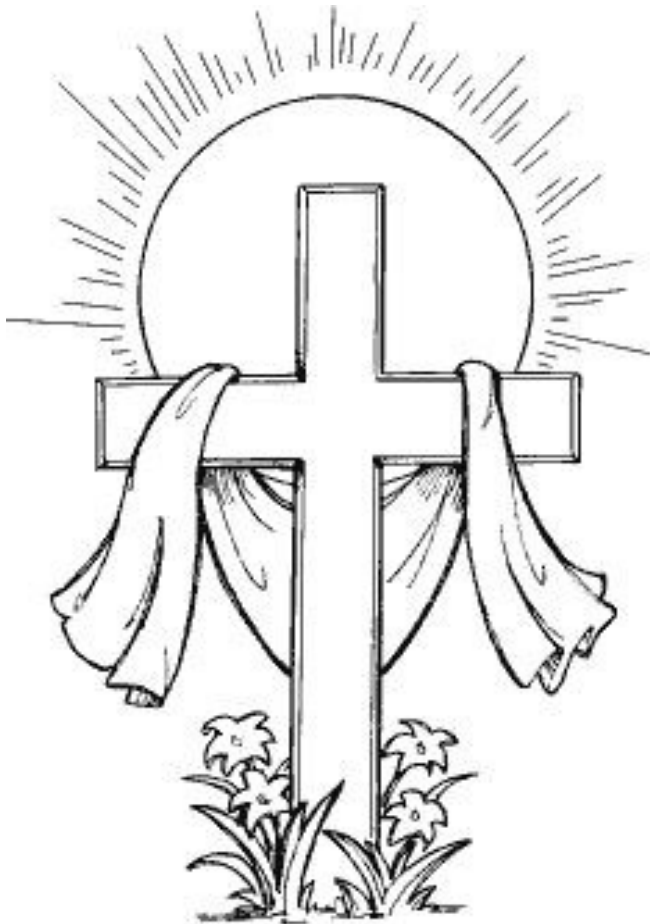


THE
OUTLOOK

MARCH TO MAY
2020



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

A Message from Alison

Dear Friends,

Once again we have been reminded of the destructive power of nature with Storm Ciara last weekend and now Storm Denis. The gusts of wind are howling down the chimney in the manse and the rain is pouring down on already saturated ground. We have been fortunate and not had the flooding and destruction that other parts of the UK have suffered.

It is surely clear that climate change is a contributor to the fiercer and more frequent storms that we see in the UK and around the world when nature at its worst wreaks havoc.

The climate change debate is complex and I don't fully understand it all. I do know that our actions, say in seeking to reduce our carbon footprint, will have consequences which we may not foresee. I am wondering about changing my car, should I opt for a fully electric car, a hybrid or stay with a petrol/diesel engine? I am unsure, is using an electric car going to help if the electricity used to charge it comes from burning fossil fuels?

My uncertainty however does not mean that I can do nothing or ignore the urgent need to reduce my carbon footprint. I can take other measures such as limiting the use of my car, not overheating the manse, seeking to buy local produce where possible. None of these steps on their own will make a radical difference but if lots of people all do the same then the effect is more significant.

My musings are conducted in a western liberal prosperous lifestyle. How different it must be for someone in sub Saharan Africa, or in communities still rebuilding after cyclones. Somehow we need to reconcile all this for the sake of God's world and humanity's future.

I leave you with this conundrum and with two quotations from Martin Luther King Jr.

“You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step”.

“We must learn to live together as brothers or perish together as fools”.

Alison

What Happens Next?

With my leaving, the Pastoral Committee (PC) for the South London Synod Area East will appoint Interim moderators. It may be that one person will be appointed for the three congregations or separate people.

At some stage there will be Scoping Visits to the three congregations. Preparatory documents will be sent prior to the meetings asking questions for the congregations to consider about mission service etc.

Questions may well be asked about the viability of the congregations, whether the 3 congregations should/want to stay as a pastorate and many others. The answers to these questions will determine the exact outcome.

The role of the Interim Moderator(s) is to assist the churches in preparing a profile (can be based on the LMMR exercise) and in chairing any meetings to do with the vacancy.

After the Scoping Visit a recommendation will be made to PC about the percentage of a minister that each congregation can expect.

Once the profile, including the summary profile, is ready the Officers of Pastoral Committee can declare the pastorate vacant. The pastorate goes on the Moderator's list and is available for ministers to look at.

There may be a vacancy visit from either the acting moderator or a deputy to each congregation.

Alison

Love in a Box

Once again, another year for the charity has passed.

The *Love in a Box* campaign has finished and all the wonderful boxes of presents have been delivered to the children in need. Again, we sent approximately 30,000 boxes and after all the hard work the reward is to see the smiles on the faces of these children who, thanks to all our wonderful supporters, make such a kind and generous gift to give hope to children who have so little.

LISA SMART Director of Mustard Seed

There is a large Certificate of Appreciation at the back of the church

Ed



Services for March

1	10.30am	Mr Ralph Brandhorst	
8	10.30am	Songs of Praise	Elders
15	10.30pm	Rev Terry Wright	Family & Parade
22	10.30am	Rev Alison Davis	Mothering Sunday, Communion
29	10.30am	J Twidale	<u>CLOCKS GO FORWARD</u>

Services for April

5	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	Palm Sunday
9	<u>7.30pm</u>	Rev Alison Davis Communion	Maundy Thursday. URC Pastorate service at Emmanuel
12	10.30am	Mr Chris Price	Easter Sunday,
19	10.30am	Rev Tony Windsor	Communion
26	10.30am	Mr Peter Thornton	St Georges Day Parade

Services for May

3	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
10	10.30am	Dea Maureen Spinks	Family & Parade
17	10.30am	TBA	
24	10.30am	Mrs Sue Cope	
31	10.30am	Mrs Joan Mayes	

Joe and Ella's Wedding



On January 1st Emmanuel Church started the New Year with a joyful event. Joe and Ella 's wedding ceremony, conducted by Alison, was a very happy celebration. We all send Joe and Ella and their family our best wishes for their future life together.

Christian Aid Week 10 - 16 May 2020

Faith's fields used to be dirt and dust. Ongoing drought in Kenya meant next to nothing grew. Water was scarce. Droughts are now more frequent and more intense there due to the climate crisis.

Can you help more women like Faith fight for a green future?

Without water Faith and her husband Steven couldn't grow crops. Without crops they didn't have enough to eat or sell. Hunger was a reality. Sending their children to school an impossibility.

But now Faith grows crops that are lush and green thanks to a nearby dam. Her local community got together to build the sand dam with the support of Christian Aid’s partner ADSE. The dam gives Faith’s community resilience in times of drought. A water source like this gives people like Faith a chance to not just survive, but thrive.

The dam gives Faith’s community resilience in times of drought. While the rains remain irregular, a dam means that when the rain does fall the community can collect every last drop. Because there is now water in Faith’s community, there is life. Faith’s hard work and determination has transformed this resource into a future for her family.

Faith said: ‘The sand dam has made me and my family happy because when it was not there, I was not able to plant anything. Now we can plant vegetables and water our trees. I hope that by the time my children grow I will have done a lot of things. I’ll do my best to educate my children and my children will be what they want to be when they grow up.’

Drought still remains a threat to Faith as the climate remains uncertain and unpredictable. It is unjust that people like Faith are battling the worst of a climate crisis they did not create. But for now, she at least has the tools she needs to adapt. With the dam, her fields stay green and her family has a hopeful future.

Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed in Church.

Please give generously to help people like Faith.

Buttercups and Daisies

by Mary Howitt

Buttercups and daisies-
Oh the pretty flowers,
Coming ere the springtime
To tell of sunny hours.
While the trees are leafless,
While the fields are bare,
Buttercups and daisies
Spring up here and there.

Christmas Collections

The Christmas Tree collection, all coffee money in December and the Retiring Collections from Carols By Candlelight and the Christmas Day Service amounted to £400 which was donated to the Bexley Winter Shelter.

Many thanks to everyone who donated and helped. The letter below shows that our efforts were greatly appreciated.

This letter was received from the Bexley Winter Shelter.

Jennifer Wilson
Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Hadlow Road
Sidcup
DA14 4AA



**Bexley
Winter
Shelter**

18 January 2020

Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of Bexley Winter Shelter and our homeless guests, I would like to thank the members of Emmanuel Church Sidcup for the generous gift of £400.

With the kind support of donors like yourselves, we can provide our guests with a hot evening meal, a warm/secure place to sleep, breakfast and packed lunch from January until March (usually the three coldest months of the year).

Additionally, in partnership with Cornerstone and the Citizens Advice Bureau, we can offer them ongoing support. This includes encouraging and helping them to address their financial, accommodation, employment and medical needs.

Together we can greatly improve the quality of lives for many rough sleepers living in the London Borough of Bexley.

Wishing you and your members every blessing for 2020.

Jack Merrifield - Treasurer

Email — treasurer@bexleywintershelter.org.uk

**Mailing address: Treasurer, BWS, CIO Welling Baptist Church,
Axminster Crescent, Welling, Kent DA15 1HF**

Registered Office: 24 Station Road, Sidcup, Kent DA15 7DU

Easter Events

Lent Lunches are being held at Christchurch on
Wednesdays Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, and April 1, at 12 noon.
Donations in aid of Christian Aid.
Please join us if you can.

Sat	28 Mar	Easter Coffee Morning	
Thu	9 Apr	7.30pm Maundy Thursday Communion service . Rev Alison Davis	URC Pastorate service at Emmanuel.
Fri	10 Apr	9.30am Good Friday Walk of Witness, St Johns Hot cross buns at St Lawrence Church afterwards.	
Sat	11 Apr	Decorate the church for Easter 4.00pm Messy Church .	
Sun	12 Apr	10.00am Mr Chris Price	Easter Day Service

Food Bank as at 8th February 2020

*They are very short at the moment of Toiletries, Toilet Rolls,
Washing Powder and Pods, and Shampoo and Conditioner*

The things they always need are:

Meat Pies in Tins	Rice for Savoury Dishes or Puddings
Meat or fish in Tins	Tins of vegetables like peas, carrots, sweetcorn etc
Potatoes either mash or tins	Detergents
Tins of fruit	Washing Powder
Toiletries and feminine Hygiene	Toothpaste and tooth brushes
Washing up liquid	Snacks for children to take to school
Bleach	

The have plenty of :-

Pasta, Beans, Soup, Tea, Cereal, Baby Food and nappies

No Fresh food please or anything close to "Best before Date"

Thank you to everyone who donates!

Tony



Emmanuel Church is excited to bring to the Church again Messy Church!!

"This is a Free, Fun, Family event and will include:
Fun, Food and Worship!!!"

- Where ?** Emmanuel Church Hall,
Hadlow Road, Sidcup
- When ?** Saturday 4pm - 6pm
Next meetings
- | | | |
|-------|------------------|------------------|
| March | 14 th | Spring is Sprung |
| April | 11 th | |
| May | 9 th | |
- Who ?** All ages welcome

We look forward to seeing you all there

"Contact: Roger Latch (rogerclatch32@gmail.com) 020 8300 5758"

14th Dec. "Christmas"

Christmas is just around the corner so unsurprisingly our theme was Christmas. It was cold and damp outside but lovely and warm inside and what a lovely atmosphere it was as everyone gathered. We had 38 children, accompanied by parents and grandparents and what a wonderful time we all had.

We had a giant display of a Snowman and a Snowwoman for everyone to decorate. The result is at the front of the Church – can you tell which is which? It's very colourful, anyway.

We had to have 3 helpers on our Christingle table as everyone wanted to make one. An orange to represent the world with a red ribbon stuck around it, symbolising the world in Gods hands and the blood of his son spilt for us. The 4 cocktail sticks with sweets and dried fruit stuck on show the 4 seasons and the 4 corners of the world and all the good things we have to eat. The cloves are just to make a lovely Christmassy smell.

Needless to say our "foody" table was ever popular with biscuits decorated with icing sugar and little sweets. I think they all got eaten before being taken home.

We had to have a Nativity Scene for everyone to make and personalise to take home and hang on a wall.

What beautiful Christmas Angels we had that could be assembled from pre-cut paper and card to be hung on our Messy Tree or taken home.

The Christmas trees made out of green paper plates with pompoms for baubles were very seasonal and popular and beautiful.

Needless to say, we had to have a reindeer to make or else how would Father Christmas get around. What a bright red nose he had.

Everyone then went out to the Green Room to hear the Christmas story, to say some prayers and sing a song before coming back into the hall for a wonderful hot meal of fish fingers and beans with buttered baguettes followed by fruit, crisps, cake and biscuits.

After the meal we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who had taken time out of his busy schedule to deliver a little present to each of our Messy children.

11th Jan "A Fresh Start"

We decided that we would start the New Year and new decade by getting the children to think about helping our world so we had a giant display to explore the children's ideas for saving our beautiful planet. We also had a craft table for the children to make a New Year card with a promise that each child could make to show to others and persuade them to make a promise too.

The children made a calendar which represented the four seasons of the year with 4 bare trees and using torn coloured tissue to stick on the branches to represent blossom, green leaves, autumn leaves and snow.

Blue paper plates were used to make snowflakes with coloured paper straws and little pasta shapes stuck on and how beautiful they looked. It is supposed to be winter.

We had some wonderful snowmen made with upside down paper cups with real cloth scarves, red carrot noses and googly eyes. Ingenious.

Staying on the same winter theme our foody table had biscuits for the children to spread on icing sugar and stick on marshmallows with black nose and eyes to make a realistic looking polar bear.

We had a junk table to give a second life to some of the packaging that is recycled or sent to land fill and with the help of some glue and Sellotape it was transformed into magnificent ships, vehicles, guns, swords and even a life size model of a robot with paper roll centre arms and legs and a lemonade bottle head. This table stole the show and you couldn't see the table for the throng of children and parents round it.

Everyone then went out to the Green Room to hear a story, to say some prayers and sing a song before coming back into the hall for a wonderful hot meal

of sausages, mashed potatoes and beans followed by fruit, crisps, cake and biscuits.

We then played the parachute game before the children departed, happy and tired.

We had 31 children with their parents, grandparents or guardians and because we were short of helpers we were a bit stretched and I would like to say a very special thank you to our wonderful band of angels who pulled out all the stops to make our Messy Church so successful. Thank you.

8th Feb "Love"

Our theme this month was love and our giant table reflected this by highlighting our love of wild animals and remembering how these wonderful creatures that we share this world with are suffering from loss of habitat, through deforestation, poaching and wild fires.

We had 49 children with their attendant parents and grandparents so we were rather busy with our craft tables but I am sure we all took time out to reflect sadly on the passing of one of our wonderful angels, Rosemary whose funeral was on the 27th January. I am sure she was looking down on us. God bless her.

We made a chain of hearts to bring into church with messages of love on it.

We had Valentine Day cards for the children to make, fill in and give to someone they love.

We decorated heart shaped biscuits with icing and sprinkles for the children to take home. Ha! Ha! – They all got eaten.

Pieces of vegetables were dipped in paint and used to create beautiful pictures by impressing the paint covered veggies on to paper ready to take home and hang on the wall.

We celebrated the Chinese New Year – The Year of the Rat by making rather cute looking rats with curly tails.

Proceedings did come to a brief halt for a short time when Tracey, another of our angels appeared with her baby daughter who is just 9 weeks old – Rebecca – she is gorgeous and there was a bit of a tussle as we all fought to have a cuddle.

Everyone then went out to the Green Room to hear a story of love, to say some prayers for our world, our friends, family and neighbours and to sing a song before coming back into the hall for a wonderful hot meal of Jacket potatoes, grated cheese and baked beans followed by fruit, crisps, cake and biscuits.

We then played the parachute game before the children departed, happy and tired.

We were a bit short on helpers this month so a very special thank you to our fantastic band of angels who must have been completely exhausted and went home for a well deserved rest.

Roger

Ladies' Fellowship Hour

- Mar 2 No Meeting
9 Elsie reading her own poems
16 Pat Woodison
23 Celebrating our Mothers
28 Saturday. Easter Coffee Morning
30 Making spring flower arrangements
- Apr 6 TBA
13 Bank Holiday
20 Musical afternoon
27 Quizes
- May 4 TBA
11 TBA
18 Women's Hour 99th Anniversary. All welcome
25 Bank Holiday

Marion

SIDCUP LITERARY AND SCIENTIFIC SOCIETY FOUNDED 1880

Programme for March — May 2020

- Mar 10th Voyages of Elvis in Zambia Katie Unwin
24th Airships - Past, Present & Future Giles Camplin
and AGM

Meetings resume in October.

The Society welcomes new members and guests.

Why not come along and join us on a Tuesday evening.

All meetings held at The Emmanuel Church Hall, Hadlow Road,
Sidcup. Kent at 7.30 pm

Annual subscription - £15. Single lecture - £4

Contact: 020 8300 8647 For further information, or go to: -

www.sidcupliteraryandscientificsociety.blogspot.co.uk

And now on Facebook too !

www.facebook.com/SidcupLit/

Do You Remember Methodist Guild Holidays?

As a girl and subsequently as a young teenager I regularly went on Methodist Guild Holidays, firstly accompanied by my Mum and then as a member of a small group of possibly responsible teenagers! I remember those holidays fondly and profoundly think that the experiences I had with other Christians, of all ages, built on to the foundations of my early Christian beliefs. Those childhood memories have remained with me for all of my life and I believe the skills learnt on those Guild holidays equipped me for local preaching, giving me the confidence to articulate my faith to others, and share testimony and fellowship with those on these holidays.

Methodist Guild Holidays subsequently became Christian Guild Holidays and since researching them I find that they now have only three holiday hotels left.

So when I went as a wedding guest to the Forest of Dean, I was reminded of a particularly memorable week I spent in that very vicinity, probably in the summer of 1971. I was just 13 years old, the beginning of what I recall as my rebellious time. I went to Lindors, a Methodist Guild Holiday Manor House just outside the village of St. Briavels, Gloucestershire and literally in the heart of deep countryside far from other habitations.



So I looked on 'google maps' to try to find Lindors, just to pique my memories, but initially did not find it listed. We drove around and around the village of St. Briavels going up and down tiny country lanes, until around one mile even beyond the small

village I came across what I knew in my heart was the correct location, nestling at the bottom of the Wye Valley, shrouded with trees, the place was unmistakably the house of my adolescent memories. The place where I slept in a dormitory with other young girls, mixed socially with eye-catching young men and had wonderful long days of country walking, tennis matches, croquet on the lawn and other sporting fun.

Sadly, the house was not called Lindors anymore, having been renamed *Dean Valley Manor*, as it was sold in August 2018 to a non-Christian company. It was still a hotel but with only a semblance of its Methodist history. Still intact were the stained glass windows depicting stories of Jesus, calling fisherman, healing the sick etc. The sitting room has retained its dark oak panelling and the elegant staircase still swept you upwards to the bedrooms above. Although the memories came flooding back, what I really felt was a deep sense of gratefulness that this stately house played such a large part in making me the staunch and proud Methodist I have become. My prayer is that others too have had their Christian beliefs founded and strengthened in such places. Hence my conviction that taking children and young people away to spend time with other Christians will instil an innate credence in the wonderment of the kingdom of God which will last with them throughout their lives. It would be good to share stories of the times and places when you felt God speaking directly to you.

Gill Gray 23rd September 2019

Daughter of Hilda Ward and Dartford Local Preacher

During one Friday coffee morning I was talking to Gill about Guild Holidays. I also went on Guild Holidays many years ago with a college friend. I didn't go to Lindors but I did go to Abbot Hall, Buckden House, Sidholme and Treloyhan Manor. They were such enjoyable times. I too have happy memories of the fun, faith and fellowship we shared on those holidays.

Does anyone else remember them?

Judith Howard

FERRIER OPERATIC SOCIETY

PRESENT

Orpheus in the Underworld

At the Bob Hope Theatre, Eltham

Thursday April 30 7.30pm £12

Friday May 1 7.30pm £14

Saturday May 2 2.30pm and 7.30pm £14

Box Office 0208 850 3702 or online

www.bobhopetheatre.co.uk

Revised Common Lectionary

Liturgical Date	Calendar Date	First Reading	Psalm Reading
1st Sun in Lent	Mar 1	Genesis 2:15-17, 3:1-7	Psalm 32
2nd Sun in Lent	Mar 8	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121
3rd Sun in Lent	Mar 15	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95
4th Sun in Lent	Mar 22	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23
5th Sun in Lent	Mar 29	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130
6th Sun in Lent	Apr 5	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16
Maundy Thursday	Apr 9	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14	Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
Good Friday	Apr 10	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Psalm 22
Easter Day	Apr 12	Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
2nd Sun of Easter	Apr 19	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16
3rd Sun of Easter	Apr 26	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
4th Sun of Easter	May 3	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23
5th Sun of Easter	May 10	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
6th Sun of Easter	May 17	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20
7th Sun of Easter	May 24	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
Day of Pentecost	May 31	Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

The full Lectionary can be accessed on line at
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=B&season=Lent>
Make sure you get the correct year

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Mar 1	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Mar 8	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17 or Matthew 17:1-9
Mar 15	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Mar 22	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Mar 29	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Apr 5	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54
Apr 9	1 Corinthians 11:23-26	John 13:1-17, 31b-35
Apr 10	Hebrews 10:16-25 or 4:14-16, 5:7-9	John 18:1-19:42
Apr 12	Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43	John 20:1-18 or Matthew 28:1-10
Apr 19	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Apr 26	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
May 3	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
May 10	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
May 17	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
May 24	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
May 31	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21	John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Mothering Sunday

22nd March 2020

Remember your mother on this special day by putting flowers and a picture of her on a window sill in Church.





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	2007
Ida Ramsey	2009
Bryn Williams	2011

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

MAY

John Stevenson Lawson Oswald	1981
Dorothea Pearl	1987
Alfred Sleeman Barnes	1989
Greville Millward	1989
Hubert Samuel Clarke	1993
Kathleen Carter	1994
Harry Cecil Parker	1998
Doreen Thompson	2000
Peter Geoffrey Hopkins	2007
Ethel Parker	2009

Carol Singing at Tudor Court

6th Sidcup Brownies and 4th Sidcup Guides as usual, on the first Friday of December went to a sheltered housing complex, Tudor Court, for an evening of carols; mince pies & tea /coffees; a poem; guessing the weight of a Christmas cake; a quiz and raffle. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

We also raised £135 for Action for Children. Usually we send the money to their general fund. This year we have targeted a specific project. I admit to nepotism as my eldest daughter (Rachel) works for this newly opened project in Rhuddlan, North Wales. The project is a therapeutic unit for severely emotionally damaged / challenging children in residential care. They will be in care until adulthood.

Action for Children was one of the charities of the Daily Mirror for 2019 and you may have seen on Friday December 13th an article about this project. Rachel's picture was there with a boy who cannot be identified for legal reasons.

The project has bicycles for the adolescents but there are none for the carers to accompany them when the youngsters leave the grounds.

This money will help with the funding of these, the kitchen garden they are developing and additional furniture in the house.

They have chickens (as it is the only thing one of the boys relates to) and Rachel's Labrador visits during the day when she is at work as he is a Therapy Dog.

Maggie Williams 4th Sidcup Guide Leader



EASTER COFFEE MORNING
Saturday March 28th 2020
From 10:00 am
Emmanuel Church Hall
CAKES RAFFLE
REFRESHMENTS BOOKS
And more
Admission Free

Tribute for Rosemary Patterson

6 May 1941 to 2 January 2020

Those words from Proverbs 31:10-31 are called the ode to a capable wife, written many centuries ago they have a contemporary relevance when we think of Rosemary and celebrate her life. They could almost have been written for her.

Rosemary was born in Bishop Auckland as her mother and brother had gone to stay with family there to escape the bombing in London. They returned to London before the end of the war living in Wandsworth until her father's police job took the family to Hendon where she later met her husband to be.

Rosemary was educated at the James Allen school for girls in Dulwich where she loved reading and was good at athletics. Discus and 100 metres were her disciplines and she participated in the early trials for the Tokyo Olympics in 1964, missing out on qualification despite having beaten the girl that did qualify at club level.

After school Rosemary trained at the Langham Secretarial College and worked for Sun Alliance and Shell as well as briefly with Douglas Bader.

She met Andy, a police officer, at the Hendon Police College Social Club, they shared a love of dancing. They married and initially lived in police flats before moving to Sidcup in the mid 60's to Portland Avenue first and then in 1967 to Blackfen Road, which became the family house, where Rosemary loved the garden.

Rosemary was involved with Blendon Methodist church initially through her children at the Mother & Toddler group. She made good friends there who are still in touch. When Angela was a guide Rosemary got involved with the guides and went on to become a guide captain at the church. Even when no longer captain she would help out often as QM at camp and joined the Trefoil guild

In the early 1980's, Andy took early retirement and they became very involved in the Sidcup Conservative club, being founder members of the golf association there.

In 1988 Andy had a stroke and life changed for the family and Rosemary in particular. She became Andy's full time carer, devoting herself to his care entirely for the next 14 years, although she also looked after a great niece as a baby during this period. Andy died in 2002 and Rosemary rebuilt a life for herself.

She travelled with family to North America and Canada to meet other relatives. With the encouragement of a friend from Mother & Toddler days she joined a couple of bowls clubs locally, enjoying playing and holidays with friends from the clubs.

Rosemary always took a keen interest in her family and was there for her daughters and grandchildren if/when they needed her. She was rarely idle, books were a constant companion.

Later, after Blendon closed, Rosemary and others came to Emmanuel in Sidcup and there, as well as being faithful members, they became messy church Angels once again helping out with activities for children & young people – guiding experience & training never wasted.

Rosemary moved to Tudor Court in 2012 as the house and garden in Blackfen Road were now too big, and until last October was very active.

All that I've said about Rosemary, and what you all know and remember, much more than can be mentioned here, prove the truth of those words from Proverbs. She was a lady whose full life revolved around her care & love for family friends and the community.

So we give thanks for Rosemary's life and I finish with the words from proverbs "Many women have done excellently but you surpass them all". Amen.

Twiddlemuffs

For all those knitters looking for a project for idle hands!!

The Trefoil (adult guiders) of Greater London Kent have chosen this year to support Dementia Friends. In conjunction with the charity Knit for Peace they would like you to knit twiddlemuffs. Knit for Peace distributes these to NHS hospitals and then the patients take them home with them. Sidcup Trefoil made some a few years ago and gave them to The Oaks – a dementia home - with success. We may know some person or local home who may benefit from these.

If you feel you can knit one I will leave a copy of the pattern & information about the charities at the back of the church. The charities can also be found at <https://www.dementiafriends.org.uk> or www.knitforpeace.org.uk.

If you want the pattern on line it can be found at

<https://knitforpeace.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2015/07/Twiddlemuff-Pattern.pdf>

Trefoil would also like guides and Brownies to be involved. Some of you have helped with crafts, teaching knitting to my guides with varied success a while ago. I wondered if we knit some twiddlemuffs then the girls could learn to sew by attaching the 'bits and bobs' to the muffs.

Volunteers to help with our guides with this please apply to myself or Liz Rees. (It will not be an imminent commitment!)

Maggie Williams 4th Sidcup Guide Leader

Pastoral News

Congratulations to Tracey and Daniel Beeson on the birth of Rebecca on December 6th, a welcome granddaughter for Cathy and Don Hollingum. It was lovely to see Rebecca at Messy Church on February 8th. Photo on P22.

Sadly we have to report the death of Doris Sawyer, Pam Bush's mum, on Saturday 8th February. Doris always enjoyed going to Women's Hour on Mondays. Remember Pam, Lawrence, Hayley and Adam and all the family in your prayers. The funeral will be at Kennal Park on 2nd March at 11.00am.

We were sorry to hear that Rosemary Patterson has died. Her funeral was on 27th January and a tribute can be found on P18.

Iris Wood is at home with carers supporting her. We think of Dorothy Limeburner who is not able to get to Church these days. Our thoughts are with Ruth Dunster who is well, but after a recent fall is spending more time resting at home. Remember them all in your prayers.

It is good to know that Doreen Still is recovering after a nasty fall.

Continue to pray for Maureen Howlett and her husband, Syd who continues to undergo treatment.

We keep in our thoughts people who are in care homes; Josie Corcoran, in Northbourne Court and Lorna New in St. Margaret's. Freda Skinner is now staying in St. Margaret's too and is always pleased to receive visitors.

If you have any news of people who need our prayers please mention them in the book at the back of the church.

Carol Singing

On Tuesday evening 17th December 15 eager carol singers and two door to door collectors met at the church for our annual street carol singing in Birkbeck Road and Clarence Road in aid of Action for Children.

We were very lucky to have a dry clear evening and the residents of Birkbeck Road and Clarence Road were very supportive of our singing. It's always lovely to see the little children come to the windows or the door to wave. It's truly the beginning of the Christmas celebrations.

We finished the evening at Maddie and Peter Lake's house to have a very welcomed hot drink and cake. We then added up the money in the collection boxes and were thrilled to be able to make a donation of £200 to Action for Children.

Pam

News from Churches Together in Sidcup

The Unity Service on Jan 19th at St. Lawrence Church was well attended. This year's service was written by and came from Malta, highlighting St. Paul the Apostle being washed up on the shores of Malta during a storm.

The collection raised £263.68 for the Barnabas organisation.

Lent Lunches are being held at Christchurch on Wednesdays Mar 4, 11, 18, 25, and Apr 1 at 12 o'clock. It is in aid of Christian Aid. Please join us if you can.

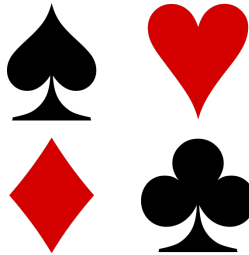
Churches Together in Sidcup are developing a new Web Site <http://sidcupchurch.org.uk>. It is currently very much a work in progress.

If anyone would like to represent our church at the Churches Together meetings, please let me know. There are four or five a year.

Thank you for your support and keep reading 'Harmony', our monthly newsletter

God Bless

Peter Thornton



**Bexley URC Whist Drives
2nd Tuesday in the month
2pm to 4pm
Contact:
Stephanie or David
020 8851 1035**

Rebecca



Rebecca Ada Beeson was born on 6th December 2019. She arrived one week early weighing 8lb 2oz at Darenth Valley hospital. She is a beautiful, healthy baby and Daniel and I are very happy that she is here.

We had a very tiring Christmas but Grandparents, Aunties and Uncles helped out and enjoyed lots of cuddles. Thank you very much to all of you who have sent your good wishes. It was lovely to see some of you at Carols by Candlelight and to give Rebecca her first introduction to Emmanuel Church.

Tracey Beeson

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 would be welcome.



Sunday Coffee

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

Donations to Church Funds

Mar	1	Pam & Jennifer	Apr	19	Ann & Maryia
	8	Ann & Maryia		26	Guides
	15	Guides	May	3	Pam & Jennifer
	22	Roger & Christine		10	Pat & Marion
	29	Pat & Marion		17	Roger & Christine
Apr	5	Judith & Mandy		24	Judith & Mandy
	12	Ethel & Maureen		31	Ethel & Maureen

Please Note

The closing date for copy for the **Jun / July / Aug** Outlook will be

Thursday 21st May

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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World Day of Prayer
Fri 6th Mar 2020, 11.00 am
St. Lawrences’
Zimbabwe

It was back in 2012 – eight years ago – that Zimbabwe was invited to prepare the 2020 World Day of Prayer. At that time, the country was facing many challenges.

Since then, Zimbabwe has gone through many changes, notably the ousting of Robert Mugabe. But the new dawn that so many had hoped and prayed for has not happened. In fact, life for ordinary Zimbabweans is harder than ever.

Zimbabwe Today

Zimbabwe’s two largest cities are Harare (the capital and seat of government) and Bulawayo. Its major industries include mining (precious metals, clay and diamonds) and agriculture (livestock, corn, coffee, cotton, sugar cane, tobacco and peanuts).

On Independence, Zimbabwe declared access to education a basic human right but, in spite of one of the highest literacy rates in Africa, education is not free and some children in rural areas cannot afford or access schools, colleges and universities.

Missionaries brought Christianity to Zimbabwe just before the establishment of colonial rule. They built schools, hospitals and churches, many of which are still in use today. Churches worked closely with the colonial government to deliver health and education but, as time went on, became increasingly critical of injustice and lack of democracy, and supported the movement for independence and black majority rights. They had high expectations of independence in 1980 and despite the many problems have continued to encourage the country to find its way democratically and peacefully. The current Zimbabwean constitution allows for freedom to gather together for worship. Christianity is the main religion (80%), with the rest of the population following Islam, Judaism and traditional African religions.

Please continue to pray for Zimbabwe.

The Knitted Bible

Chislehurst Methodist Church is hosting
a display of the Knitted Bible.

This is a fantastic visual representation of 33 bible stories. Each contains multiple figures all hand knitted by members of St George's URC in Hartlepool.

18 th to 22 nd Feb	10am to 3pm
23 rd Feb	12.30 to 3pm (coffee and cake afternoon)
29 th Feb * 1 st Mar	10am to 3pm

Judith and Tony saw this in Keswick and
heartily recommend it..

Farewell to Alison

On Saturday 4th April there will be a Joint Pastorate Afternoon Tea at Geddes Place at 5.00pm. to give the congregations of all three URC churches the chance to say farewell and offer Alison our good wishes in her new post.

If you need transport, please contact one of the Elders.

Don't worry if you cannot attend. Alison's last Sunday Service at Emmanuel will be a Communion service on March 22nd. You will have an opportunity to say goodbye to her then.

Dates For Your Diary

MARCH

Sun	1	10.30 am	Mr Ralph Brandhorst	
Mon	2		No Women's hour	
Tue	3			
Wed	4	12.00pm	Lent Lunch	
Thu	5			
Fri	6	Coffee morning 10.30 am		11.00 am World Day of Prayer
Sat	7			
Sun	8	10.30 am	Songs of Praise	
Mon	9	Women's hour 2.00 pm		
Tue	10			
Wed	11	12.00pm	Lent Lunch	
Thu	12			
Fri	13	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	14			4 - 6pm Messy Church (Spring) Family & Parade
Sun	15	10.30 am	Rev Terry Wright	
Mon	16	Women's hour 2.00 pm		
Tue	17			
Wed	18	12.00pm	Lent Lunch	
Thu	19			
Fri	20	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	21			
Sun	22	10.30 am	Rev Alison Davis	Communion Mothering Sunday
Mon	23	Women's hour 2.00 pm		
Tue	24			
Wed	25	12.00pm	Lent Lunch	
Thu	26			
Fri	27	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	28	10.30 am	Easter Coffee Morning	
Sun	29	10.30 am	J Twidale	CLOCKS GO FORWARD
Mon	30	Women's hour 2.00 pm		
Tue	31			

Dates For Your Diary

APRIL

Wed	1	12.00pm	Lent Lunch	
Thu	2			
Fri	3	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	4			5.00pm Farewell to Alison, Geddes Place Pastorate Tea
Sun	5	10.30 am	Mrs Val Loader	Palm Sunday
Mon	6	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	7			
Wed	8			
Thu	9	<u>7.30pm</u>	Rev Alison Davis	Maundy Thursday Communion URC Pastorate service at Emmanuel
Fri	10	9.30am	CTIS Good Friday	Walk of Witness St Johns
Sat	11	Decorate the Church		4 - 6pm Messy Church
Sun	12	10.30 am	Mr Chris Price	Easter Day, Family & Parade
Mon	13	Bank Holiday		
Tue	14			
Wed	15			
Thu	16			
Fri	17	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	18			
Sun	19	10.30 am	Rev Tony Windsor	Communion
Mon	20	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	21			
Wed	22			
Thu	23			
Fri	24	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	25			
Sun	26	10.30 am	Mr Peter Thornton	St Georges Day Parade
Mon	27	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	28			
Wed	29			
Thu	30			

Dates For Your Diary

MAY

Fri	1	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	2		
Sun	3	10.30 am Mrs Val Loader	
Mon	4	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	5		
Wed	6		
Thu	7		
Fri	8	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	9		4 - 6pm Messy Church
Sun	10	10.30 am Deacon Maureen Spinks	Family & Parade Christian Aid Week starts
Mon	11	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	12		
Wed	13		
Thu	14		
Fri	15	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	16		
Sun	17	10.30 am TBA	
Mon	18	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	19		
Wed	20		
Thu	21		Outlook Copy due
Fri	22	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	23		
Sun	24	10.30 am Mrs Sue Cope	
Mon	25	Bank Holiday	
Tue	26		
Wed	27		
Thu	28		
Fri	29	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	30		
Sun	31	Mrs Joan Mayes	

Weekday Activities

Monday	2.00pm 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Woman's Hour (except Bank Hols) 3rd Sidcup Beavers 3rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3rd Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10.00am	Ladies Morning Club
Friday	10.30am—noon 1.30pm 4.45pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Coffee Morning Parents & Toddlers Club 6 th Sidcup Rainbows 6 th Sidcup Brownies 4 th Sidcup Guides



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