

THE  
OUTLOOK

JUNE TO AUGUST  
2018



Emmanuel Church Sidcup  
Methodist and United Reformed

## Message From Our Minister

Dear Friends,

This is my first contribution to Emmanuel's newsletter and I am looking forward to getting to know you all and sharing with you in worship and witness. It will be good to start that on the evening of June 20<sup>th</sup> with our celebration service for the new pastorate.

The following is the piece that I contributed to the newsletters of Bexley & Geddes Place for June and in future the three congregations will get the same piece.

After all the razzmatazz and joy of the royal wedding last weekend, this week has started as a time of commemoration. Yesterday the inquiry into the Grenfell Tower tragedy opened with hearing from the families and friends of those who died about their lives and that will continue for some time. Today it is a year on since the attack on the Manchester arena and those who died will be remembered in a service at Manchester Cathedral as are those who were injured that night.

As I listened to the radio and heard the reports from the inquiry and from Manchester it was very powerful and moving. Most of the reports spoke of the loss felt by those involved but also of hope and goodness, the basic decency of humanity which is so often overlooked and ignored.

It is important to remember, to commemorate tragedies and events such as these and of course to try to learn from them so that any mistakes made are not repeated.

One of the phrases often heard after a tragedy is that it brought the community together as they worked, supported and helped each other. That is wonderful and to be celebrated, but it is a sad reflection on our society that it takes a tragedy to do that. We are losing, maybe have lost, our sense of togetherness, our belonging to one another locally and globally and that is to our detriment and poverty.

At the recent URC Ministers Gathering Revd. Dr Rowan Williams used the phrase "I am because you are", a translation of the African word "Ubuntu". He was talking about discipleship in the modern city and spoke about the lives and works of three women who had lived out their faith in different ways embodying that concept. As I understood him he was suggesting that we in the church today need to re- discover that concept and to take it seriously in our lives and work, recognizing the mutuality and interdependence of humanity.

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As I reflect on that I am reminded of John Donne's poem:-

No man is an island,  
Entire of itself,  
Every man is a piece of the continent,  
A part of the main.  
If a clod be washed away by the sea,  
Europe is the less.  
As well as if a promontory were.  
As well as if a manor of thy friend's  
Or of thine own were:  
Any man's death diminishes me,  
Because I am involved in mankind,  
And therefore never send to know for whom the bell tolls;  
It tolls for thee.

*Alison*

### **Welcome to Rev. Alison Davis**

At the Church Meeting following the service on Sunday April 15<sup>th</sup> at which Rev. Alison 'Preached with a View' the church members voted unanimously to invite her to be our new Minister. This means that we are now part of a 3 church URC pastorate as well as remaining in the Orpington and Chislehurst Methodist Circuit.

On June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm there will be an informal service of celebration and praise to welcome Alison to Emmanuel Church, and to enable congregations from Geddes Place, Bexley and Emmanuel to share fellowship and begin to get to know one another.

Refreshments will be served after the service.

**We hope that everyone will join this service of welcome.**



**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  
June 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday Time  
No meetings in July or August**

**Who ? All ages welcome**

**We look forward to seeing you all there**

**"Contact: rogerlatch@btinternet.com 020 8300 5758"**

## **10<sup>th</sup> March Easter**

Well, I am speechless, I missed our Messy Planning Meeting and although I had the Agenda for this month, I was looking forward to seeing what our wonderful team of Messy Angels had planned in the flesh but at 3:50 pm the doors opened and in they came. We had 52 children, a record, with parents and grandparents – the hall was packed, full to capacity with a seething mass of happy, smiling faces – what an atmosphere, it was wonderful.

I would love to describe in detail the fantastic crafts that were organised by our Angels but I didn't get a moment to look around as we were so busy. Suffice it to say that there was a constant stream of children making their way to the front of the hall with what they had just made to put on a table ready to take home at 6:00 pm.

At 5:15 everybody went out to the Green room to hear an Easter story, to sing a song and say some prayers for friends, families and for our very troubled world.

The hall was cleared and the tables laid for the meal and what a meal it was, with fish fingers, spaghetti hoops and French bread followed by fruit, crisps and finally cakes. I think everyone had something to eat.

It is a privilege to be part of a church where so many of our wonderful congregation give up so much of their time, love and money to reach out to our local community in such a positive and rewarding way – thank you, our Angels.

*Roger*

## **14<sup>th</sup> April Spring**

Although it was a beautiful day there were only 17 children and their parents. The weather in the Easter holiday had been very disappointing so we assumed the families were enjoying the sunshine they had missed while they were off school. Nevertheless there was a wide range of activities which everyone enjoyed with the usual enthusiasm.

The main large picture depicted a bright Spring scene with lots of flowers. Other crafts included:  
tissue paper cherry blossom,  
tulips painted with a fork,  
umbrella pictures with crumpled tissue paper,  
bunny pictures stamped with a cardboard tube,  
sheep using cotton wool,  
and healthy biscuits with cheese faces.

As usual there was the playdoh table and the parent and toddler corner.

After the activities everyone went into the green room for a service which was then followed by delicious meal to share together.

*Judith*

## **12<sup>th</sup> May Nature**

Our theme was Nature and we were inspired by David Attenborough's Blue Planet II Program and the BBC's "The One Show" covering what must be one of the biggest problems facing our world today which is that of rubbish, especially plastic rubbish polluting our Oceans, Rivers and the Land, destroying our wonderful wildlife.

**We had a Giant picture of a beautiful seaside scene** which the children then "polluted" by sticking on pieces of rubbish, mainly plastic to provoke the question - "Is this our future"? Alongside this we had piles of rubbish and demonstrated how it should be sorted to either go to landfill or be recycled. We even covered the delicate problem of what should or shouldn't be put down the lavatory and how wipes and cotton wool buds, especially, should never be flushed away.

We had some wonderful craft tables to show off some of the fantastic creatures that we share this beautiful world of ours with.

**Miss Twiggy the Hedgehog** – the gardener’s best friend and one of our best loved animal icons – a template of a hedgehog decorated by sticking on bits of cut up twigs for his spines, a little black pompom for his nose and a googly eye.

**Grasshopper and other bugs** – we had some prepared templates of some grasshoppers, butterflies, beetles, ladybirds, dragonflies and bumblebees which the children decorated and then stuck on a straw to hold it with.

**Make a birds nest** – paper plates were used as a base and the children had to decorate and stick on coloured in pictures of a bird, some eggs and some shredded paper to make it nice and cosy.

**Create a Nature Picture** – 4 large lolly sticks were stuck together on some card to make a picture frame and the picture was then created by sticking on cloth leaves, animal stickers or whatever else grabbed the children’s imagination.

**Healthy Food Bugs** – pieces of celery were cut up and filled with cream cheese and then pretzels, sweets etc. etc were pushed into the cheese to create the most wonderful slugs, snails or – well just let your imagination run riot. A “wormery” was also created by breaking up some chocolate cake into a paper cup to represent some soil and then a few worms (worm sweets) were added to make it realistic – perhaps healthy should be cut from this title.

We had 33 children with their parents and grandparents and they all went out to the Greenroom to hear the late Rev. Ron Parker’s story about “the cabbage that wouldn’t grow up”, to sing a song and pray for our troubled world, our families, friends and neighbours, before coming back in to our usual magnificent feast of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and fruit.

*Roger*

## Cradle Roll

Maya Harper Duguid will be 1 on Aug 5<sup>th</sup>  
Happy birthday Maya !



## Forthcoming Baptism

August 12<sup>th</sup> Isabella Joyce Mary Clement .



Signing the Register

## **Congratulations Angharad and Mark**

on your wedding  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018.

We wish you every  
happiness in your future life  
together.

Emmanuel Church  
enjoyed sharing a very happy  
day with you.





The Rees Family

A Proud  
Grandmother



Relaxing after the service





# GETTING TO KNOW YOU

## **A Circuit Get-Together for Church Stewards and Others**

**SATURDAY JUNE 23rd 9.15 am- 12.45 pm. CHELSFIELD M-C**

The AIM of this event is to develop your relationship with the incoming Circuit Team.

We will worship together, hear each other's stories, tell each other where we are trying to get to and ask each other any questions that may arise.

Rev.Duncan, in his new role as incoming Circuit Superintendent, will be accompanied by the new team, Jim and Sharon Jefferies, Marianne Outeridge and Dorrance Palmer.

We hope that each of you will be accompanied by the rest of your team of Stewards plus other lead personnel from your church such as your Treasurer, Administrators, Church Council secretaries - really whoever would like to attend.

**PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD AND ENCOURAGE YOUR WHOLE TEAM TO BE THERE.**

On the day each church will be asked to construct an A 5 POSTER displaying your church, its history and its present activities. Paper and essential materials will be available but please bring along some photographs or other suitable items such as copies of your Magazine.

You will also be asked to speak briefly of your main aim for your church for the coming year together with any particular concerns you may have. The Circuit team will be sharing their aim(s) with you too.

As usual coffee will be served together with Methodist biscuits (and maybe some Figgie Rolls!).

## CIRCUIT SERVICES

A short service will be held to say FAREWELL to Rev. Alex Terrett and Rev. David Gillman at PETTS WOOD M.C. on SUNDAY the 15<sup>th</sup> of JULY at 6.30 p.m.

This will be followed by tea or coffee and the opportunity to make your personal thanks and goodbyes to each of them. Please note this service has been timed to enable sports fans to view the Men's final at Wimbledon and the World Cup Football final!!

The **WELCOME SERVICE** for Rev. Terry Wright and Rev. Alison Davis will be at BROMLEY COMMON M.C. on WEDNESDAY the 5<sup>th</sup> of SEPTEMBER at 7.30 p.m.

The District Chairman will be attending. This service will also recognise Rev. Duncan McBean's appointment as our Superintendent, and the appointment of the new Circuit Team.

## Kings College Hospital Maternity Unit.

Kings College Maternity Unit have launched a new traffic light system for premature babies and those babies needing extra special care, by putting white baby bonnets on the babies with either a red, amber or green pompom on the top so that the nurses can see at a glance which babies need the most attention – red for the most needy, amber for slightly less and green the least.

They need 1,000 bonnets immediately and then 500 per month. The bonnets will be changed, at least once a day and then they will wear one to go home which all explains the large number required. Some of our wonderful ladies have already been knitting furiously and 45 were handed over to a midwife from Kings on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May at the Bull Inn, Sandy Lane, St Paul's Cray, along with other bonnets making a total of 275, so far. Photographs were taken and hopefully will appear in the News Shopper.

If anyone else, who loves knitting, would like to help in this scheme, please speak to Chris or Roger who will supply the, apparently, easy pattern.

Any finished bonnets can be handed over to Chris or Roger who will make the pompoms and then pass to their Residents Association Secretary ready for delivery to Kings.

*Roger & Christine*



## Services for June

3	10.30am	Mr Peter Thornton	
10	10.30am	Mrs Pat Woodison	Family & Parade
17	10.30pm	Mr Ralph Brandhorst	
20	7.00pm		Rev Alison Davis Induction
24	10.30am	Rev Alison Davis	Communion

## Services for July

1	10.30am	Mrs Sue Cope	
8	10.30am	Mrs Julie Gardner	Family & Parade
15	10.30am	Mr Chris Price	
22	10.30am	Rev Alison Davis	
29	10.30am	Mr John Sennett	

## Services for August

5	10.30am	Elders	Summer Celebration
12	10.30am	Miss Deborah Spinks	Baptism Deacon. Maureen Spinks
19	0.30am	Rev Duncan MacBean	
26	10.30am	Rev Alison Davis	Communion

## Thank You to Rev. Raymond Singh

During the interregnum period we have been supported by our Interim Moderator, Rev, Raymond Singh.

We are very grateful to Raymond for looking after us during this time while we sought a new Minister.

Thank you for your care Raymond.

## Pastoral News

Congratulations to Ruth Dunster on her forthcoming 90<sup>th</sup> birthday.

Congratulations to James Long and Kat on their marriage on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> May in Cornwall. We wish them every happiness in their life together.

Don Wiles is now in Sidcup Care Home, in Hatherley Road. It was good to see Don settling in when Judith visited the home with PAT dog Jacob.

We remember other people who are in care homes;  
Doris Parkin, in Northbourne Court, Winnie Webb, in Baugh House, Lorna New in St. Margaret's, and Josie Corcoran who has also had to go into care.

Continue to pray for Iris Wood, and Dorothy Limeburner. Although they are not able to get to Church at the moment our thoughts are with them all.

Michael Parfitt has been in hospital and is now recovering at home.

Maureen May has had a fall but is now home from hospital with carers coming in.

## Christian Aid

Thank you to everyone who donated to  
Christian Aid. Emmanuel collected £172.

*Peter Thornton*

## **Lark in the Park**

**21<sup>st</sup> July - 5<sup>th</sup> August 2018**  
**Sidcup Place, Sidcup**

**Lark in the Park is a community event provided by  
Churches Together in Sidcup.**

**It takes place during the summer holidays and provides  
kids' clubs, youth activities, fun days, creative zone,  
over 60s venue, community action projects,  
evening events and much more.**

**No matter who you are, Lark in the Park has  
something for you!**

**Everything is FREE!**

**So enjoy yourself this summer and get involved  
with all that Lark in the Park has to offer.**

## Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Liturgical Date</b>	<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm Reading</b>
6th Sunday of Easter	May-06	*Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98
7th Sunday of Easter	May-13	*Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1
Day of Pentecost	May-20	*Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Trinity Sunday	May-27	Isaiah 6:1-8, Psalm 29	
Proper 4	Jun-03	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20) , Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	Deuteronomy 5:12-15 , Psalm 81:1-10
Proper 5	Jun-10	1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15) , Psalm 138	Genesis 3:8-15 Psalm 130
Proper 6	Jun-17	1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13 , Psalm 20	Ezekiel 17:22-24 , Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
Proper 7	Jun-24	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49, Psalm 9:9-20 or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16 Psalm 133	Job 38:1-11 , Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
Proper 8	Jul-01	2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27 , Psalm 130	Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24 or Lamentations 3:22-33 , Psalm 30
Proper 9	Jul-08	2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 , Psalm 48	Ezekiel 2:1-5 , Psalm 123
Proper 10	Jul-15	2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19 , Psalm 24	Amos 7:7-15 , Psalm 85:8-13
Proper 11	Jul-22	2 Samuel 7:1-14a , Psalm 89:20-37	Jeremiah 23:1-6 , Psalm 23
Proper 12	Jul-29	2 Samuel 11:1-15 , Psalm 14	2 Kings 4:42-44 , Psalm 145:10-18

## Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel Reading</b>
May-06	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
May-13	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
May-20	Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21	John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15
May-27	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
Jun-03	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Jun-10	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Jun-17	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
Jun-24	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
Jul-01	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
Jul-08	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Jul-15	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Jul-22	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Jul-29	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21

## Celebrating 90 Years

You are cordially invited to an informal party to celebrate the 90th Birthday of

# Ruth Dunster

On Sat 7th July 2018      2 pm to 4.30 pm  
At Emmanuel Church Hall

Refreshments will be served  
No gifts please

It would be helpful for catering purposes if you could let us know whether you can attend, but if you become available it will be lovely to see you on the day.

### RSVP

Elizabeth Rees  
107 Halfway Street, Sidcup,  
DA15 8BY  
teamwimp@hotmail.com  
07966 036938



## 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 urgently.**



## Sunday Coffee

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

Donations to Church Funds

## Coffee Rota

Jun	3	Pam & Jennifer	Jul	15	Pat & Marion
	10	Guides		22	Pam & Jennifer?
	17	Roger & Christine		29	Roger & Christine
	24	Ann & Maryia	Aug	5	Ann & Maryia
Jul	1	Judith & Mandy		12	Pat & Marion
	8	Guides		19	Judith & Mandy
				26	Pam & Jennifer

## Please Note

The closing date for copy for the **Sep / Oct / Nov** Outlook will be

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August**

Earlier contributions will be welcomed.

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

*Tony Howard*

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## Ramble and Reflect

On our last visit to Cumbria Tony, Jacob and I joined a group from Keswick Methodist Church on an ascent of Latrigg Fell. Latrigg is one of the lower Lakeland fells with wonderful views overlooking Derwentwater, Keswick and the beautiful mountains surrounding them.

As we left the church we went along the old railway track and through the woods before climbing the fell. In the sunshine we paused first by the River Greta to reflect, to listen to a reading from the Bible, to pray and sing a hymn. There were further reflections, readings, prayers and hymns as we climbed upwards until finally on the summit of the fell, with spectacular views, we sang “How great Thou art!” Looking at the wonderful world God has made and feeling the nearness of His presence was indeed a moment I will treasure.

The weather had become breezy as we sat in the most sheltered corner we could find to enjoy our packed lunch before descending the steep path into the town. What an enjoyable ramble! What fellowship we shared! What inspiration there was from the reflections and readings! It was a day to remember and reflect on in the weeks ahead.

Latrigg is one of our regular walks during our days in Keswick. This one was a walk with a difference. Roy, our leader, had not only led us in a beautiful place but had inspired us with his words and his faith.

*Judith*



“I look to the mountains; where will my help come from?  
My help will come from the Lord who made heaven and Earth.”

*Psalms 121*

## Hawkshead Methodist Church

A fifteenth-century cottage is tucked away in a corner of the main square of this small Cumbrian village. Only the doorway and the arched window can be seen. In 1862 it was lent by Mrs. E Satterthwaite to a group of non-conformists who had been meeting in the upper room of Anne Tyson's cottage. It was converted into a church and opened on 20<sup>th</sup> November 1862 as a 'Union Chapel'. She later married Rev H Cooke and left it to the Methodist Church after her husband's death. This makes it the oldest building used for Methodist worship in the world.

This grade II listed building remains very much as it was in the early 1900's. It is open every day for prayer and quiet meditation. Though the American harmonium, over 100 years old, is still playable and visitors are invited to play it, a modern electronic organ is used for services. The Sunday after our visit there was to be a Churches

Together  
Communion  
Service.

*Judith*



## Ladies' Fellowship Hour

Jun	4 <sup>th</sup> –	Chris Randell - Singer
	11 <sup>th</sup> –	Trevor Ward Talk on Peru
	18 <sup>th</sup> –	Strawberry Tea
	25 <sup>th</sup> –	Quiz
Jul	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Margaret Cufflin Talk on Hall Place
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bingo
	16 <sup>th</sup>	T.B.A.
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	AGM
	30 <sup>th</sup>	1pm Buffet Lunch

Next meeting in September

*Marion*

## QUIZ NIGHT

On Saturday 26th May the Outreach Group held their annual quiz night. After 18 years of having a fish and chip supper we decided on a change and gave our participants a Ploughmans Supper. Although this involved more work for the group the reaction from our guests was very favourable and everyone commented on how lovely it was.

The evening was very successful and everyone seemed to have a good time. Christine organised another excellent raffle which raised £135. Altogether our profit was £560 which is going to the charity 'Hope and Homes for Children'.

This is a UK based charity set up by an ex-army officer who served in Bosnia. There he saw some of the Government - run institutions that cared for children whose families were either too poor or unable to care for them themselves. The care provided in these institutions was in many cases less than basic.

I am sure many people will remember the children's TV programme Blue Peter fundraising for one of these orphanages. Many of the children lived in their cots, hadn't been taught to speak or feed themselves and had nothing to play with or anything to stimulate them. This sort of Governmental care culture was endemic throughout Eastern Europe so Hope and Homes for Children was set up with the mission that children thrived much better in a family environment.

The charity has spent the last 20 years working with Governments to close these institutions and rehome the children either with their own families, with support, or in foster homes. They have rehomed thousands of children but still have work to do to close all the orphanages.

Charity workers are also now working in Rwanda to help children there after the recent fighting. I know that the money raised by our quiz will be spent wisely.

Thank you to all who attended and especially to all who worked so hard to make it a successful evening - great team work.

*Jenni Thornton*



# OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

## JUNE

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

## JULY

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

## AUGUST

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

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

## Southern Synod



### MAKE A DIFFERENCE

*“A day to enthuse & inspire Elders & Church members to catch a renewed vision for who God has called us to be in our service for the Kingdom”*

**June 16: Christ Church URC 10.00 – 14.30**

Tudor Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH

#### MAKE A DIFFERENCE: Programme outline

This day of training is designed for Elders, Church leaders, plus any other Church member wanting to grow and be better equipped to serve the Lord in the work of His Kingdom.

#### TIMETABLE

10.00 – 10.30	Registration & Refreshments
10.30 – 10.45	Welcome and worship
10.45 – 12.00	Seminar 1
12.00 – 12.15	The Moderators vision for Southern Synod
12.15 – 13.00	Lunch
13.00 – 14.15	Seminar 2
14.15 – 14.30	Closing prayers

Delegates will have the opportunity to attend two seminars / workshops, one in the morning and then a second after lunch. Please indicate on the form which two you would choose to join.

Refreshments will be provided throughout the day, however delegates will need to bring their own lunch.

For more information about the day, please contact;  
Andy Twilley: [training@urcsouthern.org.uk](mailto:training@urcsouthern.org.uk)

## SEMINAR OPTIONS

### **MISSION AND THE CHURCH:**

#### **A State Of Mind As Well As Action**

*Martin Hayward*

Creating a Mission Minded Church can be challenging but very rewarding. This session will be looking at some of the core principles in moving a church to mission and growth as well as what can get in the way.

### **GOD'S APPRENTICES: Developing Authentic Disciples**

*Andy Twilley*

What does an authentic disciple look like, & what does being an authentic disciple involve? How can we ensure our churches are places where we are intentional about growing such disciples who are growing deeper with God and deeper with each other?

### **M.A.D. for children and young people**

*Tom Hackett*

Is your church meeting the needs of children and young people?

How can you become more child and youth friendly?

Come & discuss strategies to fully involve children & young people in church and explore ways to nurture their faith journeys. There will be time to share ideas with others and to hear how the synod can support your mission with children and young people.

### **GUARDIANS OF THE CHURCH: Finance and Property**

*Catherine Kingdom & Colin McCracken*

How can Elders (and others) work together to look after the finances and buildings of the local church in order to share our faith and secure our future?

## **Can YOU Help?**

### **We still need more people to operate the Sound System in church.**

We propose to set up a rota system so that it  
does not fall on one or two people.

Despite the number of knobs, it is really  
very easy to operate.

If you can help, please see me and  
I will train you one Sunday.

*Tony Howard*

# Dates For Your Diary

## JUNE

Fri	1	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	2		
Sun	3	10.30 am Mr Peter Thornton	
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 (Holidays)
Sun	10	10.30 am Mrs Pat Woodison	Parade and Family
Mon	11	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	12		
Wed	13		
Thu	14		
Fri	15	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	16	10.00am Make a Difference	Petts Wood URC
Sun	17	10.30 am Mr Ralph Brandhorst	
Mon	18	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	19		
Wed	20		7.00pm Welcome Service for Rev Alison Davis
Thu	21		
Fri	22	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	23	9.15am Circuit Get Together	Chelsfield
Sun	24	10.30 am Rev Alison Davis	Communion
Mon	25	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	26		
Wed	27		
Thu	28		
Fri	29	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	30		

# Dates For Your Diary

JULY

Sun	1	10.30 am	Mrs Sue Cope	
Mon	2	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	3			
Wed	4			
Thu	5			
Fri	6	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	7			2.00pm Ruth Dunster Birthday Party
Sun	8	10.30 am	Mrs Julie Gardner	Parade and Family service
Mon	9	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	10			
Wed	11			
Thu	12			
Fri	13	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	14			
Sun	15	<b>10.30 am</b>	Mr Chris Price	6.30pm Farewell Service Petts Wood
Mon	16	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	17			
Wed	18			
Thu	19			
Fri	20	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	21			Lark in the Park Starts
Sun	22	10.30 am	Rev Alison Davis	
Mon	23	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	24			
Wed	25			
Thu	26			
Fri	27	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	28			
Sun	29	10.30 am	Mr John Sennett	
Mon	30	Women's hour	1.00 pm	Buffet Lunch
Tue	31			



# Dates For Your Diary

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Wed	1			
Thu	2			
Fri	3	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	4			
Sun	5	10.30 am Elders		Summer Celebration
Mon	6			
Tue	7			
Wed	8			
Thu	9			
Fri	10	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	11			
Sun	12	10.30 am Miss Deborah Spinks		Baptism Deacon Maureen Spinks
Mon	13			
Tue	14			
Wed	15			
Thu	16			Outlook Copy due
Fri	17	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	18			
Sun	19	<b>10.30 am</b> Rev Duncan MacBean		
Mon	20			
Tue	21			
Wed	22			
Thu	23			
Fri	24	Coffee morning 10.30 am		
Sat	25			
Sun	26	10.30 am Rev Alison Davis		Communion
Mon	27	Bank Holiday		
Tue	28			
Wed	29			
Thu	30			
Fri	31			

# 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 6.00pm 7.30pm	Coffee Morning Parents & Toddlers Club 6th Sidcup Brownies 4th Sidcup Guides



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