

THE
OUTLOOK

DECEMBER 2022
TO JANUARY 2023



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

Letter from the Interim Moderator

I have little news to report on the ministerial front. But at least we have reached the shore of the vacancy list since December 2021's Outlook. A warning. Do not raise your hopes as it may still take many months before a minister is appointed. But permit me to say if, hopefully, this will be my last Christmas letter that you will take it in the right context!

The ex-Home Secretary David Blunkett once wrote, "Charles Dickens published 'A Christmas Carol' in 1843 introducing the world to Ebenezer Scrooge and Tiny Tim. It remains perhaps the most popular Christmas fiction story of our time. But since it was written, it saddens me that Christmas has become so commercialised and over-hyped that its true meaning has become lost beneath the welter of fairy lights, tinsel and extravagant presents." ("A Christmas Carol" is on stage at present in the Old Vic.)

No one can deny that spending some quality time with family is one of the most enriching things about Christmas, and a superb way to round off the year. How many people would like to agree with this statement? But for many the reality has been very different. 68% of respondents to the charity "Relate" survey expected to row over the Christmas holidays. 39% cited Christmas Day as the epicentre of their family disharmony. Remind me of the origin of Christmas again!

Sadly Christmas is increasingly being defined by shallow materialism and profligate spending. We must face facts here. Christmas is very tough for a lot of people. Not everyone can afford to shower family and friends with gifts this year. Many families buy presents they can't really afford, resulting in debts that they struggle to pay off when the dreaded credit card bills arrive in January. And I certainly do not need to remind you of the horrible financial situation the country is in at present. And how many families will really be affected this Christmas? Even the retailers brought forward Black Friday to the second Friday of the month!

Many have added to the bundle by collectively moaning about the commercialisation of Christmas. It starts every year, reliably, around late August and then stays with us throughout the festive season. Once upon a time, Christmas was a time of solemnity, quiet enjoyment and reflection. Recalling the birth of our Saviour. But, at some point, it has been taken over by the corrupting forces of materialism. Today, Christmas has been reduced to a vulgar, mindless orgy of binge-shopping, devoid of any spiritual meaning. Mass consumerism has robbed Christmas of its soul

and authenticity: a vacuum that people try to fill, vainly, by buying more and more.

We were at the Polhill Garden Centre (near Sevenoaks) last weekend. The Christmas stockpile was immense. But bring a Plutonic or a Saturnalian down from outer space and ask them their impression of Christmas. They observe and reach their opinion. What is it? Reindeer, fake Christmas trees, decorations, robins, gingerbread people (must not be gender specific in this overtly PC decade), candles, snow in a myriad of forms with the almighty singing, dancing or simply stationary Santa.

Moaning about the shallowness of consumerism is, of course, itself part and parcel of Western culture. But anti-consumerist pre-Christmas moaning is more widespread and more focused. Let me quote from *The Spectator*. “Personally I love the consumerism of Christmas, simply because it makes children happy - and if people want to make a buck by making kids happy on Jesus’s birthday, then that’s hardly the worst thing that’s ever been done in the name of religion.” How far have we moved from the true spirit of Christmas?

A typical Christmas sees Brits throw away two million turkeys. Five million Christmas puddings also go to waste. Together with other consumables this leads to the equivalent of a whole plateful of food per household going to waste on Christmas Day. The UK celebrates the birth of our Saviour by consuming 250,000,000 pints of beer over the Christmas period.

In 2017 The History Channel and Onepoll.com surveyed 2,000 British adults and found that one in five respondents did not know the true meaning of Christmas. It found that about 20% of Britons did not know that Christmas Day is a celebration of Jesus's birth. I wager that the 20% has now increased by a considerable degree. I am sorry I could not find more up to date surveys!

It's a time of personal reflection for me. A time to ponder our role on earth, and to rejoice in the hope that Jesus Christ brings to those who believe in Him. Everybody who has a religious conviction has moments when they are more in tune with their beliefs. I know that Ramadan is special for people who follow Islam. Atheists, I believe, have moments when the world is not just empty to them; when they seek to make sense of it all. Such moments, when each person thinks of something far greater than him/herself, makes Christmas special for a Christian. It is not the date or the manner in which it is celebrated. It is the spirit with which it is honoured.

May I wish you a joyful Christmas beside your favourite people. Never forget to pray to the Lord and be grateful for all the blessings of this beautiful life. May this Christmas sparkle with joy, love and happiness for you. I hope all your appropriate prayers get answered and this holy season brings warmth which connects you more to the Lord. Enjoy this holiday season and I hope your year ahead will be filled with opportunities and full of joy.

Colin Watson, Interim Moderator

PS: Useless information: Santa's sleigh must travel at 2,340,000 mph to visit every home on Christmas Eve. His sleigh would weigh approximately 354,430 tonnes due to the volume of presents and Santa is an anagram of SATAN!!

Colin Watson

News from the Pastorate

Peter and I went to a Pastorate meeting, chaired by Colin Watson, our interim moderator, on Monday 21st November. Each Church gave a report on their recent activities. Everyone had been very pleased with the successful 50 year celebration service. Emmanuel was thanked for hosting it.

Plans for future Pastorate events included a Pastorate meal at Sophie's Choice. A provisional date of January 17th was suggested. This has yet to be confirmed. Once the date has been confirmed a list of people interested will be drawn up. It was requested that a representative from each Church would collect the deposit and the balance for the meal and drink.

A Pastorate service, similar to the last one at Emmanuel, was discussed. It was agreed that Bexley URC would host the service in late September. It is hoped that this will be well attended by all three Churches, as the service at Emmanuel was.

Paul Ayliffe agreed to organise another joint Christian Aid sponsored walk. Further details will be available later.

Each Church has made their own appropriate Christmas arrangements.

It is proposed to hold an Elder's training day on a date to be arranged, but probably in March.

There was no further news on the vacancy for a Minister.

The next Pastorate meeting was scheduled for 20th March.

Judith

A Letter from the Moderator of the Southern Synod



Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future, he will honour Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan

² The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. ³ You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy as they rejoice before you: Isaiah 9: 1-2

Dear friends

It has been yet another challenging year. Once again, it seems that we have had our roots shaken. The war in Ukraine feels so close to us. The rise in the cost of living and our fuel bills challenge us as never before. With fewer Stipendiary Ministers in the United Reformed Church, Church Life Review and our general decline, it may feel that we are living in a truly dark and tumultuous time. It is a real test of our faith to hang on and believe that God is still doing something amazing in the world when change, subversive politics and war surround us.

So, praise the Lord for Christmas where we welcome light in our darkness. We are reminded that God comes to be with us again. We don't need to be afraid of our future because we are all in God's hands. We have had to be creative in our thinking the last 2 years. As I go around the Synod, I still see signs of hope and growth. New people coming through the doors of our churches. Warm Hubs and other mission activities growing. I see people offering themselves for ministry of all types. It is very exciting. Yes, there are still places where challenges exist, but that is where God is calling us to be light.

Can I encourage you to reread the story of Jesus' birth. To sit with the passages and wonder, 'what does Jesus' arrival mean for me?' There are Advent bible studies going on all over the Synod which are a great way to engage further with this wonderful story. As in Isaiah 9:1-2 above, Christ is at the centre of Christmas which is something good to share with our congregations. Is Christ at the centre of our lives though? With Christ at our very core, we will have peace and can be reassured that we and the world are still in God's hands.

Please pray for your Ministers, Local Church Leaders and Lay preachers during this busy season. They offer such a great service for the Church. Have a wonderful Advent and Christmas. May we all catch the hope of Christ to share at this dark time. May God continue to do a 'new thing' in you and in me.

Every blessing

Bridget Banks Moderator URC Southern Synod



Christmas Events 2022



- Sunday 11th Dec 4.00pm Mayoral Civic Carol Service at St Johns.
- Saturday 17th Dec 10.30 - 11.30am CTIS will be carol singing in Sidcup High Street opposite Hadlow Road.
- Sunday 18th Dec 10.30am Lessons & Carols at Emmanuel.
- Tuesday 20th Dec Carol singing in the neighbourhood for Action for Children (numbers and weather permitting).
- Saturday 24th Dec 11.30pm Midnight Christmas Eve Service at New Eltham Methodist.
- Sunday 25th Dec **10.00am** Christmas Day Service ~at Emmanuel with Sue Cope.
It is traditional for children to show one of their Christmas presents.

Please note there will be no service on Sunday 1st January. A video service will be available at www.orpchiscircuit.org.uk from 30th December.

The collection on Christmas Day will be for Crisis. All the Friday and Sunday coffee money during December will also be donated to Crisis, as will the money collected from the Christmas Card Tree. Any other donations will be welcome.

Monday Fellowship Group

Well everyone, it's Christmas time again and at least there is no lockdown now so we should be able to mix and meet up with our friends this year. Our Monday Club is a friendly meeting place for all ages.

We only get together on the first Monday of the month as it became difficult to run it every week in the hall. Our meetings are now in the Weaver Room. It is cosy and warm and there is plenty of room for us.

The proposed Christmas afternoon tea has had to be cancelled due to circumstances but there is still going to be a grand raffle supplied by Pat George. Please support us and buy some tickets.

Merry Christmas



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FOR YOUR
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PROVIDE:**

**A BREAKFAST & COOKED LUNCH
FOR APPROX. 120
PEOPLE EVERYDAY
(7 DAYS A WEEK)**

MANY THANKS

A pastor announced to his congregation one Sunday: "I have good news and bad news. The good news is we have enough money to pay for our new building programme. The bad news is it's still out there in your pockets."

Contributed by Colin Watson



Services for December

4	10.30am	Elders	
11	10.30am	Rev Tony Windsor	Communion
18	10.30am	Elders	Lessons & Carols
25	<u>10.00am</u>	Mrs Sue Cope	Christmas Day

Services for January

1	10.30am	Video Service	www.orpchiscircuit.org.uk
8	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
15	10.30am	Mr Paul Ayliffe	
22	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion
29	10.30am	Alan Kienlen	

Services for February

6	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
13	10.30am	Mr Tony Ball	
20	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
27	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion

Pastoral News

Iris Wood died peacefully on October 12th, aged 96 years. Her funeral was held on November 15th. Iris had been housebound, supported by carers and unable to come to Church for some time. Our thoughts and prayers go to her family on their sad loss.

Audrey Fish is still unwell and does not feel able to come to Church. Please remember her in your prayers. Pat Brace and Marion Parfitt are still needing to attend various appointments. Doreen Still misses coming to Church but she needs to be able to look after her husband at the moment.

It was good to see Ruth Dunster in Church recently. Remember her in your prayers. She does not go out much these days but she is very grateful for the support of her family.

Our thoughts are with Freda Skinner and Lorna New in St. Margaret's and with Elaine Smith in Northbourne Court.

GRAND CHRISTMAS RAFFLE INCLUDING 2 CHRISTMAS HAMPERS



**TICKETS ON SALE NOW
THE DRAW WILL TAKE PLACE
AT FRIDAY COFFEE MORNING
ON DECEMBER 16th**

**PLEASE SUPPORT THIS
FUNDRAISER IN AID OF EMMANUEL
CHURCH AND THE
FELLOWSHIP GROUP
IF YOU CAN**



Message From Weymouth

Hello again from Weymouth.

We are well and truly settled here after 6 months. We had a glorious summer and although we don't have a garden we spent most of the time outside on our large patio. We have got to find our way around now and feel really at home. We always knew that Dorset was beautiful and very hilly but we are learning first hand how hilly it is. Practically every road is on a hill but this of course gives good views when you go down the other side. One of the most beautiful roads to drive on is the coast road to Bridport. It is uphill and down dale all the way round Lyme Bay and the scenery is stunning.

We are really settled in our new church. We celebrated harvest in September. On the Saturday morning everyone took their harvest gifts to church to be sent to the food bank, and then we all went to a local pub for a special harvest lunch of ploughman's and apple pie. There were 22 of us in all and it was all laid ready by the landlord and it was a lovely meal and good company. On the Sunday we had a harvest service and sang all the usual harvest hymns. I believe we are going back to the pub for our Christmas lunch, so we are looking forward to that.

It is my birthday this week and our family has arranged a surprise weekend. We have no idea where we are going but looking forward to it. I am making a birthday week of it and have arranged something different to do each day, so it should be very enjoyable.

We both continue with our clubs and groups and are enjoying them. We have both joined a quizzing afternoon. We make a team with whoever is there and it is very enjoyable. So far we have come 2nd and last so our fortunes vary, although I think we came last because the quiz master was asking the wrong questions.

Peter continues to enjoy his golf although the last few weeks have been very wet and windy, he enjoys the exercise and the company.

The photograph of Emmanuel Church we were given is displayed in our hall and all our visitors have commented on it. We think of you all often and hope you are keeping well. We send our best wishes to everyone.

Peter and Jenni Thornton

Remembrance Service

The Church was well filled to celebrate Remembrance Day. It was good to see the uniformed organisations. As the names on the memorial plaques were read out, photographs of the servicemen were projected onto a screen. The service was conducted by Ralph Brandhorst and refreshments were served by the Scouts in the Hall afterwards.

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Liturgical Date	First Reading	Psalm
Dec-04	2nd Sun of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Dec-11	3rd Sun of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	or Luke 1:46b-55
Dec-18	4th Sun of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
Dec 24 & 25	Nativity of the Lord 1	Isaiah 9:2-7	Psalm 96
Dec 24 & 26	Nativity of the Lord 2	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 97
Dec 24 & 27	Nativity of the Lord 3	Isaiah 62:6-12	Psalm 98
Jan-01	1st Sun after Christmas	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148
Jan-01	2nd Sun after Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12	Psalm 147:12-20 or W'dom of Solomon 10:15-21
Jan-06	Epiphany of the Lord	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14
Jan-08	Baptism of the Lord	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29
Jan-15	2nd Sun after Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11
Jan-22	3rd Sun after Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9
Jan-29	4th Sun after Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 84 or Psalm 24:7-10
Feb-05	5th Sun after Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a	Psalm 112:1-9 (10)
Feb-12	6th Sun after Epiphany	Deut'my 30:15-20 or	Psalm 119:1-8
Feb-19	Transfiguration Sun	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2 or Psalm 99
Feb-22	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12	
Feb-26	1st Sun in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17;	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Christmas Charity

The collection on Christmas Day will be for Crisis.
All the coffee money from Friday Coffee mornings and
Sunday Coffee during December will also be donated to
Crisis.

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Dec-04	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Dec-11	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Dec-18	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Dec 24 & 25	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14, (15-20)
Dec 24 & 26	Titus 3:4-7	Luke 2:(1-7), 8-20
Dec 24 & 27	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
Jan-01	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
Jan-01	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Jan-06	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
Jan-08	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Jan-15	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Jan-22	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Jan-29	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
Feb-05	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
Feb-12	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Feb-19	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Feb-22	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Feb-26	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11

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)

Chislehurst Methodist Church

Christmas Tree Festival

Judith and I enjoyed a visit to the 'Winter Wonderland' at Chislehurst where there were over 40 decorated Christmas trees.

The festival was a fantastic opportunity for participants to advertise their group, charity, school or company in a fun way, while raising money for two local charities.

These were Petts Wood Playgroup (for children with special needs) and Living On (who work with bereaved children and young people).

It was interesting to see how people had used their imaginations to create a varied range and style of Christmas trees.

Tony



Cultivating Christmas
(Decorations made from
flower pots)



Hatty Christmas
by Knit and Knatter
(The hats will be donated to charity)



Winter Wonderland



A Service of Celebration

What a wonderful service we hosted as a celebration to mark 50 years of the URC. The service was led by the Reverend Bryn Thomas. It was lovely to see a full Church with equal numbers from each of the three Pastorate Churches. Each Church played an equal part in the readings, the prayers and the sharing of communion.

As Bryn had been the minister in Bexley some years ago, many people were delighted to see him once more. I had never heard Bryn preach before, but the thanksgiving service he led was truly inspiring. We are very grateful to him for taking the time to prepare and lead such a memorable service to celebrate 50 years of the URC.

There was such a lovely feeling of fellowship, not only during the service, but afterwards in the Church Hall as people enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee and a piece of cake, as well as a time to chat and catch up with friends old and new.

So many people I have spoken to since, have expressed how much they enjoyed being part of the service. It was a day to remember. Thank you, Bryn, from the whole Pastorate.

Judith





The URC is 50 Years Old

The United Reformed Church began on 5th October 1972 when two churches, the Presbyterian Church of England and the Congregational Church in England and Wales, joined together after the union had been recognised by an Act of Parliament. It further developed when the Churches of Christ joined the URC in 1981 followed by the Congregational Union of Scotland in 2000. So the URC was fifty in 2022.

Rev Bryn Thomas wrote an extra verse for the hymn 'God of the Pilgrim Way' which was the final hymn at the 50 year Celebration Service.

Our gratitude is great
For fifty years together,
For all that's right and good
And love that lasts forever;
Uniting and reformed,
Through triumph and distress,
In fellowship and grace
Our joyful faith confess.

Meeting Bridget

Some members enjoyed the service on November 20th at Geddes Place . It was good to meet Rev Bridget Banks the Moderator of the Southern Synod of the URC and get to know her while chatting over coffee afterwards.

Food Bank Report Dec2022

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

Their Urgent Needs Are:

Deodorant
Washing Pods
Sweets, Chocolate, Treats
Long-life Fruit Juice
Bottled Squash
Tinned Rice Pudding
Long-life Semi-skimmed Milk
Vegetables (Not Pulses, Thanks)
Tinned Fish
Tinned Fruit

Noodles
Custard
Tinned Spaghetti
Coffee
Toiler Paper
Shower Gel
Toothpaste
Carrier Bags
Rice



Christmas Card Tree

As usual there will be a Christmas tree for you to decorate with Christmas cards to your Church friends, and give a donation to our Christmas Charity which will as usual be Crisis.

Thank you to Olive Lewis who started this idea many years ago. I am sure Olive must be delighted that the Christmas Card Tree has become a tradition at Emmanuel. Please help to support Crisis with your generous donations.

Crisis at Christmas - a Story from Last Year

Eddie was independent from a young age. After his mother died, he moved out of his crowded family home in Guinea-Bissau and found a job as a carpenter.

Eddie's father was Portuguese, so he had EU citizenship. He moved over to the UK to be with one of his brothers over a decade ago.

Eddie was a chef for years, working in luxurious hotels in London. He lost his job when he developed a skin condition and his health deteriorated. He spent all his savings on rent but had to leave his home when he ran out.

He stayed with a friend, but it was crowded, and his friend eventually asked him to leave.

"I was sleeping on the street for nine days." Fortunately, Eddie was referred to one of the Crisis at Christmas hotels. In the hotel, Eddie was able to access the support he needed.

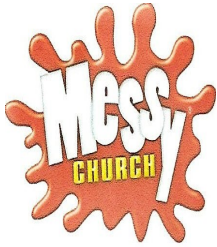
He had lost his phone on the bus, and Crisis provided a new one. "I can talk to people. I'm using Google to check things, like for work. And I can watch boxing videos!"

His skin condition is much better now too. He hadn't been able to get to a doctor for a while, but when he was at the hotel, he was sent to a doctor and was able to start taking his medication again. He hadn't taken any medication for months before he came to Crisis at Christmas.

Eddie was given a Crisis coach, who supported him to find somewhere to rent. "I got a house already! I got a house yesterday, I have a contract. I'm just waiting for furniture." Crisis sourced a bed, wardrobe and things for the kitchen.

Eddie is now settled in his new home and looking forward to the future. Once he feels better, he hopes to find a new job.

"If it wasn't for Crisis, I might have died. I tried so many times to get Universal Credit but they kept rejecting me. Crisis sorted it out."



Messy Church Update

The theme was 'Remembrance' at November's Messy Church.

It was a full house with 25 children and various parents and grandparents. There were six craft tables keeping the children busy.

We covered 5th November with a very colourful firework picture. Autumn, we made a table mat using dried, pressed leaves, gold, reds and green. The children made a picture frame, using lolly sticks, to take home and display a picture of a loved one. The idea was to make a Poppy Biscuit, also to take home, but we don't think many made it home!

They also made a Poppy Lantern with our new recruit Tom, 'welcome aboard'.

'We Will Remember Them' was the title of our Giant picture. A wreath of printed hands, surrounded by poppies was taken into Church for all to see at the Remembrance Service.

At 4.50 Roger blew the whistle for everyone to go to the Green Room for a story, the Lost Sheep, followed by a song and prayers for families, friends and neighbours.

It was decided that now was the time to return to our pre-Covid tea of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and fruit, which Christine prepared and was much appreciated by the children and parents.

Many thanks to all those who came and made it such a lovely afternoon. Our next Messy Church will be on

Saturday, 11th February 2023. Love

Ethel and Maureen

Mustard Seed

Due to rising costs for transport it was decided not to collect Love in a Box boxes this year by Mustard Seed. Many members of our congregation have always enjoyed putting together a box to delight a child at Christmas and felt disappointed not to be choosing gifts for a child this year.

To make amends for this, we collected donations to send to Mustard Seed to help them. I have sent a cheque for £200 as a result of your generous donations which I am sure will be gratefully received by the charity.

Judith

Friday 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.

More volunteers to serve coffee are needed desperately. Please see Marion Parfitt if you can help.



Sunday Coffee

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

Donations to Church Funds

ROTA

Dec	4	Pam & Jennifer	Jan	22	Pam & Jennifer
	11	Ethel and Maureen		29	Pat & Marion
	18	Pat & Marion			
	25	Christmas Day	Feb	5	Ethel and Maureen
				12	Mandy and Judith
Jan	1	Mandy and Judith		19	Roger & Christine
	8	Roger & Christine		26	Ann and Maryia
	15	Ann and Maryia			

Please Note

The closing date for copy for the **Mar / Apr / May** Outlook will be Thursday 16th Feb

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.

Tony Howard

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OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

DECEMBER

Harold Martin	1968
Beatrice Mary Adams	1983
Kathleen Mary Worrall	1987
Christine Leighton Watkins	1990
Joan Mary Stephen Purry	1994
Margaret Anthony Oatridge	2002
Bert Runacres	2004

JANUARY

Arthur Brinley Davis	1969
Joseph George Kearsley	1978
Lily Oswald	1988
Mabel Brunton	1990
Vincent Sawyer	1983
Gillian Averil Lister (née Huett)	1991
Marjory Treacher	1995
Ernest John Reader	2000
Elsie Runacres	2001
Geoffery Betts	2003
Pat Stephenson	2011

FEBRUARY

Henry Russell Verinder	1981
Maurice Adams	1985
Lilian Thompson	1986
Thomas George Brawm	1956
Rose Brawm	1979
Andrew James Bruce Boland	1979
Edith May Davidson	1985
John Clifford Davidson	1950
Florence Emily Wellman	1995
Elsie Jackson Watson	1999
Agnes Hutchison	2000
Sydney Charles Upson	2000
Evelyn Frances Ellercamp	2002

Weekday Activities

Monday	1.00 to 2.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Club
	2.00pm	Monday Fellowship first Monday in the month (except Bank Hols)
	5.45pm	3 rd Sidcup Beavers
	6.30pm	3 rd Sidcup Cub Scouts
	7.30pm	3 rd Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10. 00am	Ladies Morning Club
Friday	10.30am—noon	Coffee Morning
	4.45pm	6 th Sidcup Rainbows
	6.00pm	6 th Sidcup Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sidcup Guides



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