

THE
OUTLOOK

JUNE TO AUGUST
2024



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

Message From the Minister

Dear Friends,

I've been with you for almost a year now. I haven't had a boring week in this first year. As I told the elders when I arrived, I've spent this first year getting to know our three churches, their strengths and weaknesses, and visiting our neighbouring churches, both of the Reformed and of other Christian denominations. When I arrived here I discovered a very vibrant ecumenism that I had never experienced before in my career. The churches in the borough have many opportunities to meet, learn from each other and work together. At a time when the general public is losing interest in Christianity, it's very important that the churches are united and not in competition. I've also discovered many groups and charities working for different causes and I'm delighted with the rich variety.

At the Pastorate Away Day on 8th June, the elders and members of the three churches that are part of the Pastorate will be able to reflect with me on the future of our churches in Bexley — what the Spirit of God will inspire us to do in the medium and long term to fulfil the mission that Christ gave to his disciples to 'baptise people from all nations and teach them' what he taught us.

We need to pray and think of new ways to connect people in the community with us, so that we can bear witness to our faith and offer them the opportunity to do so themselves. If we have found the words to say who Christ is and who God is for us, it is because others before us have given us a model. So we are the ones today who are in a position to give that model to others. It may be that the testimony that speaks to them will not be identical to the one we ourselves received, the one that spoke to us when we received the faith. They may not expect to identify with values from the past. But one thing is certain, they cannot fail to be impressed by the vision of the Kingdom of God that Jesus teaches his disciples in the Gospels and that we, as disciples in today's world, will pass on to them.

I wish you all every blessing for the summer season.

Rev Rodolphe Blanchard-Kowal

Lent Lunches

The Churches Together in Sidcup Lent Lunches were held every Wednesday from 21st February until 20th March.

Five Churches hosted the lunches with Christ Church providing the venue. Numbers attending rose from 45 to about 70 people. With such hospitality and good humour it was a pleasure to attend and enjoy the food on offer. Some of the soups were quite imaginative and all were appreciated. It was lovely seeing and mixing with other congregations all coming together and sharing a meal.

The visit of the Joyful Voices choir was appreciated as was also the visit of Joseph Vambe of Christian Aid who told us about the work of the society.

Our Church hosted on the 4th week and it was a success. The sum of £1,814.20 was raised which will be increased by about £250 via gift aid.

Walk of Witness

Continuing our togetherness in Churches Together in Sidcup, we had our Good Friday Witness Walk through Sidcup, being sent out following the Cross from St Johns. It was a good turnout and shows our witness to our faith.

There were stops on the way, reading the Gospel and singing a hymn. It is an honour to proclaim our love for Jesus Christ to the Public.

The walk finished on the green, opposite Christ Church, where we were all invited in for Hot Cross Buns and a hot drink.

Once again, our thanks to them for their hospitality. We all went on our way feeling refreshed in body and spirit.

Marion





Services for June

2	11.00am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion
9	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
16	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
23	10.30am	Mr David Ball	
30	10.30am	Rev Duncan MacBean	

Services for July

7	10.30am	Elders	
14	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion
21	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	
28	10.30am	Mr Paul Ayliffe	

Services for August

4	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
11	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
18	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion.
25	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	

Fundraising for TOPAZ Thailand PICS????

As you know The Girl Guiding Association of Thailand (GGAT) had asked Girl Guiding UK – specifically the Trefoil Guild – which is Guiding for Adults - for help as at present girl guiding is only available to those at school which is only compulsory until age 15. However, students in rural areas have limited access to resources and qualified teachers.

We will be working with GGAT in 2024 in the Surin area- to interact with the community, activities with schools, camp attendance and ‘Slider’ base facilitation (this will involve pioneering skills learnt in Guiding), a permanent exhibition creation, mangrove planting, and a cooking recipe exchange.

Our individual life experiences as well as our time in Guiding UK will allow us to support the girls in GGAT and leave them with a legacy for their future.

I needed to raise £2500 to achieve the outcomes of the project.. Various fundraising activities have been planned and carried out with the very kind help of friends and relatives.

A quiz held on Saturday 27th April raised £832. enjoyed by all despite a very very wet night. Three cake sales made £196.

A pet show in glorious sunshine at Kemnals Scout Hall raised £345.48. We had 13 dogs in 4 categories with the obstacle course resulting in such fun and laughter. Both animals and their owners attempted it with varying degrees of success. The soft axe throwing became very competitive (by people not the pets!). There were also several themed craft categories for those not lucky enough to own a pet. Rosettes and certificates for pets / craft. Prizes for the games / raffle. A lovely afternoon.

Thanks again to all those who have helped either physically, with ideas or just by attending the events. I am on target to achieve my goal.

Maggie Williams





Baroque Concert 12th May for Christian Aid

What a pleasure it was to welcome Rodolphe (viol) Virginie (singing) and their son Paul on the harpsichord for a Baroque concert. We were offered a variety of musical and vocal numbers and a solo by Paul.

The music was by Nicola Matteis, Pietro Andrea Ziani, Giacomo Puccini, Louis Couperin, Jean-Baptiste Lully, Jean de Cambefort, and the familiar George Frideric Handel and Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart. The music may not have been to everyone's taste (Rodolphe's words in his introduction) but what a talented family they are and what a beautiful voice Virginie has.

There were people there from all 3 pastorate churches and tea / coffee and biscuits were served afterwards. There was a retiring collection for Christian Aid which I believe raised £184.

Maggie Williams





Church Family News

Olive Lewis has recently been in hospital following a fall but is home again now with carers visiting.

Marion and Michael Parfitt are both unwell at the moment. Michael has had a spell in hospital.

Mandy is continuing treatment and despite numerous appointments and hospital visits remains her usual cheerful self.

Remember those who find it difficult to get to church regularly, Doreen Still, Olive Lewis, George Smith, and Eileen Taylor.

Our prayers and thoughts continue to be with Freda Skinner and Elaine Smith in their care homes.

Judith

Thank You

I would like to say a big thank you to the Church Elders, Members and the Coffee Morning People who have helped me through a stressful time during my flat eviction in Dartford. The Landlord was constantly harassing me.

I am now in temporary accommodation in Gravesend and I am hoping that Dartford Council can keep me in the surrounding area, so I am not too far away from Emmanuel. Unfortunately this is not guaranteed, however, with great support from the Church I am praying that the Council has a heart and will keep me in the Kent area.

God Bless you all

Colin Seal

Friday Coffee Morning

Every Friday in the Church Hall from 10.00am to Noon. Come in for a coffee & biscuit and have a chat with friends. On fine days there may also be a bric-a-brac stall outside. All for church funds.



Sunday Coffee

Coffee will continue to be served in the church after morning service every Sunday.

Donations to Church Funds



ROTA

Jun	2	Ethel and Maureen	Jly	21	Ann and Maryia
	9	Roger & Christine		28	Judith & Maddie
	16	Ann and Maryia	Aug	4	Roger & Christine
	23	Judith & Maddie		11	Pam & Jennifer
	30	Pam & Jennifer		18	Pat & Marion
Jly	7	Pat & Marion		25	Ethel and Maureen
	14	Ethel and Maureen			

Lark in the Park

It is great to announce that Lark in the Park 2024 is happening, it will be taking place from 25th July to 29th July at Sidcup Place.

Over the many years of Lark in the Park, it has always been amazing to see so many volunteers from across churches in Sidcup, from the community and beyond. The support of so many churches, in so many different ways, makes it truly special.

For more information or to volunteer go to

<http://larksidcup.com>

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 realised that
Everybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that

Everybody blamed

Somebody when

Nobody did what

Anybody could have done.

Contributed by Michael Parfitt

Perhaps I Should Have a Hobby

I'd like to have a hobby
But I don't seem to have the time
I'd like to learn to paint in oils
Or even make some wine

I've thought of rubbing brasses
Or use a Potter's wheel
Or maybe learn to sail a yacht
Repair the sheet and scrape the keel

Perhaps I could collect antiques
Except I'd need some money
And then of course there's keeping bees
Just think of all that honey

There's sewing and there's knitting
But I do that anyway
There's gardening and baking
Which is done most everyday

Jewellery making, that sounds good
Perhaps I'll have a go
On second thoughts, perhaps I won't
But let me think— I know

I'll just sit down and write a verse
About what I could have done
And then I'll make a cup of tea
And have a currant bun.

Elsie Goodman

Thank You from the Editors

Thank you to all the people who have contributed items for this edition.

At the moment we can only print photographs in monochrome.. You can see colour photos in the online version at

<https://www.emmanuelchurchsidcup.org.uk/> Use the Magazine link..

There are some very colourful pictures this time.!

WaterAid

We are very grateful to Pat George for organizing the collection for Water Aid. Thank you Pat for encouraging people to support this essential charity.

The total collected this year was £155.

Food Bank Report 28 May 2024

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Avery Hill Christian Fellowship Food Bank. It is very much appreciated by the Food Bank and the people who find themselves in a very difficult situation.

Their Current Needs Are:

Cleaning Products including washing up liquid. *	Noodles *
Small packets of washing Powder. *	Razors Men *
Deodorants Men *& Women *	Coffee
Shampoo* Conditioner	Tea **
Bars of soap *	Biscuits
Porridge	Jam, chocolate spread, peanut butter *
Meat in tins *	Potatoes in tins or mash
Tins of Fish *	Female Hygiene products Tampons *
Long life milk **	Tinned Spaghetti *
Fruit in tins*	Squash to dilute **
Vegetables in tins & Tomatoes **	Toothpaste *
Ready to eat Custard & Rice Puddings *	
Fruit Juice in Cartons (Long Life) **	
Toilet Rolls *	
Kitchen Rolls	
Small packets of sugar **	

* means they have low stocks
** out of stock

They currently have plenty of:
beans, pasta and cereals .

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Liturgical Date	First Reading	Psalm
02 Jun	2nd Sun after Pentecost	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
09 Jun	3rd Sun after Pentecost	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15)	Psalm 138
16 Jun	4th Sun after Pentecost	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13	Psalm 20
23 Jun	5th Sun after Pentecost	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49	Psalm 9:9-20
30 Jun	6th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27	Psalm 130
07 Jul	7th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10	Psalm 48
14 Jul	8th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19	Psalm 24
21 Jul	9th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 7:1-14a	Psalm 89:20-37
28 Jul	10th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:1-15	Psalm 14
04 Aug	11th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a	Psalm 51:1-12
11 Aug	12th Sun after Pentecost	2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33	Psalm 130
18 Aug	13th Sun after Pentecost	1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14	Psalm 111
25 Aug	14th Sun after Pentecost	1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43	Psalm 84

The full Lectionary can be accessed on line at
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php>
 Make sure you select the correct year (A, B or C)

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
02 Jun	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
09 Jun	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
16 Jun	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
23 Jun	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
30 Jun	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
07 Jul	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
14 Jul	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
21 Jul	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
28 Jul	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
04 Aug	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
11 Aug	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
18 Aug	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
25 Aug	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69

4th Sidcup Guides at Leeds Castle 19th May 2024

We met at the Manor House car park, Sidcup at 9am on a beautiful warm Sunday morning. There were 5 coaches waiting for us. 12 guides plus Liz Rees and myself climbed aboard coach 21 with 23 others – Brownies from Bexleyheath and Bexley village. We drove relatively traffic free in a convoy for 45 minutes to join in total 1485 Rainbows Brownies Guides and Leaders from all points of our county at 10 am for a day at the castle (28 coaches from Bexley and Bromley on a day out). It was also open to the public!!!

We had a great day. A long walk to the maze which was explored numerous times, and 4 new Guides made their promise at the top.

Out through the slightly scary Grotto. Falconry display at 12. The



adventure fort was a great hit. Had to find shade to eat our packed lunches.

We met Henry VIII and Catherine of Aragon in the bottom of the castle who allowed us to have a photo with them – not a selfie – they had brought their own photographer!! A self guided tour of the castle was also a hit with the girls.

Much walking, if you don't know Leeds Castle and grounds, they are enormous. Beautiful azaleas and rhododendrons in flower – a picture opportunity of course.

There was a shop for girls to buy sweets and presents for home and of course ice cream. I for one believe a day out is incomplete without one. Sadly,

there was only Mr Whippy left at the end of the day!! We left promptly at 4.30 back to Sidcup having had a lovely day out and proud recipients of a Leeds Castle / Greater London Kent cloth badge for our uniform or camp blanket..

Maggie (Magpie)



URC Walk for Christian Aid

On May 18th twelve walkers along with one dog set off at 10.30 from Geddes Place on a Pastorate sponsored walk. Although we were uncertain as we left about how the weather would be, we need not have worried because it turned out to be a lovely day.

After leaving the busy town centre we made our way through the open green parkland by the side of Gravel Hill to the grounds of Hall Place. From there we took footpaths with a short section by the side of the A2 over the railway and then leading underneath the busy road to continue on the path leading to Bexley Village. A Cup of tea was waiting for us in the Bexley URC Church hall so we sat down and tucked in to our packed lunches.

On leaving the village we made our way to Footscray Meadows, passing the cricketers and following the course of the river to Five Arches bridge where we paused to look at the lake with all its wildlife. Finally, leaving the meadows we crossed Bexley Lane and followed the roads that took us to Emmanuel where another cup of tea was waiting for us.

What a lovely 5½ mile walk we had enjoyed! Martha, our Golden Retriever had made sure we all kept together and she thoroughly enjoyed splashing in the water as we passed the river through the meadows.

Thank you to Paul for organising and leading the walk, to all the kind people who made sure we had a drink, and a big thank you to all the sponsors who helped us to raise £210 for Christian Aid

Judith







EMMANUEL MESSY CHURCH ON 9th MARCH 2024

If you saw our Big Picture, which was at the front in Church, you would easily have guessed that our theme was Spring. Twenty-three children came and had a busy time at the various activities that were round the room.

During the course of the afternoon, our Big Spring Picture was covered with tulips, daffodils and trees with blossom, sheep grazing in the field, butterflies were everywhere, a boat was on the lake and the sun was shining!

The Spring theme continued when some children planted freesia bulbs in pots – ready to bloom in the Summer? Hopefully not eaten by the greedy Caterpillar which was fixed to a large leaf. By pulling a paper tab, it crept along the leaf!

They covered tea cakes with yellow Spring icing flowers – not all of them made it home! The next day, the 10th, was Mother's Day. Thinking of this day, they decorated a tea-pot card, which held two teabags, a thank-you gift for somebody they love. Although Easter was three weeks away, they were very happy to make a cushion-shaped-box and fill it with mini-eggs!

But suddenly it was the 'five-minute warning' and they were off to the Green Room. They heard the Bible story that Jesus told of the man who went out to sow corn. They said a prayer and sang a song, before returning to the Hall for our special tea, hot sausages in rolls followed by grapes and cake!

Many thanks to those who were able to come and help at our Messy Church afternoon



EMMANUEL MESSY CHURCH 11th MAY 2024

30th April saw us gathered to plan the next Messy Church. Our theme was WATER and over fruit juice and biscuits we arranged the programme.

The number of children attending was down to twelve, but those who came had more time to enjoy and complete the activities.

The weather had been good for several days so the picture on the Giant Table "I do like to be beside the Seaside" was very apt. Children playing on the golden sands, with whales, dolphins and fish in the sea, and boats sailing in the sunshine. They decorated biscuits with a fondant Whale and made a Whale catch-the-ball-in-the-cup game. They took home a smiley Jelly fish wand, and in a box made a diorama of sea life in an aquarium. Of course, the weather plays a big role in sea activities, and a fluffy white cloud with raindrops falling made a lovely picture to hang at home.

In the Green Room, the families heard the story of Jonah and the Whale, said a prayer for their families, friends and for the world. They sang a song before coming back into the hall for tea together.

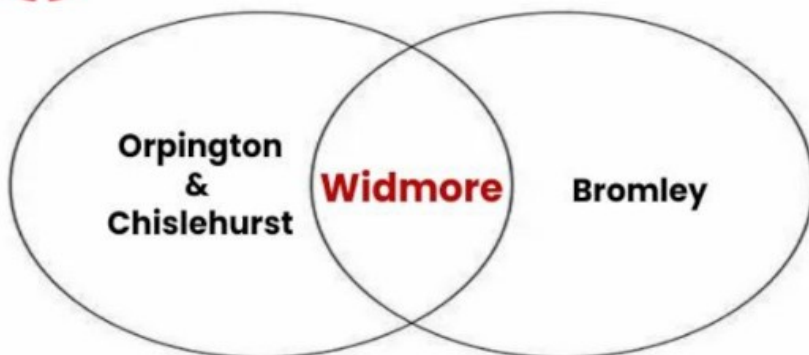
Ethel



**The Next Messy Church will be on
September 14th 4.00 to 5.30pm
"Harvest"**



CIRCUIT MERGER ANNOUNCEMENT



The Circuit Leadership Teams of Bromley and Orpington & Chislehurst Circuits are pleased to announce that the two Circuits will join together from 1st September 2024 to form the Widmore Circuit.

Please join us to celebrate and mark the inauguration of the new Widmore Circuit and welcome Rev Hannah Faal-Heim.

Sunday 1st September, 10:30am
Farringtons School

Rev Dr Jonathan Dean, the new London Methodist District Chair, will lead the service which will be followed by a BYO picnic, weather permitting.



New Circuit Staffing Arrangements

Work is ongoing to prepare for the merger and as we have previously outlined, from September, ministerial responsibilities will change to the following arrangement:

Rev'd Duncan MacBean – lead Superintendent, Beckenham, New Eltham and Emmanuel

Rev'd Karen George – co-Superintendent, Bromley, Bromley Common

Rev'd Robert Selvakumar – Orpington, Petts Wood, Chelsfield

Rev'd Hannah Faal-Heim – Freeman Ghanaian, Chislehurst, Mottingham

Deacon Laura MacBean – support for community café projects, development of SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disability) and memory worship, and teaching and training across the Circuit.



Circuit Mission Dinner

What?
An Evening of Ghanaian Food and Culture

Where?
Bromley Methodist Church

When?
Saturday 22 June
5:30pm to 9:30pm

Cost?
£20 per ticket

Why?
To help raise funds to build a health clinic in Nalogni village, in Northern Ghana where the only medical support is from a nurse working in the open

Where to get tickets?
Email
office@bromleymethodist.org
or call 0208 3131029

ODE TO A PILL

Little pill here in my hand
I wonder how you understand
Just what to do or where to go
To stop the ache that hurts me so.

Within your content lies relief,
You work alone in disbelief.
You sink in regions there below
As down my throat you quickly go!

But what I wonder little pill,
Is how you know where I am ill?
And just how do you really know
Exactly where you have to go?

I have got a headache, that is true,
My broken ribs need attention too!
So how can anything so small
End my aches in no time at all?

Do you work alone or hire a crew
To do the good things that you do?
I'm counting on you mighty strong
To get to there, where you belong.

Don't let me down please do not shirk
To do your undercover work.
So down my throat, be on your way
And end my aches for another day.

Don't take a wrong turn is my plea
I can't take another till after three.

ANON
Contributed by Ethel



Adult Activity Group

New Eltham Methodist Church, 433 Footscray Road, SE9 3UL

**Tuesdays
2-4pm**

New members are welcome to join us for table tennis (or scrabble) and to socialise over a cup of tea/coffee and biscuits.

All abilities welcome, the aim is to have fun while keeping active. Equipment is provided.

If you are interested then come along, or call Terry on 0208 309 1862 for more details.

We look forward to meeting you



**£2
per week**

Please Note

The closing date for copy for the
September / October / November Outlook will be
Thursday 16th August

Earlier contributions will be welcomed.

Please plan ahead and make sure that I am aware of any events or meetings that need to be included on the calendar.

If you can write anything that might interest others, please do so and send it to me for publication.

There is no charge for the magazine, but donations help with the cost of paper and ink and postal charges.

Please feel free to take a copy for a friend or neighbour who might like to hear about what goes on at Emmanuel.

Tony Howard

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OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

JUNE

Nancy Mary Martin	1980
Esme Muriel Heath	1989
Raymond Edwin John Heath	1990
David Victor Martin	1990
John Treacher	1981
Eleanor Caroline Norman	1986
Ethel Louise Davies	1988
Dorothy Harris Kelley	1988
Harold Gerrard Kelley	1988
William John Baker	1980
Henrietta Millward	1992
Leonard George Griffiths	2002
Kenneth Greenway	2004
Georgina Griffiths	2006

JULY

Arthur Cecil Morton-Hooper	1969
Emily May Kearsley	1973
Percival Charles Gibbs	1977
Edith Elizabeth Newman	1983
W. Arthur Young	1984
William T. Rippon	1987
Gilbert Greenway	1967
Gertrude Greenway	1980
Raymond Greenway	1971
Thomas Lenard Allen	1972
Frederick Sydney Morley	1989
Colin Vaughan	2001
Ronald Sidney Hall	2001
Dorothy Brawn	2004
Andrew John Mulliss	2008

AUGUST

Henry Carl Osborne	1965
Elizabeth Edith Osborne	1980
Amelia Emma Long	1998
Doreen Ida Blades	2001
David Oatridge	2010

(David's name will be found in the Book of Remembrance
below his wife Margaret's entry in December)

Weekday Activities

Monday	9.30 - 11.00am 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Toddler's Play Group 3 rd Sidcup Beavers 3 rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3 rd Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10.00am	Ladies Morning Club
Friday	10.00am—noon 4.45pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Coffee Morning 6 th Sidcup Rainbows 6 th Sidcup Brownies 4 th Sidcup Guides



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