as we continue to participate together in the work of the Kingdom.

Happy New Year!

Love and prayers,

Chrissie

KINGSDOWN FAMILY NEWS

It seemed that nobody in the Kingsdown congregation at last Sunday's Morning Service could believe that **Vera Hodge** would be celebrating her 90th birthday the following day. Following a presentation of flowers to Vera everyone sang 'Happy Birthday' and slices of a splendid cake were served with tea and coffee afterwards. Sincere CONGRATULATIONS Vera - you are amazing! We hear you had lots of mini celebrations to mark the occasion.

Vera writes: *"Thanks to all for the lovely flowers, cards and gifts to celebrate my birthday. Special thanks to Rekha and those who prepared and cut cake, and then cleared up."*

There was good news that Geoff Clarke had recently been allowed home from hospital and we hope that he will continue in a stable condition.

Good news too that Rita Brewster's granddaughter Evie is now much better after being very poorly.

A celebratory service took place on Wednesday, 24 July 2013, at Kingsdown for the life of **Florence Thiviamalar Thamotheram**, a very much respected and long-standing member of the church. The service was conducted by the Rev Peter Catford and contributions made by members of Florence's family.

Florence's daughter **Shantini** writes: *"Thanks to **Chrissie Howe** for all the help you gave us since our Mum passed away. In particular, we would like to thank the following people: **Peter Catford** for taking the service and the guidance and help he gave us during this difficult period; **Errol Hui** for the wonderful and great music he played on that day; **Ivy Hanson** (with help from **Sybil Corbin**) who did the fantastic job of arranging all the flowers in the church; **Kath Jarratt** and **all the ladies who helped in the kitchen**; **Kathleen Loveridge** for running up and down in her car to advise and meet us many times, and for those who came early to get the church ready for the service. On behalf of the Thamotheram family, thank you very much once again."*



On the 29th September **Jonathan Cheriyan** is off to Liverpool Hope University to study Drama. We wish him well in his studies and look forward to progress reports.

Roles Falling Vacant

As you will be aware, Kathleen Loveridge is stepping down from most of her roles at Kingsdown. Some of these roles are 'formal' in that office holders should be elected. Others are 'informal' and do not require election. The formal roles are Safeguarding Officer, Steward and Representative to the Circuit Meeting. Should you, or someone you know be interested in taking up one or other of these roles, please contact Chrissie.

Gerald Barton
Secretary to Church Council

Kingsdown's weekly Notice Sheet

Readers of the Messenger will know that Kingsdown also produces a weekly Notice Sheet with a detailed timetable of events for the coming week, any last minute changes to those events and any shorter notices needing more rapid publication than is possible in the Messenger. Recently that Notice Sheet has been issued by Kathleen Loveridge and me, usually covering alternate months, but Kathleen has now had to stand down and one or more new volunteers is needed.

The job is not onerous, for anyone with access to a computer and an e-mail account, and anybody interested in learning more should speak to me about it. A Microsoft Word template is passed from one editor to the next at the end of the month so there is no retyping involved. Distribution of Notice Sheets by e-mail uses a shared spreadsheet of e-mail addresses. Printing of paper copies for Sunday can be handled various ways, including via the Circuit Office.

I shall be producing Notice Sheets in September but after that a new volunteer will be needed to continue the system of alternating months, or better still **two** new volunteers so that we all only need to cover one month every quarter. Contact me via annegretderek@fsmail.net

Derek Matthews



Deliver us...

I had been teaching my three-year-old daughter, Cathy, the Lord's Prayer. Then one evening at bedtime she attempted it solo. I listened with pride as she carefully enunciated each word, right up to the end of the prayer. "Lead us not into temptation," she prayed, "but deliver us some e-mail. Amen"

Reflection after a Concert

I've never been to a fully Humanist funeral, though earlier this year one came close. No mention of Jesus Christ, and we didn't hear the word 'resurrection'; no prayers for the dead or for the living, but we sang two hymns – well, at least one or two of us sang along with the choir on the CD.

Don't get me wrong – it was a good occasion; perfectly in tune with the feelings of most of the grieving family, and probably that of the deceased as well, even if those amongst us who have a Christian faith found it incomplete, as if something important had not been said.

But I was struck by the confidence with which the leader – a member of the crematorium staff – assured those present that, though Marion had finally succumbed to the cancer that had been her burden for six months, she was still 'with us', still 'part of the family', would not only be remembered but could be conversed with and consulted. Her continued 'presence' might be invisible, but was nevertheless certain. Of course each of us had our personal feelings about what was going on, but it seemed that it was impossible for anyone to accept that death had been the end. And yet, almost everyone there would have denied being a Christian, denied believing that Jesus was the Son of God, denied his resurrection from the dead.

As one does, I soon forgot these apparent contradictions; I can still know that Marion is safe with God whether she or any of the mourners does or not. But I was reminded of them recently, reading the programme notes for a Prom concert which featured the 'German' Requiem, by Brahms. Its title is almost always written like that and I learned that this is probably because Brahms himself was unhappy with the name he had originally given it. He later wrote that he 'would gladly have left out 'German' and substituted 'Human''. This reflects Brahms' increasingly humanistic view of life but, of course, a requiem is choral music for a funeral and would have been unthinkable – and unmarketable – without acceptance by the church.

Protestantism, deep-rooted in Germany from its beginnings, gave him the opportunity to set his music to words from the Lutheran translation of the Bible instead of the traditional phrases of the Catholic Mass. It begins with words from Matthew's Gospel, 'Blessed are they that mourn', and uses both Old and New Testament passages to offer a hymn to the process of mourning, while holding out hope for eventual recovery from loss. The words 'Jesus', 'Christ' and 'resurrection' do not appear here, any more than they did in Marion's funeral oration, nor references to judgement and the fear of Hell;

the objective of the requiem is an acknowledgement of human mortality, its grief and resolution, not a homage to any specific deity.

But the affirmation of eternal life, of something beyond this world's existence, is clear, almost strident. 'The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs' (Isaiah 53); 'for here we have no continuing city, but we seek one to come' (Hebrews 13); 'the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised' (1 Corinthians 15). One can't get away from it, however loose one's ties are to a position of Christian faith.

The leader at Marion's funeral knew that the mourners would appreciate, even need, this confident assumption of life beyond the grave, for the same reasons that lead most grieving families to seek a religious minister to take charge of the funeral service and often a church 'service' as well. Surely we must not be critical of those who seek to use our premises only for funerals; they may not know what they are seeking, but there are needs being expressed that demand us to respond in sympathetic welcome. We know that few will return to us to explore their beliefs more deeply, but it seems to me that these are clear signs of God at work in his world, and it should be more than we dare not to acknowledge them.

Kathleen Loveridge

STOP PRESS from Kathleen Loveridge

Sue Barton (Garland) - e-mail address sue.garland6039@btinternet.com - has very generously offered to pick up much of the admin work that I have been doing at Kingsdown in recent months! I am sure everyone will be very grateful to her, and support her as necessary.

In particular, Sue will:-

update and refresh noticeboards, including ordering new resources from cpo,

deal with post arriving for Kingsdown church,

share with Derek production of the weekly notice-sheet,

produce and circulate the Sunday readers' rota,

act as CCLI licence-holder.

Kathleen Loveridge

**Ealing Talking
Newspapers**



BOOK SALE

Saturday 21st September
**(Proceeds to Ealing Talking
Newspapers)**

This is a valuable charity which provides a source of local news for blind and visually impaired people in the Borough of Ealing. National news is available on TV and radio but it is much more difficult for their listeners to keep in touch with local news and so every week, ETN reads and records a cross-section of articles from the local newspaper, adding details of forthcoming events which may also be of interest to them.

The recordings are then mailed on the same day, on USB memory sticks, to about 110 people by means of the Royal Mail Articles for the Blind Service.

GRAND BOOK SALE



Books



Books



Books

**Saturday 21st
September**

10.00am to 12.30pm

Admission 40 pence

All Proceeds to: 'Talking Newspapers' Ealing

A grant from the National Lottery paid for the purchase of USB memory stick players for listeners who do not have their own and also for an initial purchase of memory sticks but, like other grant-making organisations, they will not pay running costs. ETN have to do their own fundraising for all running costs such as the rent of the recording studio, telephone, insurance, photocopier etc.

The service is provided by about 50 people working on a rota basis. There are no paid staff – it is run totally by volunteers.

Brian Watkins from Ealing Talking Newspapers will be at the Book Sale to chat about the charity and answer any questions

We could do with some more children's books to sell so if you have any that you would be willing to donate to the fair, they would be much appreciated.

I have met some of the listeners and they really do appreciate the work of Ealing Talking Newspapers so please support this Book Sale on Saturday, 21st September 1000-1230

Rekha Cheriyan

**KINGSDOWN CLUB PROGRAMME
FOR
SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER 2013**

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
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.

3rd SEPTEMBER - PIANO PLAYTIME - *with* ROB CUNNINGTON

**17 th SEPTEMBER - {PRISON} A VOLUNTEERS STORY *a talk by*
ANGELA BARNFATHER**

**1st OCTOBER - [POT POURRI] AN ILLUSTRATED TALK
by RON TEAGUE**

15 th OCTOBER - A TALK *by the* REV. PETER CATFORD

**5th NOVEMBER - SOUNDS AROUND
with ALAN SMITH**

19th NOVEMBER - *a* BINGO *and* QUIZ AFTERNOON

3rd DECEMBER - PIANO PLAYTIME *with* ROB CUNNINGTON

17th DECEMBER - CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY DAVE *entertains*

THE NEW PROGRAMME BEGINS 7th JANUARY 2014

The Methodist women in Britain- London District

'Because you're worth it!'

The London District Methodist Women in Britain held their biennial Weekend Conference at High Leigh Conference Centre on 19th-21st July.

The Chaplain for the weekend was the Revd. Femi Cole- Njie - Supt. Forest Circuit; Past President and MWiB Forum member.

The programme included, presentations, from Helen Veitch- Children Unite, on - 'The work of Children unite- and in particular Child Domestic Labour; Rachel Ashton- Mothers Union, on - The early Sexualisation of Girls; and a thought provoking Bible Study - on Rebecca by Jill Baker - Past Connexional MWiB President.

The Craft workshops that were enjoyed by all included - Card and Box making, led by:- Deacon Jackie Fowler; Deacon Denise Creed- West Minster Central Hall and Gillian Oman-Sector A rep, plus 'Soap Basket led by Lynda-Ann Garwood-Warren, Chair of London District, Methodist Women Luncheon Club. In the latter. Attendees gave up their free time to complete their beautiful baskets!

The Talent Show on Saturday night revealed that Methodist Women have got talent, and what's more- 'They're worth it!'

More of their dramatic skills were shown in the Drama - 'The Samaritan Women', which was included in our final Communion Service on Sunday, led by Rev Cole-Njie and assisted by Deacon Jackie Fowler - incoming President.

There were discussions on - Promoting MWiB in our churches and circuits, which we consider to be the bedrock of our activities.

The need to attract more young - middle aged women into the movement, was considered to be of paramount importance, since our prime objective is: - **'encouraging, equipping and enabling women, to serve god in the church, the community and the world'**.

There was also focus on- MWiB, **'The next chapter?'** - with the recognition that there is much more work to be done, as our emergence from the Chrysalis stage has just been completed with the launch of our new Logo at conference and our wings are still damp!

We were blest with having Pianists- Norah Lord from Sector B and Rev. Bonni Bell Pickard- Chair of the Discipleship Forum - from Sector C. We trust that everyone who had the experience of sharing and fellowship

came away with the affirmation - **'We are worth it!'**

Finally, we are grateful to the Chairs of the London District for agreeing to sponsor four places to the conference.



Blossom Jackson- President- 2011-2013



World Premiere of 'Blitz Requiem' at St.Paul's Cathedral



The concert features David Goode's unique Blitz Requiem, composed especially for performance in St Paul's Cathedral, the most iconic building to have survived the Blitz. The first half of the concert includes a selection of music by Thomas Tallis and Vaughan Williams, alongside a performance of Arvo Pärt's Cantus in Memoriam Benjamin Britten, honouring Britten in his centenary year.

Readers of the Messenger may be interested in this concert by the Bach Choir on 26th September: There are more details on the Bach Choir website.

If anyone is interested, Derek and I can book tickets through the choir - we would get a 10% discount on the £29 tickets (i.e. £26.10, for Front Nave and North/South Transepts), but we would need to know by Tuesday 10th September..

annegret@derek@btinternet.com

Annegret Matthews.

From the Church Council Meeting

The most recent Church Council meetings were held on 14th July and 30th July. These were the first meetings chaired by Chrissie Howe.

Starting with property issues, a quinquennial report had been undertaken and received. This is a regular report which we are required to do that looks at the state of our buildings and identifies maintenance or repair work that needs to be done. Fortunately, the report had not identified any major issues, although there are a number of items that need addressing. The Property Committee will consider the report and make proposals to the next Council Meeting on what needs doing.

The meeting on 14th July took some decisions regarding the letting and management of the church flat and the Russell Room office. These have been managed on our behalf in recent years by John Martin Estates. However, it was decided that letting and management should pass to Robertson Smith Kempson (RSK), who are more local to the church. In addition, the tenants of the flat had given notice that they would be moving at the end of July and it was important to re-let the flat as quickly as possible. Happily new tenants have been found through RSK and the flat has been re-let at an increased rent.

We have quite a number of groups and organisations using our premises

on a regular basis and it had been planned to set up a group to consider how relations with them might be developed. Chrissie Howe reminded us that how we view our user groups is a function of how we view the mission of the church. Council members were asked to consider who should take a lead in developing communications with user groups - anyone interested should speak to Chrissie. Relations with Splash & Dash, a pre-school playgroup that for many years has met in the church hall four times a week during school term times were also discussed. A meeting is to be arranged with them later this year.

On the financial front, Rob Hutchings reported that our position after the first 9 months of the Methodist year was broadly in line with budget. A few months ago it had appeared that we were likely to end the year with a deficit of £5,000 or so and Rob had written an article for the Messenger outlining the emerging position. Since then additional donations totalling about £5,000 had been received, closing the gap in our finances.

Next year's budget is again based on achieving a broad balance between income and expenditure. However, it is likely that income will fall given recent losses in membership and careful management of costs will be necessary. In addition, we will need to repay loans granted by members in support of the redevelopment fund

totalling £10,000 next year from the Major Repairs and Loans Fund.

One point of particular interest is that the Circuit Meeting has decided to offer a gift of £5,000 as a 'Talent' to each church in the Circuit. Council members were asked to consider how this might be used in preparation for decision at the next meeting. There will be a special Circuit Meeting during the spring/summer of 2014 for churches to report on what they had done with their 'Talent'.

As readers of the Messenger will be aware, the Sunday evening worship 'slot' has been used for study series in place of the previously regular evening services. The Council would be asked to decide at the next meeting what the future model for Sunday evenings should be.

The meeting spent some time discussing our priorities as a church. Whilst we had started thinking about future priorities with Peter Catford, with recent changes we felt we had rather lost our way. In addition the last 6 – 9 months had been difficult with the loss of key members and it had been necessary to engage in 'fire-fighting' on a number of issues that had emerged and it had been difficult to look forward under those circumstances.

One of the things that emerged from the discussion was that it had been sometime since the church had arranged social events and Chrissie

Howe suggested that there should be one event each quarter. Members of the Council were asked to speak to other people in the church to gauge interest in possible days out or week-ends away.

One specific idea was for a Barn Dance to be held on Saturday 12th October. Rekha Cheriyan would approach Ray Garnet as 'caller'. The event would include fish & chips (plus a vegetarian alternative) and would thus be a ticketed event. Rekha Cheriyan, Kath Jarrett and Juliet Edwards will organise the event.

Secondly, it had been suggested earlier this year that a Murder Mystery evening could be organised. It was agreed that this should take place in February/March 2014. The format of the evening will be agreed at the next meeting. In the meantime, it was agreed that a fundraising Christmas Fayre should be held on 30th November. Offers of help should be made to Janet Smith.

The 'Charity of the Year' for the current year is Workaid – look out for envelopes in the pews at Harvest. In addition, you will be able to donate tools you no longer need.

Finally, as many of you will know, Kathleen Loveridge has had to step back for health reasons from most of the things she was doing at Kingsdown. The meeting expressed its thanks and appreciation to

Kathleen for her tremendous contribution to church life over the years.

The next two meetings of the Council were arranged for 17th October and 27th March 2014.

Gerald Barton
Secretary to Church Council

BOOK FAIR - 5 JULY

A Book Fair, with stalls was held on 5 July and proceeds were for Marie Curie Cancer Care. This was the first time we had held a Book Fair for this charity. The total raised was £441-71. On this occasion, Marie Curie supporters from Ealing contributed to the event with cakes and tombola.

It was good to meet people from the Ealing Fundraising Group and I received a most appreciative letter from Chris Elliott and her supporters.

I hope you read her letter on the Notice Board in the Church Foyer.

Very many thanks to everyone who supported this event.

Our next Book Fair - a Grand Book Sale - will be held on 21 September. Rekha is writing about this (p8), in this edition of the Messenger.

BOX IN THE CHURCH FOYER

Many thanks for the very large packet of stamps! You are keeping the ladies of St Thomas's busy! We also had socks, specs, mobile phones, and ink jets. Please do what you can.

Ruby Warne



Contribution from Tom Cheriyan :

*I was shocked, confused, bewildered
As I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all,
Nor the lights or its decor.*

*But it was the folks in Heaven
Who made me sputter and gasp--
The thieves, the liars, the sinners,
The alcoholics and the trash.*

*There stood the kid from seventh grade
Who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbour
Who never said anything nice.*

*Joe, who I always thought
Was rotting away in hell,
Was sitting pretty on cloud nine,
Looking incredibly well.*

*I nudged Jesus, 'What's the deal?
I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here?
God must've made a mistake.*

*'And why is everyone so quiet,
So sombre - give me a clue.'
'Hush, child,' He said,
'they're all in shock.
No one thought they'd be seeing you.'*

Anonymous



Boys' Brigade News

Summer time is camping time for the Boys' Brigade. The BB invented camping for Boys (a long time before the Scouts "borrowed" our idea) and our Summer Camps are quite simply the best expressions of BB life. We live, play, eat, wash, sleep, laugh and worship together. In tents.

In July, we took twenty-seven Junior Section Boys to Amersham and enjoyed a fabulous weekend with lots of other young Boys from the West London Battalion. Altogether, there were fifty-two Boys on site so we made up over half the Camp and we had a wonderful time. The sun shone all weekend and we took part in dozens of different activities: football, swimming, treasure-hunt, camp-fire concert, tug-of-war, athletics, and many, many more great events. This weekend is a great introduction to Camping for our younger Boys and gives them a good idea of what to expect when they reach high-school age and the BB Company Section.

In August, the Company Section themselves set off for the Brecon Beacons for a week of serious fun at their Summer Camp. All told, including staff, cooks and old friends, there were almost fifty of us under canvas, pitched on the banks of the beautiful (but ice-cold) River Usk.

The weather was (generally) kind and we filled every day with a multitude of games and activities. The Boys were glad to crawl into their sleeping bags at the end of every day because they were completely exhausted. If you've been to BB Summer Camp before then you'll know what an amazing experience it is. If you haven't been then I'm not sure I have words enough to describe it. Basically, it is all the good things that BB stands for condensed into a seven-day adventure.

We're already looking forward to the next Camps!

If you'd like to see some photos from our week in Brecon then you can:

- a) come along to the Camp Photo Show in the church at 9pm on Friday 20th September
- b) visit www.facebook.com/10thEalingBB
- c) e-mail tonyplews@sky.com and I'll direct you to our special Camp website.

With thanks for your support and prayers.

Tony Plews
Company Captain



The photo shows Company members on our fantastic Waterfall Walk in Brecon (What a stunning shot! Ed.)

CHRISTMAS FAYRE



**WE ARE HOPING TO HOLD A CHRISTMAS FAYRE
ON SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER.**

**IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN HELPING IN ANY
WAY PLEASE CONTACT EITHER
JUNE THOMPSON OR JANET SMITH.**



YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU



The next time you feel like complaining, remember:

*Your rubbish bin probably has better food in it than 30 percent
of the people in this world.*

from Parish Pump



UGANDA WATER



MRDF's partner, VAD, is working in partnership with local communities to develop safe water and sanitation facilities.

Emmanuel has been trained by VAD as a community mason. He is currently digging a new, safe well. He says: 'The best bit about my work is to work hand in hand with the local communities to see our goal reached.

Our goal is clean water and to improve the hygiene. I feel proud to do these projects.'

Emmanuel chose to have one of his photos taken in front of a safety tape as, 'Without this we would have problems. Building a well cannot be done unless we first look after those near it.



Docus is a local farmer who is involved in constructing the well. She says: 'When we have this new water it will reduce illnesses like typhoid, bilharzia and malaria... At the moment we are drinking dirty and contaminated water so my family cannot live properly.'

In Mende parish 19 water sources have been constructed. These have benefited around 4,300 community members.

MRDF makes Small Miracles possible for people living in the worlds poorest communities



MALI



Millions of people in Mali struggle to make a decent living – over two thirds of the country's population live below the poverty line. Poverty is compounded by a serious health crisis. Mali has one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world - expectant mothers are one hundred times more likely to die in childbirth or pregnancy complications than in the UK. Malnutrition exacerbates preventable childhood diseases, leading to one in five children dying before their fifth birthday.

Working with a local organisation, MRDF is helping to reverse these trends in remote villages in southwest Mali. Our partner has trained a midwife who regularly visits a local health centre for consultations and births. They run health education sessions to show mothers how to make nutritious porridge – using local ingredients – for their children. Follow-up visits ensure that their children are on track to stay healthy.

Our partner also trains farmers in agricultural techniques to help them increase their crop yields, and offers small loans to help start a small business, so that people can provide more food for their families.



CHRISTIAN AID NEWS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 2013



£3,408-60 - our total for Christian Aid Week - and an excellent result! Yes, less than 2012 but this year we were very short of collectors. Because of our lack of supporters, we had to "drop" four roads, but in spite of this we collected **£1,057-43**. If we had had the same number of collectors on Flag Day as last year, our result would have exceeded 2012!

The Book Fair, with numerous stalls, raised **£573-80** and congratulations to Anna Church who raised **£121-00** for the Circle the City Walk - an increase of **£121-00** over 2012!

Christian Aid Week began with an inspiring service led by Dr. Anita Oji. Our thanks to Anita and I know she enjoyed being with us.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way - you worked really hard; but it was disappointing that there was not ONE new face amongst our supporters.

THE RICHMOND PARK HARVEST WALK - SATURDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

Have you seen the poster in the Church Foyer? Taking place at harvest time, in one of the most beautiful Royal Parks, with numerous children's activities, this sponsored walk is a fun day out for all the family. You can choose between a three mile walk, **or** a six 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!

I have two packs, and hopefully Janet and Ivy will be taking part as usual. They have their sponsorship forms. Is anyone else interested? If so, please let me know as soon as possible.

All money raised will help poor communities help themselves out of poverty.

Ruby Warne

God so loved the world that He did not send a committee.

**Ealing Trinity Circuit
Hanwell Methodist Church**
will be hosting a...



Wesley Songs of Praise

**Sunday 20th October 2013
at 6:00pm**



Circuit members from other Churches are invited to submit Wesley songs for possible inclusion in the service. Ray Garnett is collating the submissions which should be received by Sunday 6th October via ray@hanwellmethodist.info

*Come along and have a
good sing of some of the
popular Wesley's Songs
and learn something
about the man himself.*

*Light refreshments will be
available after the service.*



"No-one is born hating another person because of the colour of his skin, or his background, or his religion. People must learn to hate, and if they can learn to hate, they can be taught to love, for love comes more naturally to the human heart than its opposite."

Nelson Mandela

The Room at the end of the Corridor Fate, Co-incidence or Destiny?

Some while back when I was working I used to travel several days a month around the UK staying in a variety of city and countryside hotels or Travel Lodges. After a few trips I began to notice that the room I was given by Reception was nearly always at or near the end of the corridor and often on the higher floor where there was one.

Pam would not believe me until on she joined me on some trips and found that our room was at the end of the corridor on a higher floor!

I had forgotten about this until this year when we were staying overnight near Chester and booked into a Premier Inn - the room we were given was on the higher floor at the end of the corridor!!

Alan Smith

Dear all, this comes as a pulpit notice from Mary Lavelle, senior steward at Hanwell: I add my own thanks to hers - having spent the week before with all the ordinands on retreat, they are an encouraging lot of ministers and this was a good event.

From Mary:

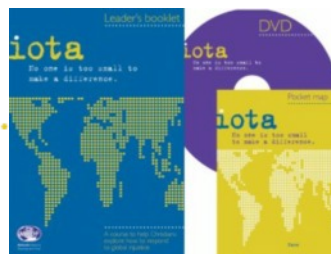
Hanwell Methodist would like to thank everyone for all the help they gave us in the weeks leading up to the Ordination Service, on the day itself, and during the service.

It was a Circuit event and you certainly made it this by your generous support and response to our pleas for help. The church has never looked so spotless, the food was appreciated and there was a plentiful supply of tea and coffee thanks to all the borrowed urns and teapots. It was a privilege for the Circuit to host such a special service and Communion Stewards and Servers from the Circuit played their own part in this. Many Thanks to all.

The Revd Dr Jennifer H Smith

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The world is moved along, not only by the mighty shoves of its heroes, but also by the aggregate of tiny pushes of each honest worker.” Helen Keller

The Iota Course is an award winning multimedia course that looks at the causes of poverty and the things that Christianity has to say about global injustice. Containing eight sessions in total, you and your group can choose to include those that interest you most.

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IOTA TRAINING WORKSHOP

There will be an IOTA Training Workshop

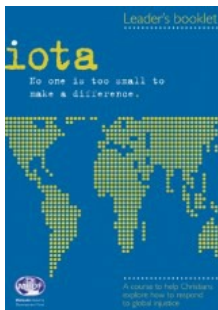
**On
28 September**

**at Church House
25 Martlebone Road, NW1.**

10.30am till 1.00pm.

The workshop is free and hot drinks are provided.

If you would like to attend please contact Alan Smith
who will arrange registration for you.



The Cambridge Prince

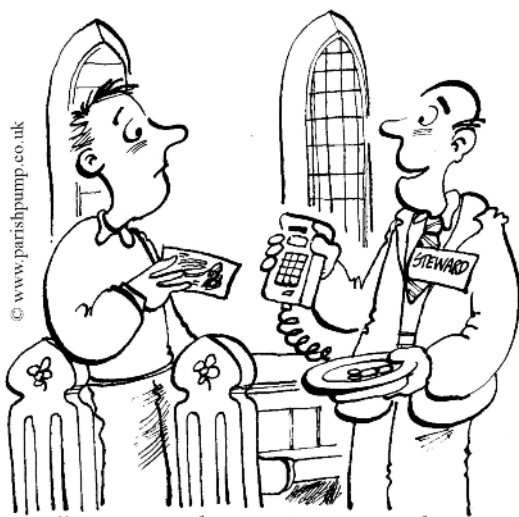
*National joy! She's had a boy!
Three Cheers for Duchess Kate!
A healthy son, a healthy mum;
A very healthy weight!*

*So, after all the stories tall
There's no more need to guess
No fingers still as newshounds fill
The pages of the press.*

*And then we glimpse the Cambridge Prince
Within his mother's arms
Protected by his mother's eye
The world falls for his charms.*

*His name is George, and he will forge
The future royal line;
And so we cheer, for George is here –
The future's looking fine!*

By Nigel Beeton



*“as an alternative to
cash why not chip and
pin!”*

Churches condemn Government U-turn on alcohol pricing

The Government has “broken its pledge” to introduce a minimum unit price for alcohol. The Church of England, the Methodist Church, the United Reformed Church, the Salvation Army and Quaker Action on Alcohol & Drugs are “deeply disappointed that the Government has abandoned this vital policy”.

So says a statement from the mainline Churches in England. They were responding to a recent announcement by Jeremy Browne, the Minister for Crime Prevention, that minimum unit pricing will remain ‘under consideration’.

“His claim that there is not enough ‘concrete evidence’ to implement it flies in the face of five years of medical research,” say the Churches. They point out that there were more than 1.2 million alcohol-related hospital admissions in 2011-12 in England, and the cost to the NHS was £3.5 billion. The total bill to the taxpayer caused by alcohol misuse, including crime and lost productivity, is currently £21 billion.

“Research has shown that the main driver of problem drinking in the United Kingdom is the increased availability of cheap, strong alcohol. .. a minimum unit price of 50p could save around 3,000 lives a year.”

from Parish Pump

Priorities

*In a minute,
Later,
One day,
Maybe,
Soon.
I haven't time this morning,
Perhaps this afternoon.*

*We'll really do it sometime,
Next week,
Next month,
Next year.
Now I'd like to be with you,
That's strange,
There's no-one here.*

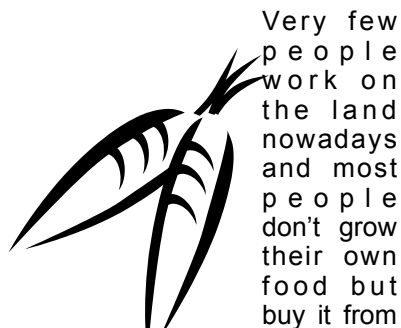
By Daphne Kitching



DIFFERENT HARVESTS

The beginning of autumn and the time of harvest is here again – a time when we thank God for all his blessings.

The Harvest Festival service in churches and schools are full of tins of beans and boxes of fruit and vegetables. There are flowers and lots of different sights and smells. Harvest Festival is a very popular service but while we are busy saying 'thank you' we have to remember that there are lots of different harvests.



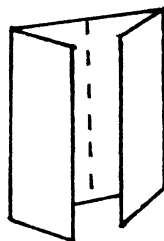
Very few people work on the land nowadays and most people don't grow their own food but buy it from the supermarket. Perhaps our harvest isn't one that others can easily see. We might not make or grown things but we can offer whatever we do to God as our harvest.

Outside, the trees are beginning to lose their leaves but you can

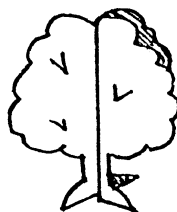
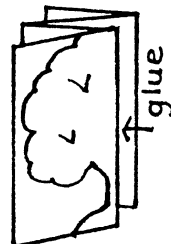
MAKE YOUR OWN FOREST

Take a piece of stiff card or thin paper and fold it in half, creasing it down the centre. Then open it out and fold both sides to the centre crease.

Fold the paper as shown and draw half a tree on the top fold. Cut round the tree then glue the centre faces together. This makes a three sided tree.



You can paint the tree before gluing it or afterwards. A forest of them would look good as name cards for a party or you could make just one as a different birthday card for a friend.



What is a tree's least favourite month?

Sep-timber.

EVENTS AT KINGSDOWN

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 2 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout the month)
- Tue 3 2 pm Kingsdown Club - Piano Playtime with Rob Cunningham
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- Tue 10 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Wed 11 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers Group
7.00 pm Youth Group
- Fri 13 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 14 10.30 am Coffee & Chat in the Foyer - Everyone welcome
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- Tue 17 2 pm Kingsdown Club - (Prison) A Vounteer's Story - a talk
by Angela Barnfather
- Sat 21 10 am - 12.30 pm Grand Book Sale - Proceeds to Ealing
Talking Newspapers
- Mon 23 2.30 pm Ivy Hanson's Home Group
- Mon 28 Richmond Park Harvest Walk. Proceeds to Christian Aid

FORTHCOMING EVENTS

- Sun 13 Oct 10.30 am Harvest Festival Service at Kingsdown
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- Sun 20 Oct 6 pm Circuit Service at Hanwell Methodist Church - Wesley
Songs of Praise Circuit members from other churches are
invited to submit Wesley songs for possible inclusion in the
service. Ray Garnett is collating the submissions which
should be submitted by Sunday 6 October via
ray@hanwellmethodist.info

The next two meetings of the Kingsdown Council are arranged for
17th October and 27th March 2014.