



Emmanuel Church Sidcup

Methodist and United Reformed

## Reflections.

At the recent thanksgiving service to celebrate the life of Pat Stephenson I was much moved by the poem she had written called “Reflections” (published elsewhere in the magazine). Reflections on life as it was, as it is and importantly as it will be with God by our side. The poem reminded me of what the author of Ecclesiastes wrote in chapter three – A Time for everything – a passage that we all know so well. Like the author of Ecclesiastes (who could be King Solomon) Pat is taking stock of the world as she has experienced it between her life and death. The author of Ecclesiastes having, in the first two chapters looked at the limitations of humanity’s capabilities discovers that human wisdom, even that of a Godly person, has limits. Yet humanity sets off in pursuit of one thing after another trying to master its own destiny.

However, in chapter three (and later on in the book) faith teaches us that God has ordered all things according to his own purpose – There is a time – and that our role is to accept our own limitations as God’s appointments and be patient and enjoy life as God gives it. Not to have unrealistic expectations of ourselves.

As the author says there is a time for everything. We are approaching spring time – a time to plant – a time when spring flowers start to bloom like those in the church flower bed. A time to look forward to the season of Lent and the great feast of Easter when we celebrate the resurrection of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. And as we look forward we can, as Pat has done, reflect on what has been both in our own lives and the life of Emmanuel. Many people have many memories of youth groups, of Sunday school, of previous Ministers dearly loved, of extensions and the moving of the organ – memories treasured and reflected upon. However, time and tide, we are told, wait for no one. Time moves relentlessly forward and the church universal must also move with the times. Many churches are changing and adapting how they worship, how they work in the community, how they conduct mission. Other churches, Farnborough for instance, are recognising that, sadly and painfully, it is time to close the doors. Two different futures.

As we enter the season of Lent let us take some time to reflect long and hard upon Ecclesiastes chapter three and, whilst we do so, let us take encouragement from the last verse of Pat’s poem (slightly changed).

“As each new day begins for us  
Another door yet opened wide  
And all reflect – reflect – reflect  
- For God is by our side”

... and ask what is behind that door yet opened wide for us and for the church.

God bless

*Malcolm.*

## Pat Stephenson's Thanksgiving Service



Pat was born on 14th August 1931 at around 8pm during a thunderstorm at home in Plumstead to Cecil and Kathleen Furze. She had a sister Jean, who was 8 years older.

They moved to 120 Walton Road Sidcup around 1933. Pat attended Sidcup Hill Primary School and then went on to Alma Road Secondary School for Girls, then to the Chislehurst and Sidcup Technical School for Girls (now known as Coopers Technology College)

During the war her father became a salvage officer and went to Bristol. He realised that he was going to be there for a long time, so he rented a house in Long Ashton and the family joined him. Pat was there for 2 years and attended the local school. Her sister Jean met her future husband, Arthur there too.

She went to Sunday School at Sidcup Methodist and joined the girl guides (her nick name then was Fuzzy Wuzzy as her surname was Furze), she later became involved in MAYC and looked forward to the annual MAYC rallies in London and sang in the choir at the Albert Hall. One year she got a lift in Steve Race's car! She went to the very first rally, and a few years ago she went to the last.

She worked for various publishing companies when she left school. She had particular fond memories of working as secretary to the boss at Spalding and Hodge in Covent Garden, where she met her life long friend Joyce in the early 1950's. Joyce has many happy memories of times spent together. On Pat's 21st Birthday, she wanted a certain type of cake. When the shop didn't have exactly what she wanted, she bought something else. They must have gone to at least 6 different bakeries buying something in each. In the end Joyce told Pat that she must have bought enough food for 100 people but there were only going to be about 25 at the party! She also remembers Pat was the social secretary for the company and organised many outings and Christmas parties.

Her final job before leaving to have a baby was at Nash's paper mill in St Paul's Cray, where she was secretary to the Export Manager.

Pat didn't want to return to work after the birth of their daughter, although she did have a brief spell working for Cadbury Schweppes in Footscray, again using her secretarial skills. Then in later years she went to work in the church office, which she really enjoyed. We have received many messages from users of the church and hall commenting on her friendliness, lovely smile and constant sense of humour.

Pat and Roy were a holiday romance as they met in 1958 at Kirn - a Methodist Guest House in Dunoon, Scotland. Apparently they went for a walk together and when they came back she had lost her voice!

They married in 1960 at Emmanuel Church, (then Sidcup Methodist) on 26th March. The Stephenson clan, being from Lincolnshire, travelled to Sidcup in the Skegness Football team mini coach as the team were playing at home that particular Saturday.

They had their honeymoon at Lindors, a Methodist Guild Guest House in Gloucestershire. Last year they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary and made a return visit to their honeymoon Guest House.

In the bad winter of 1963, when snow was still on the ground in March, along came their daughter Roberta. As a child, Roberta remembers that Pat was always there for her, to listen to her tales. "We used to love to chat sitting by the fire with the cat. She would always have scones and jam ,or cake that she had baked earlier that day waiting for me with a cup of tea when I returned home from school each day. She learned to master the PC and most of all email, which I was extremely proud of her doing at her age. It was so lovely to get her emails that always used to cheer me up and she would often make me laugh with tales of her latest antics. I shall miss those emails."

Her great loves were her music, she loved to sing and belonged to a choir and entered many music festivals when she was young. She also loved to write poetry. Many people would be recipients of her poems, the milkman, the chemist, the church caretaker, Betty next door when she looked after the cats, and often she would receive poems back in response. In the latter years she took part in the Methodist Church Bromley District festivals where she entered her poems (one of which is being read at the Service) and limericks. She also loved to shop and in later years while Roy was at the allotment or working at the Wesley Chapel in London, she would take herself off on the bus (she never learnt to drive) to the shops for a browse and a coffee. She always loved her clothes and often she would receive comments on how smart she appeared. She of course loved her cats too. They had 3 cats and they are very spoilt fat cats!

She was also known for her letter writing skills, every Birthday card (and also many Christmas cards) sent would usually be accompanied by a very newsy letter.

*Roy*

These are just a few things that my Dad and I (and others) remember about Pat and a few details of her life. We have had so many cards and letters ('Dad has at least 60 so far) with their fond memories of Pat and their sadness at her loss. She will be very much missed.

*Roberta*

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Pat, your life and its story has been told, but as Senior Elder I want, on behalf of the Church and its congregation, to say 'Thank you'.

I know we did not say it often enough, but we did appreciate the tireless effort you gave in running the Church Office. With your drive and Roy's effort, regardless of

the weather, you opened on time. You kept the congregation who had left for distant shores in touch by sending them letters and the Outlook. You were also much appreciated for the care you gave to the hall and church room users.

We all knew that it was not easy for you at times, but again a big thank you, and you will be sadly missed.

*Peter Thornton*

This poem by Pat was read by her niece Sally Powell

### **Reflections**

We all need time to recollect  
The quiet days long past  
Of balmy days in solitude  
The motor cars less fast  
The gracious days when trains meant steam  
Chuffed their smoke and country trails  
Now noisy locos, trains less clean,  
Replace these delights on rails  
We reflect upon last days at school  
Leaving teachers well respected  
Their dedication so much admired  
Our later life affected  
The time when Christ became a friend  
Communion first partaken  
Youthful days meant times of trial  
With Him were not forsaken  
That summer day our eyes first met  
Compelled to one another  
Came wintertime the first bouquet  
Which proved we loved each other  
That November day when he proposed  
Beside the old farm fire  
The ring he slipped upon my hand  
What more could I desire  
That first glimpse upon our little girl  
Minute but with perfection  
So beautiful as she grew up  
But needed our protection  
Older now - more space to reflect  
Of cherished friends we've made  
The beauty of the countryside  
Reflections never fade  
As each new day begins for us  
Another door yet opened wide  
We both reflect - reflect - reflect –  
For God is by our side.

The Retiring Collection after Pat's Memorial Service was £553. You can still donate to Greenwich and Bexley Hospice in her memory at [www.justgiving.com/roberta-kasey](http://www.justgiving.com/roberta-kasey).



## OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

### MARCH

Hilda Morton-Hooper	1947
Charles Harrall	1959
Nigel Stuart Pont	1978
George Francis Fox	1981
Alice Annie Wilson	1984
Ada May Rippon	1984
Arthur Kenneth Mould	1984
Norman Fedrick	1985
Cecil Hastings Grimes	1988
Colin Liddicoat	1989
Lucy Irene Selvey	1991
Edith Clarke	1993
Peter Blades	1994
Eleanor Lilian Baker	1994
Marjorie May Gaunt	1994
Lily Sexton	1995
William Godfrey Howsam	2009
Ida Ramsey	2009

### APRIL

Percival Nathanielsz	1961
Gertrude Agnes Gennard	1973
Marjorie Jessie Verinder	1980
William Hutchinson	1986
James Herbert May	1986
Laura Ellen Barker	1988
Sydney Craford Barker	1988

FOREVER WITH THE LORD

## **The Craft Group**

The Craft Group meets every Tuesday afternoon to make cards and novelty items to sell for Church Funds mainly through the Easter Eggstravaganza, which the group organizes, and the Women's Hour Christmas Market. As they purchase all the materials themselves, the price paid for each item all goes to the Church.

Your support encourages them to give of their time, but is also another way of helping our church financially. See you all on 9<sup>th</sup> April!

*Freda*

### **Mothing Sunday**

**3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011.**

Would you like to bring a small plant or flowers and a photograph of your Mother for the Church windows?

This is not for ladies only—gentlemen are also invited to remember their Mothers.

### **Guides' Table Top Sale**

Dear Emmanuel Church,

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the tabletop sale in January such a success, whether it was buying or giving us donations. We also appreciated the donation of the tea and coffee monies - in total we raised £150.

The money will be going to help fund the trip to Switzerland with GLK Guiding next summer for Lucy Collins and Issy Richardson.

*Lucy Collins 4th Sidcup Guides*

### **The Editor wishes all readers a Happy Easter**

Please note that the closing date for copy for the  
**May/June Outlook** will be

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April**

Earlier contributions will be welcomed.

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

Tony Howard

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**The Community Players**  
**at New Eltham Methodist Church**  
**proudly present their March play**

## **"A Tomb With A View"**

**by Norman Robbins**

**on Friday 11th and Saturday 12th March at 8pm,**

a highly amusing comedy-thriller

tickets are £6 from Vanessa on 01322 613128

or check out the website [www.thecommunityplayers.co.uk](http://www.thecommunityplayers.co.uk)

### **Thank You**

A belated "thank you" to all who supported me after my knee operation. It was very strange not to be "doing" things, and having to rely on others for transport to get me to hospital appointments, coffee morning and Women's Hour. Carol and Philip took over the dog walking and suffered many wet and muddy outings. The many cards, flowers and phone calls were all very much appreciated. I'm not quite back to 100% but getting there!

*Freda*

### **Women's World Day of Prayer**

Holy Trinity Church (Hurst Road)

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March at 11.00am

Speaker Miss Rosemary Walters

No afternoon or evening service

### **Reunion**

On Saturday 19th March, there will be a reunion of members of the "40's YOUTH CLUB. They will be travelling from many parts of the country and two have asked for overnight accommodation. Can you offer "B&B" for one night?, as they are now of the age where they can no longer sleep on the hall floor as they would have done many years ago!

You are invited to join them in the hall for a chat, tea and cake at 4.30p.m.

Please book the date and come and meet them.

*Freda*

## Pastoral News

We were saddened by the death of Pat Stephenson. Please continue to support and pray for Roy and his family at this sad time.

Phyllis Thomas of Women's Hour died on Tue 22<sup>nd</sup> of February.

Jennifer Wilson has broken a bone in her ankle and is in plaster.

Remember Lorna New, Bunty Cumming and Dallas Lewis in their Nursing Homes.

We were pleased to see Winnie Webb in church on Sunday.

Continue to pray for Sheila Justham and Bryn Williams

If you know of someone who needs to be remembered in our prayers, please write your request in the Prayer Book before Morning Service. The Prayer Book is on the table at the back of the Sanctuary.

### Cradle Roll Birthdays

Mar.	2	Arthur George	5 years old
	9	Jessica Lingham	2 years old

### Sunday Club Birthdays

Mar.	12	Minto Holkar	14 years old
Apr	12	Connie Sole	6 years old
	17	Stanley Sole	10 years old

Happy Birthday to you all!



### Good Friday Walk of Witness

**Fri 22nd April 2011**

9.30am for 9.45am, from St. John's Church, Church Road  
to Emmanuel Church, Granville Road  
via The Green, Morrisons, and Somerfields.

**Hot Cross Buns at Emmanuel afterwards**

### Men's Supper Club

We meet on the 2nd Wednesday of each month during the winter, in the Green Room, at 7.30pm for supper and a talk by an invited speaker. The cost is about £5.

Mar 9 Speaker not yet announced

**THE WAY THINGS ARE" - A PLAY FOR HOLY WEEK**  
**AT ORPINGTON METHODIST CHURCH**

Palm Sunday 16th April at 7.30pm

Tuesday 19th April at 7.30pm

Wednesday 20th April at 7.30pm

The title 'The Way Things Are' is a quote from a Sydney Carter poem called 'Love More Or Less'. It speaks of the life of Jesus as drama, but only understood within the wider context of characters like Judas and the other disciples. The whole picture is one of faith and doubt, love and betrayal, security and uncertainty.

That's what makes the gospel so real – it is an honest reflection of the way things are. The play takes a selection of the dialogue from Matthew's gospel to present a life of Jesus with a special focus on the last stories of Holy Week.

There are no tickets so come early. There will be a plate for donations

**LENT CHALLENGE**

for Water Aid.

You are invited to take part in a daily Lent Challenge with the money raised going to Water Aid.

Questionnaires will be available on 6th March, 20p.

**Christian Meditation**

Emmanuel Church Sidcup

Malcolm will hold meetings in the Weaver Room on the  
THIRD FRIDAY of each month at 7.30 p.m.

**Dates for 2011.**

March 18	April 15
May 20	June 17
July 15	August 19
September 16	October 21
November 18	December 16

**The Julian Meetings.**



## Services for March

6	10.30am	Mrs Joan Mayes	
13	10.30am	Rev. Malcolm Wright	Communion
20	10.30am	Rev Malcolm Wright	Family & Parade
27	10.30am	Mrs. Julie Gardner	<b>Summer Time Starts</b>

Coffee will be served in the Hall after morning service every Sunday. All are welcome

## Revised Common Lectionary

Mar-06	Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24:12-18
Mar-09	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12
Mar-13	First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7
Mar-20	Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a
Mar-27	Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7
Apr-03	Fourth Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13
Apr-10	Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14
Apr-17	Liturgy of the Palms	
Apr-17	Liturgy of the Passion	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Apr-18	Monday of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1-9
Apr-19	Tuesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1-7
Apr-20	Wednesday of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4-9a
Apr-21	Maundy Thursday	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Apr-22	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Apr-23	Holy Saturday	Job 14:1-14 or Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-24
Apr-23	Easter Vigil	Genesis 1:1-2:4a and Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 / Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18; 8:6-18; 9:8-13 and Psalm 46 / Genesis 22:1-18 and Psalm 16 / Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21 and Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 / Isaiah 55:1-11 and Isaiah 12:2-6 / Baruch 3:9-15, 3:32-4:4 or Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 and Psalm 19 / Ezekiel 36:24-28 and Psalm 42, 43 / Ezekiel 37:1-14 and Psalm 143 / Zephaniah 3:14-20 and Psalm 98
Apr-24	Resurrection of the Lord	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Apr-24	Easter Evening	Isaiah 25:6-9



## Services for April

3	10.30am	Rev. Malcolm Wright	
10	10.30am	Rev David Gillman	Communion
17	10.30am	Rev. Jeanette Richardson	Family & Parade
22	9.45am	Good Friday Walk of Witness	from St John's
24	11.30pm	Rev. Malcolm Wright	Easter Communion

### Revised Common Lectionary

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Psalm 2 or Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Matthew 21:1-11	
Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Psalm 36:5-11	Hebrews 9:11-15	John 12:1-11
Psalm 71:1-14	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	John 12:20-36
Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1-3	John 13:21-32
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66 or John 19:38-42
	Romans 6:3-11 and Psalm 114	Matthew 28:1-10
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Psalm 114	1 Corinthians 5:6b-8	Luke 24:13-49

## Coffee Morning

Every Friday in the Church Hall from 10.30am 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.



## **CLEANING ROTA**



Week ending:		
Mar	5	Alicia & Carol
	12	Jenny & Peter
	19	Judith & Tony
	26	Jean, Maureen & Pete
Apr	2	Mandy
	9	Alicia & Carol
	16	Jenny & Peter
	23	Judith & Tony
	30	Jean, Maureen & Pete
May	7	Mandy

## The Oberammergau Experience

### **A GERMAN EVENING**

**Chislehurst Methodist Church  
Saturday March 5th from 7pm.**

**German meal and power point presentation**

**For the Church Refurbishment Fund**

**Minimum donation £10**

**Tickets available from**

**Alice & John Sennett 020 8467 1768**

## For what you are about to receive

A young minister sat down to dinner and was about to say grace.

He looked at the casserole that his thrifty bride had prepared from all of the fridge leftovers.

“I don’t know;” he said dubiously, “but it seems to me that I’ve blessed all this stuff before.”

*Submitted by Don Wiles*

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2011**  
**at 6.30pm**

**QUIZ**

**NIGHT**

**With Fish and Chip Supper**  
**In**  
**Emmanuel Church Hall**

Tea and coffee included  
Proceeds to the Outreach Project

**Tickets, £8.50 each.**  
(£4.00 without food)

Tickets will be available from  
6<sup>th</sup> Mar from Carol Blissett

Please buy early to assist  
catering arrangements



### Lunch

You are invited to Lunch at 1pm on  
**Wednesdays** 16<sup>th</sup> Mar and 20<sup>th</sup> Apr in the Green  
Room. Come and enjoy a meal followed by tea or  
coffee in a friendly atmosphere.

Please note, after many years we have had to  
raise the price to £3 min! Its still a bargain!



## Letters of Thanks

Dear Mr. Blissett,

I am writing to thank you for the kind gift of £190.00 from Emmanuel Church Sidcup for the work of CRIBS, and specifically for the bus project. We really appreciate your encouragement and support.

After a very hectic period of hard work the bus has finally made it into its first school visit, where it was received with tremendous enthusiasm. It has been good to see the start of the realisation of the vision. So please thank the folk at Emmanuel for their help.

Yours sincerely,

Ron Jones

CRIBS Administrator

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Dear Mr Blissett

Thank you for helping us transform the lives of homeless people

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the kind donation of £204.20. Gifts like this mean that we can continue to provide life-changing services and campaign for change.

Our innovative education, employment, housing and well being services address individual needs and help homeless people change their lives. Within our Crisis Skylight Centres, our dedicated employment team help and support homeless people back into paid work. The employability team also works in partnership with a range of organisations including employers, training providers, colleges and other homeless organisations, matching people to appropriate opportunities and jobs.

Once in work, the private rented sector is often the only solution for many single homeless people as they are not a priority for social housing. We work with partners across the UK who deliver Crisis Smartmove, a rent deposit and advice scheme, which has helped over 12,000 people into a new home. Crisis also runs a national advisory service providing consultancy advice and support to local authorities and homelessness agencies in England and Scotland.

If you have any questions about Crisis' work or would like any additional resources for your group, please contact us on 020 7036 2888 or by email at [events@crisis.org.uk](mailto:events@crisis.org.uk)

On behalf of everyone at Crisis, and especially those people we are now able to help due to your support, thank you again for your generosity and compassion towards homeless people.

With best wishes,

Paula McGoveney      Crisis Community & Events Fundraising Manager

## **A small church with big ideas**

Old Colwyn United Reformed Church in Colwyn Bay, North Wales - known locally as The Church in the Park - may only have a membership of seventeen, but it has very big ideas. It is part-way through converting a room between its church and church hall into a café which will serve light refreshments to the users of the adjacent Min y Don Park. The café, 'Snax in the Park', is due to open for business at Easter.

At the moment the popular and well-used park, which borders the church grounds, has no café or refreshment point. The congregation of Old Colwyn URC saw an opportunity to spearhead a joint venture between church and community to provide a valuable and needed local resource. The café will be staffed entirely by a team of volunteers from the village of Old Colwyn, and Maureen and Eric Bale, members of the church congregation, will be the volunteer managers.

The conversion is estimated to cost around £50,000, and £46,000 of that has been provided by the United Reformed Church's Synod of Wales mission development fund; the remaining £4000 is being raised by worshippers. The converted facilities will be of the highest standards and meet all health and safety regulations. Easy access toilets and child changing facilities will also be installed.

The Revd Keith Forecast, a retired URC minister and elder of Old Colwyn, has been one of the key players in the project and says: "This is a great example of what can happen when a small church has a big vision and a strong desire to work with the community to enhance the life of the community. Small churches sometimes think they can't achieve much, but we are hoping to prove they can!"

Mr Forecast adds: "Over the years it has been necessary to adapt our mission and focus to suit the needs of our community and our café project is the latest outworking of this focused flexibility. We are, of course, very grateful to the Synod of Wales for the bulk of funds to bring 'Snax in the Park' to life!"

All profits from the café will be donated to local charities.

*From Malcolm*

## **Friendship Club**

The Friendship Club met again in February after a two month break. Our December meeting was a non-event owing to snow and ice and as we never meet in January it was good meet up again.

Dave Dunster talked about Chalk with his usual enthusiasm and wealth of information. Among other things we heard how from very early days chalk from Kentish fields was ferried across the Thames estuary to be mixed with the Essex clay in a process known as marling. This provided a fertile soil in which vegetables grew successfully, and in turn the vegetables were ferried back to Kent. It was a very interesting evening.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30 pm when Judith Howard will tell us about "Pets as Therapy."

*Jenny Scopes*

## Sponsored Knit



Thank you to everyone who came to support the knitters, who in two hours knitted 1729 rows (62160 stitches!)

Congratulations to all of the knitters, 2 men & 27 ladies, on such a wonderful result, Thank you too for your sponsorship.

Since then the Craft Ladies have stitched the first blanket from the knitted strips. It will be finished with a crocheted edge. The finished blankets will go to “Smile” in Europe and to “Nasio Trust” in Kenya.

*Freda*

### **“THE CHOIR INVITES YOU”**

to a musical afternoon tea on  
Saturday 16th July, at 3.00pm.  
Book the date—more details later.

## **Sidcup Literary and Scientific Society**

The next meetings will be

Mar 8<sup>th</sup> St Pancras – On Time

Prof. Lester Hillman TBA

Mar 22<sup>nd</sup> Soiree Musicale AGM

Local Musicians

Emmanuel Church Hall 7.30pm

Single lecture £3

Annual membership £15

## **Rev'd Nicola Furley-Russell.**

The new Moderator of the Southern Synod U.R.C.

Here are some simple facts about me:

- I'm a North Londoner by birth having grown up in Hendon and Mill Hill although I have been warmly welcomed south of the river.
- I was the perpetual student managing 8 years of continual further education having been to King's College, London to do a BA in Religious Studies followed by a PGCE with a view to teaching RS, then off to Northern College, Manchester to train for the ministry where I did a BD. I also gained an MA in Christian Theology along the way.
- I have always ministered to local congregations: Haresfinch and Peasley Cross URCS, St. Helens; Stainbeck URC, Leeds; Oxted URC, Surrey, and I am at present minister at Wallington URC where I've happily been for the last 11 years.
- I have worked in the wider church. Amongst other things I've been Convener of Doctrine and Worship Committee in Yorkshire Synod; Provincial Children's Advocate (with Russell) in Southern Synod; Convener of Southern Synod's Synod Council; Convener of URC Prayer Handbook; Southern Synod Representative on the URC Mission Committee.
- When I first got married I worked at Church House in the Communications Department printing the Basis of Union on the Risograph.
- I'm married to Russell, URC minister at Purley, whom I first met at Northern College, and we have two children: Cameron (12) and Ross (9). All three keep me on my toes.
- I've ministered in Southern Synod since I got married 14 years ago.
- To relax I play the piano, clarinet and flute (although not at the same time!), build Lego, watch Stargate SG1, paint and draw.

I'm really looking forward to the challenge of a new role in Southern Synod working with old friends and making new ones as Southern Synod moves into the new phase of its life.

*Nicola*

### **SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS 2011**

The 4th Sidcup Guides are again collecting these vouchers to swap for camp equipment and will be most grateful if you could either post the vouchers into the boxes in the church or hall, or alternatively give them to Maggie or Liz.

*Thanks in advance Maggie & Liz*

# **The Retreats Fellowship**

## **of the United Reformed Church, Southern Synod**

This Fellowship is open to all who want to deepen their relationship with God through a prayer life of stillness and silence and who would value the encouragement of others.

## **PROGRAMME for 2011**

### **Annual Residential Retreat:**

Tuesday 22 to Thursday 24 March, at The Emmaus Centre, West Wickham

Leader: Revd. Mike Playdon

### **Retreat Days:**

Saturday 2 July, at Reigate Park URC,

URC-wide Quiet Day/Day of Prayer

Wednesday 28 September, at St. Cuthman's, W. Sussex.

Leaders: Peter and Kay McIntosh

Further Details from: Robert Blows (01372 386040)  
Beryl Chatfield (01903 248313)

## **Women's Hour**

### **March Meetings**

- 7 Mr. Roy Packman & Mr John Bilke  
"Rotarians"
- 14 Mrs Valerie Ruddle  
"Frances Ridley Havergal"
- 21 Mr John Sennett
- 28 Water Aid Challenge?

### **April Meetings**

- 4 Spring Blossom Outing
- 11 Easter Craft
- 18 Easter Communion  
Rev. Malcolm Wright
- 25 EASTER



## **EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA**

**Saturday April 9th**

**10.30 to 12 noon**

**Emmanuel Church Hall**

**CRAFTS CAKES RAFFLE GAMES**

**CARDS REFRESHMENTS**

***Easter Egg Hunt at 11.00am***

**Admission Free**

### **Monthly Churches Together in Sidcup**

#### **Prayer Meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

**9.00 - 9.30 am. All welcome**

*Next Meeting is*

19 March – New Covenant (St Andrews)

16 April – New Generation, Birkbeck Rd

#### **The CTiS AGM is at 7.45pm**

on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April at

New Generation, Birkbeck Rd

### **Churches Together Men's Breakfast**

**Saturday 12th March 9.00-10.30am**

**at The Portrait Pub, Sidcup High St. £6.00**

**Speaker Rev Martin Seymour**

**Transform Bexley & Street Pastors**

**Any extra money raised will go to the work of Street Pastors in Bexley.**

**Please contact Peter Thornton in advance if you wish to attend.**

# Dates For Your Diary

## MARCH

Tue	1	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	2	7.30pm Friendship Group	
Thu	3	Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	4	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	5		
Sun	6	10.30 am Mrs Joan Mayes	
Mon	7	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	8	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	9		Men's Supper Club
Thu	10	Bells 10.30 am Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	11	Coffee morning 10.30 am	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat	12		
Sun	13	10.30 am Rev. Malcolm Wright	Communion
Mon	14	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	15	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	16	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	17	Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	18	Coffee morning 10.30 am	Julian Meeting 7.30pm
Sat	19		40's Youth Club Reunion
Sun	20	10.30 am Rev. Malcolm Wright	Parade
Mon	21	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	22	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	23		
Thu	24	Bells 10.30 am Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	25	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	26		
Sun	27	10.30 am Rev. Mrs Julie Gardner	<b>Summer Time Starts</b>
Mon	28	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	29	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	30		
Thu	31	Choir 8.00pm	

# Dates For Your Diary

## APRIL

Fri	1	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	2		Quiz Night 6.30pm
Sun	3	10.30 am Rev. Malcolm Wright	Mothering Sunday
Mon	4	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	5	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	6	7.30pm Friendship Group	
Thu	7	Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	8	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	9	Easter Eggstravaganza 10.30am	
Sun	10	10.30 am Rev. David Gillman	Communion, Palm Sunday
Mon	11	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	12	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	13		Men's Supper Club
Thu	14	Bells 10.30 am Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	15	Coffee morning 10.30 am	Julian Meeting 7.30pm
Sat	16		Outlook Copy due
Sun	17	10.30 am Rev. Jeanette Richardson	Parade, Palm Sunday
Mon	18	Women's hour 2.15 pm	
Tue	19	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	20	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	21	Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	22	Coffee morning 10.30 am	Good Friday Walk of Witness
Sat	23		
Sun	24	10.30 am Rev. Malcolm Wright	Easter Communion
Mon	25		Bank Hol.
Tue	26	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	27		
Thu	28	Bells 10.30 am Choir 8.00pm	
Fri	29	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	30		

# Weekday Activities

Monday	2.15pm 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Woman's Hour 3rd Sidcup Beavers 3rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3rd Sidcup Scouts
Tuesday	2.30pm	Craft Group
Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Ladies Morning Club Choir
Friday	10.30am—noon 1.30pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Coffee Morning Parents & Toddlers Club 6th Sidcup Brownies 4th Sidcup Guides



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