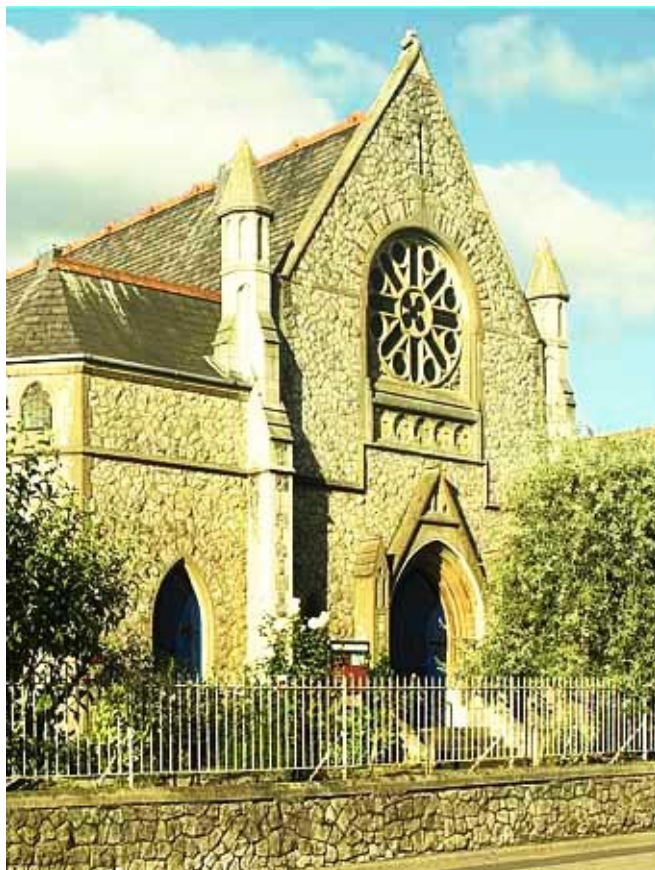


THE
OUTLOOK

SEPTEMBER TO
NOVEMBER 2018



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

Message From Our Minister

Dear Friends,

Earlier in the summer I attended the General Assembly of the United Reformed Church in the Albert Hall, Nottingham; at roughly the same time that the Methodist Conference was meeting at Nottingham University. As far as I am aware the paths of those attending both events didn't cross.

I enjoyed Assembly, it was the first time I had attended for 6 or so years and there were changes to procedures, especially with consensus decision making being used for matters that didn't need an outright majority. The showing of orange or blue cards to show your feeling towards the issue under discussion enabled the Moderator chairing the session to gauge the mood of Assembly and so move the debate on. It takes longer to make a decision but means that all views are heard.

We enjoyed some wonderful worship lead by the Moderators' chaplains using traditional and new hymns. On the Saturday night the young people of URC youth led our evening worship, I bet you never thought that making paper airplanes could be part of worship. Be warned I might try one day! On Sunday morning we were joined for worship by folk from local churches and completely filled the hall, the singing was amazing.

Daily Bible study was led by Revd. Dr Kathy White from Northern College picking up on the theme of Assembly "Walking the Way" focusing on the Hebrew Scriptures.

Of the business that we covered, we elected Moderators for the 2020-22, Revd. Claire Downing & Mr. Peter Pay. We discussed the future of General Assembly and agreed to reduce the size of Assembly, with each Synod having the same number of representatives (as happens with Mission Council), to return to an annual assembly from 2020, meeting at the same location, The Hayes Swanwick. The task group who had prepared the report were asked to continue their work looking at youth and RCL staff and student representation. We commended Stepwise to the churches, this is the new training programme that is being launched in the autumn for anyone. A definition of an active minister was agreed and the discussion about where "a call" resides, (local church, area, synod) was inconclusive. There will be a new promise for the ordination and induction of elders in due course. There was also all the necessary business to do with finance, budget and accounts, the disciplinary process, the address to the throne.

We also had key speakers, the new CEO of Christian Aid, the General Secretary of CWM, a round table discussion with inter faith leaders. We heard with sadness of the decision of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church of Ireland to break relations with the URC and the Church of Scotland and recognized the pain of many members of that church at the decision.

All in all it was a busy long weekend, yet there were opportunities to catch up with colleagues and friends from around the country and to meet new ones.

It was good to be reminded that we belong to the Church, which is much bigger than just our local congregation and to hear of and experience God's Spirit at work in so many different ways and people.

Alison

My Journey to Emmanuel

Rev Alison Davis.

I was born in Londonderry, as my father was based at Ballykelly then an RAF base. We moved around as Dad was posted to Gibraltar, Ballykelly, Malta, St Morgan and Boscombe Down. When my father came out of the air force we moved to Leeds, near Maidstone, Bearsted and Flackwell Heath, in Bucks. I did all my senior schooling in High Wycombe.

I went to University College of Wales Aberystwyth to read law and after graduation, to Chester Law School to do my solicitor's finals. I started work as an articled clerk in 1985 in Delyn Borough Council, North Wales living in Flint. I transferred my articles (6 months before the end) to the Clerk to the Justices for the Mold, Flint and Hawarden Benches. I worked in the courts where I rose to be third in command, the senior assistant, until I left for theological college in 1990.

I trained at Northern College, Manchester and was ordained in 1994 in Christchurch United Reformed Methodist Church, Ogmere Vale, South Wales. In 2001 I moved to Cardiff to become Chaplain to Higher Education in Cardiff (50%) and Training and Development Officer (50%) for the national Synod of Wales. In 2004 the latter post became a full time post with specific responsibility for safeguarding and health and safety.

In 2007 I moved to the Norwich Area United Reformed Churches, 7 churches in and around the city of Norwich with a team of colleagues including a Church Related Community Worker.

Then in 2014 I moved to Bexley and Geddes Place.

I am the middle one of three, my older sister is married and lives in Germany, my younger brother and his wife live in Northern Ireland. My parents live in East Anglia.

Alison

NEW PROJECT STARTING
Bring Your Own Knitting
Beginners Welcome
3rd Wednesday of the Month
2pm to 4pm at the back of
Bexley URC Church
Starting Wednesday 19th September



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

September 8 th	Jonah and the Whale
October 13 th	Harvest
November 10 th	Remembrance

Who ? All ages welcome

We look forward to seeing you all there

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

9th June Its Holiday Time

As the children were beginning to wind down at school with the summer holidays fast approaching we thought it a good idea to have "Its Holiday Time" as our theme this month. We were not holding any Messy Church Meetings during July and August so our dedicated team of wonderful Angels would have a well deserved holiday too.

Last month we had a giant scene of a beautiful beach covered in mainly plastic litter to demonstrate our future if the governments of the world don't wake up soon to the problems our beautiful world is facing. This month we had a giant beach scene titled "As we would like it" showing children enjoying themselves on a beautiful beach beside a sparkling clean sea.

They made sailing boats out of dish cleaning pads, cut to shape with a sail and a pipe cleaner person sitting on board, ready to sail the ocean

blue – well a little paddling pool, filled with water, actually. Only one child fell in and she was quickly rescued.

You can't go on holiday without a passport and a boarding pass for a plane or a ferry, so the children filled in their own documents with their personal details and preferences of their dream destinations – I hope any customs officer presented with them at an airport or ferry port will have a sense of humour.

We would all love to catch sight of a beautiful mermaid when by the sea and summer wouldn't be summer without sparkly dragonflies – its amazing what can be made using clothes pegs.

The children created their own beautiful beach scene with beach balls, buckets, brollies, palm trees, sailing boats and even beach towels.

An ice cream is a must by the sea and these were created by drawing round the children's hands on cardboard to create a delicious looking cone, almost good enough to lick.

We had a tent set up for everyone to practise camping or should I say glamping with all the wonderful pretend food and cooker laid on.

Twig mania was a new idea dreamed up with cuttings from our gardens used to create whatever entered the children's imaginations with the aid of string, wool and sticky tape. Wonderful.

We had 31 children with their parents, grandparents and guardians and they all went out to the Greenroom to hear a story, to sing a song and pray for our troubled world, their families, friends and neighbours, before coming back in to our usual magnificent feast of sandwiches, cakes, biscuits and fruit.

A great big **“THANK YOU”** to all our wonderful Angels - have a great summer holiday and good rest.

Roger

Cradle Roll

Erin Rose Hamilton will be 3 on September 5th

Isabella Joyce Mary Clement will be 1 on November 10th

Happy birthday to both of you!



Malmesbury Abbey

Whilst on a recent visit to Wiltshire we visited Malmesbury Abbey. Malmesbury is a small market town north of Chippenham and I was very surprised to learn of its history. Right in the middle of the town is the Abbey. It is not very big and not at all grand but it is very old, the Normans built the present day abbey around the 12th century. The first thing that strikes you when you go in is the plain stone wall behind the altar. There are no stained glass windows or decorations of any kind. Originally there was a tower and a spire but a great storm in 1494 caused the spire to topple which brought down the tower. In 1500 the wall was built to support the roof from collapsing and from the outside at the back you can see how it was done.

In the 8th and 9th centuries Malmesbury was considered to be the cultural centre of England. Until that time England consisted of several “kingdoms”, such as Mercia, Wessex, East Anglia, York and Northumbria. Athelstan was the son of Edward the Elder and grandson of Alfred the Great and was born in 894.

When his father died Athelstan was accepted as king by Mercia but met resistance from Wessex although he later overcame this. The northern “kingdoms” also resisted so Athelstan fought the Vikings and the Scots and having routed them all he was eventually made the first King of All England.

He then set about centralising government and making alliances with foreign kings by marrying off his sisters. He also set up what we now call the Civil Service and brought in legal reforms to improve society. Athelstan was a very pious man and founded many churches.

During the fighting to gain supremacy over the other kings, many men from Malmesbury had joined his army and protected Athelstan during the fighting. In gratitude he gave 600 acres of land, known as common land, and all the descendants of those soldiers still own it today.

Athelstan died in 939 and his body was brought to Malmesbury to be buried. The exact burial site is unknown as the Norman Abbey was built over it, but there is a memorial tomb to him inside the Abbey.

Next to the Abbey are the Abbey Court Gardens. There you will see over 2000 varieties of roses, a large herb garden and a lovely area by the River Avon including stepping stones so that you can cross to the other side. It is a really lovely place to visit.

Jenni Thornton

Induction Service of Rev. Alison Davis

The induction of our new minister Rev Alison Davis took place on June 20th. The service was led by Rev David Gillman, along with Rev. Raymond Singh, the interim moderator. Rev Nicola Furley-Smith, the moderator of the URC Southern Synod, inducted Alison as Minister of Emmanuel. The right hand of friendship was shared with all the ministers and various members of the congregation.

Emmanuel is now part of a three Church pastorate and we were pleased to welcome members from Alison's other two Churches, Geddes Place and Bexley URC, to share fellowship together.



Rev Nicola Furley-Smith sharing the right hand of friendship with Alison



Revs. David Gillman, Raymond Singh, Nicola Furley-Smith
and Alison Davis after the induction service

90th Birthday

What a wonderful day on July 7th when I celebrated my 90th birthday. The church hall was decorated for the event. Daughter Elizabeth organised the family which worked non-stop to provide excellent refreshments.

The football world cup match was available in the Green Room for those who wished to keep an eye on how England was doing - set up by grandson Iain. Cross ventilation made the hall bearable for my well-wishers, many of whom had not met my talented family before.

There have been many thanks from guests as to the friendliness of those present especially those friends from Emmanuel. Some presents were given - all put in one bag so I am unable to thank those friends who kindly donated gifts. Thank you also for the cards if I have not managed to thank you personally.

A wonderful day - thank you all.

Ruth Dunster



Services for September

- 2 10.30am Mrs Pat Woodison
9 10.30am Deacon Maureen Spinks Family & Parade
16 10.30am Mr David Ball
23 10.30am Rev Alison Davis Communion
30 10.30am Rev Duncan MacBean

Services for October

- 7 10.30am Mrs Ralph Brandhorst
14 10.30am Mr Peter Thornton Harvest & Parade
21 10.30am Mrs Maggie Ayres
28 10.30am Rev Alison Davis Communion

Services for November

- 4 10.30am Miss Deborah Spinks
11 10.30am Rev Alison Davis Remembrance Parade
18 10.30am Miss Deborah Spinks
25 10.30am Rev Duncan MacBean Communion

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR HARVEST

Saturday 13th October

From 10.00am

The window displays may take
any form reflecting “Harvest”



Remembrance Day Service

11th November

The 100th anniversary of the end of World War I

Here dead we lie
Because we did not choose
To live and shame the land
From which we sprung.

Life, to be sure,
Is nothing much to lose,
But young men think it is,
And we were young.

Here dead we lie, by A. E. Housman

Emmanuel Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 14th October

10.30am

Followed by a Bring and Share Lunch

All harvest gifts will be donated to the Manna Society

James and Kat Long's Cornish Wedding.

James and Kat met at the climbing club. They share a love of the outdoors; walking, camping and in particular rock climbing.

Their wedding took place in Cornwall on 26 May. The setting was a beautiful rustic farm with the ceremony in the 'Cowshed' and the reception in the 'Milking Parlour'.

As much as possible was hand crafted including the invitations and amazing wooden place settings by Louise who also read during the ceremony.

The two families enjoyed decorating the venue in the days before the wedding using wild flowers gathered from the hedgerows arranged in jars - great up-cycling . It was very pretty!

James and Kat are planning their honeymoon in Central America at the end of December, however they did enjoy camping in Cornwall during the week following their wedding.

Maryia Long



Signing the Register



James and Kat with Louise, Maryia and Keith

Sunday Afternoon Concerts 3pm to 4:30pm

Bexley URC Church Hurst Road

If you are lonely on Sunday afternoons, this is the place to come, enjoy the fellowship and a cup of tea.

No Tickets — No Charge

Donations gratefully received

23rd Sep. Christine Randall

21st Oct Golden Girl Choir

18th Nov James Hay and Friends

9th Dec to be arranged

Winifred Grace Webb 1929 - 2018

Winnie Webb died on 17th June. Her funeral was held at Eltham Crematorium on July 10th. This tribute was read at the funeral by her son Nigel.

Mum was born Winifred Grace Sooner on the 12th July 1929 in Dartford. Her mum worked very hard as her dad was in hospital throughout most of her childhood. She had one brother, Ray, who was 6 years older, they stayed close throughout their lives.

Mum was only 10 years old when the war started in 1939, she slept in a dug out in the back garden and spent a lot of time in the underground shelters, always armed with a gas mark, which was luckily only ever used for practise.

When she left school she went to Pitman's shorthand and typing college for 2 years, then started work in London at the traffic manager's office at Waterloo Station for just over a year. She then left and became a doctor's receptionist for 14 years.

Whilst working at the surgery she met Dad at a dance on the 27th March 1956. They got engaged on Christmas Eve 1957 and married on 12th July 1958, this was also my mum's birthday. They married at Spital Street Methodist Church and spent their honeymoon in Guernsey.

Dad, who had a daughter Linda, all moved in together. Mum left the surgery on Christmas Eve 1959 and on the 10th March 1960, the highlight of her life, I was born. Then on the 12th July 1963, Geoff was born. This day was a very special day being Mum and Dad's anniversary as well.

Mum was always visiting her Mum and Dad, making sure they were well and helping them with shopping and in the end they both came to live with us. Dad had retired and helped look after them. Grandad died aged 96 and Nan 93, very close together.

After this, Mum started work at Eric Thomas school shop in 1972, until it closed in 1993. During that last year my Dad had been ill and died suddenly in January 1993. We all had to stay strong as Geoff and Maria got married in May, followed by myself and Wendy in June. It was very hard for Mum to put on a brave face, but she did.

Since then the family has grown throughout the years with Andrew, Aaron, Gemma, Katie, Connor, Summer and Parker, all joining the family, which she loved. When she was 66 she surprised everyone by passing her driving test, a great achievement for her. She was also a Sunday school teacher for 36 years, playing the piano.

Mum was also a carer for 3 years and worked at the wool shop in Swanley with four lovely ladies as she put it. In her later years she joined clubs, including bell ringing and her friends helped her to get around.

But as she got older, her memory started to go and each year it got worse. A couple of years ago, after a fall, Mum went into a care home where she made friends and was looked after. These last 3 months have been horrible, but I feel now that Mum is at peace and has met up with Dad again.

I still remember the holidays abroad and to Butlins, and all of the family meeting up. This is how I will remember Mum, but she will be greatly missed by us all.

Pastoral News

Congratulations to Jennifer and Phillip Willson on becoming grandparents again. Louis Gabriel Willson was born on 25th June, weighing 8lb 6oz. Louis is a brother to Albie and Flynn, a son to Robert and Toria.

We are sad to report the deaths of Winnie Webb and Don Wiles. Tributes to them are included elsewhere. We remember both their families in our prayers.

We keep in our thoughts other people who are in care homes; Doris Parkin and Josie Corcoran, in Northbourne Court and Lorna New in St. Margaret's.

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.

In the autumn Maureen May will be moving to live in Bexhill on Sea. We will miss her cheerful smile. We wish her every happiness in her new home.

THE DORSET DESPATCH

Hello again dear friends at 'Emmanuel' church at Sidcup where we were members for 40 years until moving to Dorset in 1984. This is just to let you know that we have never forgotten the wonderful times that we spent with you and now we are spending much time helping in the progress of the Methodist church in our "Poole Bay Circuit".

In fact, much has taken place since our last letter to you, including the increase of the workload on our Ministers. Because of that we have, with the permission and support of our Circuit, severed our connection with our village Methodist Chapel after more than 25 years, in order to take up a special Mission in the guise of being on a 'Sabbatical'.

This entails visiting every one of the twelve churches in our Circuit from time to time so that we can find out if they have any problems, and if so we can help them with advice with the guidance of "CPD" which is the "Constitutional Practice & Discipline" of the Methodist Church with which we have become fully conversant.

Already we have paid a visit to our Church at 'Wareham' on the road to Swanage and have spoken to their Minister who retires in September, and who now intends to produce a 'System' which means doing away with 'Stewards' and instead having a 'Team' working on a 'Rota' basis of willing volunteers undertaking the many jobs to be fulfilled.

We now wait to hear if it has any positive effect. It certainly is something different in Methodist circles.

Yours sincerely and may the Lord be with you

JOHN & FRANCES RUSSELL

Keswick Methodist Church's Vision 21

A vision for the 21st century challenged the Methodist Church in Keswick to redevelop the building in which Christians have worshipped for over 150 years. The aim was to open up the building to be outward facing to the needs of the community. Initially everything was stripped out of the Church leaving a huge empty space which was sealed off so that work could proceed whilst worship continued in the old church hall. The old hall will be sold to support the development of more affordable housing for the local population. By the beginning of July the redevelopment was complete and the Vision 21 had come alive.

It was a joy for Tony and I to share the weekend of celebration and to see the results of all the planning, fund raising, hard work and prayer. Two spacious, light and beautiful halls now provide flexible space for worship as well as community use.

At the service of celebration on Sunday July 8th the architect and builder presented the church building to be re-dedicated. All the new equipment and furniture were dedicated for their different purposes in worship. A celebratory cake had been baked by a previous master baker at Bryson's (a well loved shop in Keswick) who, with his wife, used to worship at the Church. The cake was cut by one of the eldest church members.

Juliet Hemingray, a textile designer well known in the area, was commissioned to design the wall hangings which are truly beautiful. I particularly loved the Herdwick Sheep in two of the hangings. Wool from the sheep on the local fells had been collected and used. Above the communion table, the lectern and the font, all crafted out of beautiful local white ash wood, hangs a cross with Juliet's inspiring works of art and the words ' I lift up my eyes to the hills '

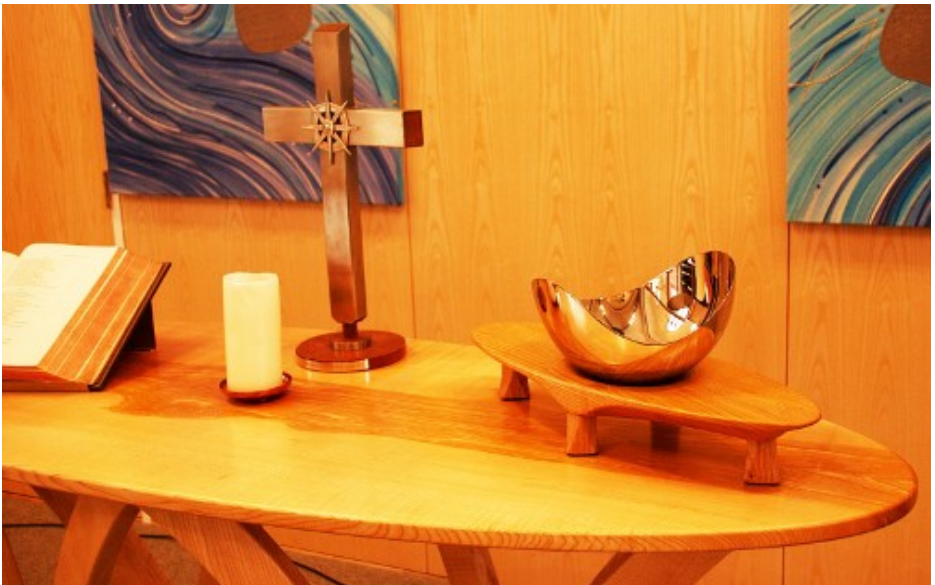
Rev. Richard Teal, Chair of the Cumbria Methodist District, who conducted the service, congratulated the Church on the wonderful achievement.



All those who had been involved in the redevelopment deserved to feel proud of what they had achieved. Keswick Methodist Church can take their mission forward within the local community and beyond. Keswick welcomes lots of visitors from all over the world and there is always a warm welcome in this Church.

Please pray that the Church will stay focussed on their vision and make it into a living reality.

Judith



Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	First Reading	Psalms Reading
Sep-02	Song of Solomon 2:8-13 , Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9 , Psalm 15
Sep-09	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 , Psalm 125	Isaiah 35:4-7a , Psalm 146
Sep-16	Proverbs 1:20-33 , Psalm 19	Isaiah 50:4-9a , Psalm 116:1-9 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1
Sep-23	Proverbs 31:10-31 , Psalm 1	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20 , Psalm 54
Sep-30	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 , Psalm 124	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 , Psalm 19:7-14
Oct-07	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 , Psalm 26	Genesis 2:18-24 , Psalm 8
Oct-14	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 , Psalm 22:1-15	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 , Psalm 90:12-17
Oct-21	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) , Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c	Isaiah 53:4-12 , Psalm 91:9-16
Oct-28	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 , Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)	Jeremiah 31:7-9 , Psalm 126
Nov-04	Ruth 1:1-18 , Psalm 146	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 , Psalm 119:1-8
Nov-11	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 , Psalm 127	1 Kings 17:8-16 , Psalm 146
Nov-18	1 Samuel 1:4-20 , 1 Samuel 2:1-10	Daniel 12:1-3 , Psalm 16
Nov-25	2 Samuel 23:1-7 , Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 , Psalm 93

Law of Mechanical Repair

After your hands become coated in grease, your nose will begin to itch.

Law of Gravity

Drop any tool, nut, bolt or screw and it will roll to the most inaccessible place in the universe.

Law of Probability

The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your action.

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Sep-02	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
Sep-09	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sep-16	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sep-23	James 3:13 -4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sep-30	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
Oct-07	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct-14	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct-21	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct-28	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Nov-04	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Nov-11	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov-18	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov-25	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

Law of Random Numbers

If you dial a wrong number, you never get the engaged tone, someone always answers.

Law of the Result

When you try to show someone that a machine won't work, it will.

Law of Change

If you change traffic lanes, the new lane will immediately move more slowly than the old one.

Some of the many jokes that Don Wiles submitted over the years

The Manna Society

Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge

The Manna staff and dedicated volunteers offer respect and loving care to those who come to the Day Centre. On average, we cater for around 120-150 people per day – mostly men. Approximately 50% of these sleep rough, 25% are in socially rented accommodation and the other 25% are in hostel or stay with friends. What they all share in common is poverty and they are often lonely.

The Manna Centre is open from 8.30am to 1.30pm, seven days a week, for 51 weeks in the year.

Services available every day include:

Breakfast and lunch

Hot showers

Housing and welfare advice

Access to computers (Monday to Friday)

All services are free.

Emmanuel Church supports the Manna Society by sending them our harvest gifts.

MOST NEEDED ITEMS

FOOD

Sugar

Powdered milk

Tinned tomatoes

Rice

Coffee

Tins of Ham

Corned beef

Tinned meat for soup

Hot dogs

Orange Squash

MEN'S CLOTHING

Underwear

Jeans

Socks

Trainers

Trousers

MISCELLANEOUS

Sleeping bags

Toilet rolls

Kitchen towels

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

Sep	2	Roger & Christine	Oct	21	Roger & Christine
	9	Guides		28	Ann & Maryia
	16	Ann & Maryia	Nov	4	Judith & Mandy
	23	Pam & Jennifer		11	Guides
	30	Pat & Marion		18	Pam & Jennifer
Oct	7	Judith & Mandy		25	Pat & Marion
	14	Guides			

Please Note

The closing date for copy for the **Dec / Jan / Feb** Outlook will be

Thursday 16th November

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

Emmanuel.church.outlook@gmail.com

Urgent Bexley Foodbank Needs

We don't think anyone in our community should have to face going hungry. That's why we provide three days' nutritionally balanced emergency food and support to local people who are referred to us in crisis. We are part of a nationwide network of foodbanks, supported by The Trussell Trust, working to combat poverty and hunger across the UK.

Please remember all food donated should have a long shelf life (usually tinned or dried).

Our urgent needs are:

- **Meat Pies in Tins**
- **Meat or fish in Tins**
- **Potatoes either dried or tins**
- **Custard in Cartons or tins**
- **Puddings to Microwave or in tins**
- **Rice in tins**
- **Tins of fruit**
- **Tins of vegetables**
- **Sugar**
- **Toiletries and feminine Hygiene**
- **Washing up liquid**
- **Bleach**
- **Detergents**
- **Toothpaste and tooth brushes**
- **Treats for children**

We have a surplus at the moment of:

- **Pasta**
- **Baked Beans**
- **Soup**

Thank you once again for your support

Gill Bexley Foodbank Manager

Baby Bonnets

I have had an update from Kings about the Baby Bonnets and they are still overwhelmed by everyone's generosity. They still have an enormous backlog of unused bonnets.

Apparently they were allotted a large cupboard to store them in and it is still full to overflowing. You wonderful ladies of Emmanuel Church have made over 200 bonnets to-date and the Maternity Unit at Kings are over the moon with your and everyone else's response but they have asked if we could wait until they let us know, when to start knitting again, in order to get their stockpile down to a reasonable level.

Thank you. Roger

Mustard Seed Relief Mission

Another year has gone by and thanks to all our supporters we once again managed to distribute around 40,000 wonderful shoeboxes of gifts to the children in Moldova.

The support we get from all the schools, churches, other organisations and individuals is overwhelming. During October, November and December we have a chaotic and busy time collecting and packing the lorries to get them to the children in time for Christmas. None of this would be possible without your faithful support.

Our thanks must also go to the volunteers who help us at the warehouse every day until the last lorry is loaded and on its way. This year we have once again been helped by AXA PPP and the Eastbourne Youth Offenders team.

So, this coming year we will continue to work within the local community and beyond to ensure the 'love in a Box' campaign continues and grows.

God Bless,

Lisa Smart, Director of Mustard Seed.

Love in a Box

This part of the operation is, after more than a decade one of the best known of our activities. We begin collecting the boxes at the end of October every year. Schools, churches, other organisations and individuals collect and pack items into shoeboxes for us to send to under privileged children throughout Eastern Europe. We have sent on average 40,000 boxes each year and each one is individually received by a child.

Each box is sent to us with a 'love in a box' leaflet. This leaflet can either be downloaded and printed off from the website, or if required we will send you the amount of leaflets that you require. A donation of £4.00 per box is requested and this goes towards some of the transportation costs.

How to fill boxes

The boxes need to be filled with items suitable for whichever age group you decide to choose. These are listed on the leaflet which needs to be attached to the box when complete. Hats, gloves and scarves are the only items of clothing permitted.

What to put in boxes

Boys 3 - 5 years old. Toy cars / Ball / Jigsaw / Picture Book / Soft Sweets / Thick Crayons / Pencils / Soft Toy / Soap / Flannel / Toothbrush and Toothpaste / Hairbrush / Comb / Hat / Gloves.

Girls 3 - 5 years old. Toy dolly / Everything else as for boys.

Girls 6 - 11 years old. Toy Dolly / Skipping Rope / Jewellery / Ball / Playing Cards / Sweets / Book / Felt Tip Pens / Pencils / Pencil Case / Paper / Soft Toy / Flannel / Toothbrush / Toothpaste / Soap / Hat / Scarf / Gloves.

Boys 6 - 11 years old. Toy car / Yoyo / Everything else as for girls.

Boys 12 -15 years old. Marbles / Travel games / Juggling Balls / Baseball Cap / Playing Cards / Geometry Set / Note Book / Pens / Pencils / Soft Toy / Sweets / Soap / Flannel / Toothpaste / Toothbrush / Gloves / Scarves.

Girls 12 - 15 years old. Hair accessories / Jewellery / New Make up / Perfume Stick / Talc / Deodorant / Dolly / Skipping Rope / Everything else as for boys.

Leaflets will be available in church, and completed boxes need to be in church by the **end of October**.

A Baptism Celebration

Isabella Joyce Mary Clement was baptised at Emmanuel by Deacon Maureen Spinks on Sunday 12th August. What a happy event it was! It was good to share such a lovely service with Isabella's family.





OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

SEPTEMBER

Harold Frederic Wilson	1985
Ada Jessie Nathanielsz	1986
Beryl Braidwood	1986
Eileen Dorothy Lyon	1987
Ada Charlotte Hughes	1992
Winston Radcliffe Wood	1994
Ronald Edwin Parker	1997
Stephen Watkins	2002
Ida Wiles	2008

OCTOBER

Ida Elizabeth Vaughan	1963
Eileen Frances Carter	1976
Marjorie Constance Liddle	1979
William John Cole	1981
Thomas Reginald Clifford Huett	1984
Gladys Ethel Bell	1985
Elsie Annie Reader	1986
Bessie Grimes	1991
Frederick James Newman	1998
Reginald Grubb	1999
Dallas Lewis	2011

NOVEMBER

John Robert Brunskill	1977
Audrey Alice Brunskill	1985
Ivy Annetta Langham	1984
Winifred Louisa Hodby	1986
Edith May Gaffney	1987
Margaret Rand	1984
William Rand	1984
Alice Mary Wood	1969
Margaret Wood	1987
Edith Mary Norman	1992
Winifred Huett	1997
Cyril Skinner	2006
Sergie Dziejko	2009

Donald William Wiles 1925 - 2018

Don was a member of Emmanuel Church and died on July 15th. The following tributes to Don by his friends Joanne Gilman (and her daughters), Glynne Mildred, Mandy, Mary, Dawn & David were spoken by Joanne at the funeral on Wednesday 8th August 2018.

It is with gratitude to Don's family to be given the opportunity to share this combined collection of tributes from his friends, most are gathered here today with us.



I have known Don for 40 years.

Glynne: I met Don back in 1981 when we both joined a singing group. He had belonged to many choirs over the years but I persuaded him to go one step further and take to the stage in one of Ivor Novello's Operettas with the Sidcup Operatic Society. Don remarked at the time that he had never ever worn makeup before. We then went on (with my husband as pianist) to give afternoon concerts to Over Sixties groups (including Northlands), and this big smiling Yorkshireman with a twinkle in his eye and a lovely bass voice always went down well with the ladies. I hope he is now using that voice with a choir of angels. Thank you Don for many happy hours making music.

Two other friends of Don, Dawn and David have known him for about 16 years due to his involvement in Northlands, which is the Bromley branch of the Multiple Sclerosis Society. This couple have faithfully helped to run Northlands for many years.

Dawn & David: Don would leave Sidcup at the crack of dawn and travel to Bromley's local bakery to collect fresh bread and rolls for Northland's. He would lay all their tables for lunch and socialise with them all afterwards.

Mary & her husband knew Don well. She remembers that's where he met Olga, a very severely disabled and wheelchair bound lady with cerebral palsy. He became her carer/companion and friend for many years until her death. Don was the whole joy in her very limited life.

Joanne: Olga belonged to my church where I attended with my two children, one who is disabled in a wheelchair. Being a single parent and having no transport we rarely

travelled anywhere. That is until we met Don who then totally changed all our lives. He began taking us in his famous mini bus (called Ben's Bus after his grandson) to wonderful places like Kew Gardens, Bluwater, Lakeside and the seaside. He even took us up a river in a canal boat for the disabled.

Don then became our adopted grandad sharing all our Xmas's and birthdays. We remember meeting his grandson Sam at his 90th Birthday party in our garden.

Don came on monthly all day visits with us but always wanted the same old meal each time... 8 large Cumberland sausages on a mountain of mashed potatoes (sitting like a castle) surrounded by a moat of red onions into which was poured a river of thick onion gravy. Pudding was always half a large apple pie with both ice cream and hot custard washed down with his favourite drink Dandelion & Burdock. No wonder he was called "Big Don". To his credit when the doctor ordered a strict diet due to health reasons Don disciplined himself so well that we had to put a cushion under his Santa suit at our Christmas party as he had lost so much weight.

He didn't only play Santa for us, Dawn & David informed me that for many years he sang, entertained and was Santa, dishing out presents to all who attended the Bromley Community Xmas lunch.

My daughters and Glynn remember our many social afternoons at our home playing his favourite card games and scrabble. We can all still hear his loud roar of laughter when he softly won. My younger daughters favourite memory is when Don so kindly took her and her friends to a London dance hall for her 18th birthday party. Being late in the evening Don fell asleep in a corner of the bar snoring in his old "Columbo" mac and his Worzel Gummage hat. I fortunately just passed by the bar in time to hear a waiter ask his manager "shall we call the police to remove the homeless old man or do it ourselves?" No No!! I begged, he's our precious driver. What a close shave!

Well as we know Don collapsed at his home six months ago now and spent time in many hospitals. Was he a perfect patient? You're joking he moaned and groaned about everything until at last he settled quietly and happily in the lovely luxury care home that his family so carefully chose for him. So contented was he that whenever we phoned him up he replied "can't chat now I'm off to my activities" and he would plonk the phone down on us.

The day before he died Glynne and I were joking and taking photos and videos. He was still talking and bossing us about. He said he wasn't in any pain but remarked "I've had enough now. I just want to go to Heaven... NOW!"

Feeling he was too alert and not close to death yet I joked "OK Don I'll try and get you a 'dial a ride' to take you." He smiled cheekily and we both kissed him and left.

I didn't need to call that ride as in the morning he had gone to Heaven. I am still amazed and confused by such a sudden peaceful death and can only feel (knowing what a stubborn old goat we all know he could be) that Jesus may have come and told him "Don I'm coming for you soon (as is often my experience of pre dying stories) and Don in his often stubbornness maybe told Jesus "no... NOW" so Jesus took his faithful old servant home.

We will all miss you Don, Goodbye for now till we meet you again.

Love and God bless from all your friends.

Ladies' Fellowship Hour

Sep	3 rd –	Back with Tea and Chat
	10 th –	Bob Bedwell - Poet
	17 th –	Myia - Singer
	24 th –	Sue Cope
Oct	1 st	Harvest decorations
	8 th	Maggie Williams
	15 th	Maddie Lake
	22 nd	Quiz and Tea
	29 th	Erith Community Singers
Nov	5 th	Lynette Anderson
	12 th	Margeret Cufflin
	19 th	Quiz or Bingo
	26 th	Making Christmas Decorations and designating jobs for the Christmas Fayre
Dec	1 st	Saturday 10.30 Christmas Fayre
	3 rd	Advent Communion
	10 th	Christmas Lunch and Raffle
	17 th	Carols, Readings and Mince Pies
	24 th	Christmas Eve, No Meeting, See you next year.

Marion

Ladies' Fellowship Summer Lunch

This year our usual annual outing to Eastbourne had to be cancelled as most of our members are not able to travel by coach.

It was decided to have a lunch instead. The heat was a worry, but on the day it was a bit cooler and our members were able to attend. We had a cold buffet lunch and also a raffle.

The raffle money was donated to our food bank and this seemed apt as we had all had a really nice lunch. It made us think of those less fortunate than us who have to rely on the food bank.

Our meetings have been well attended with some new members coming. Freda still plays the piano for us and we really are grateful to her. We are entering our 98th year now and are still going strong.

Marion

WOMEN'S HOUR **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

SATURDAY 1st DECEMBER

10.00AM TO 1.00PM

EMMANUEL CHURCH HALL

CRAFT CAKES RAFFLE GAMES

REFRESHMENTS

Sidcup Horticultural Association

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The Association begin their 2018/19 programme of monthly Illustrated Talks on the following Tuesday evenings to which you are cordially invited:

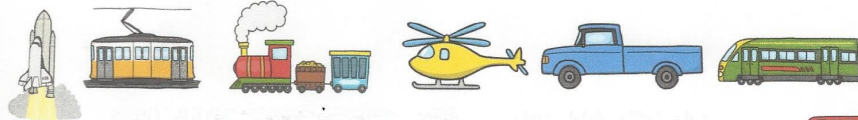
18 September	The Story of English Country Cheeses	Derek March
16 October	Churchill and Chartwell	Paul Laundry
20 November	Fifty Greys of Shade	Mr Colin Moat

The talks are held in the Green Room, Emmanuel Church at 7.30 pm (doors open 7.00 pm). Single attendance for members is £2.00, for non-members £3.00. Notices will be placed in Sidcup Library and a few local shops.

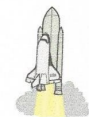
In addition the Association are making a day trip to **RHS Gardens Hyde Hall on Saturday 8th September**. The cost including the driver's tip is £16; entrance is free based on the Association's membership allowance.

Pick-up by DJ Coaches is at 9.15 am Jubilee Way (Station forecourt) and 9.30 am Elm Road (Blockbusters).

Further details are available from Colin Brown, Chairman, 020 8302 6608.



Ferrier Operatic Society
proudly present...



Ticket to Ride

Our Autumn Concert

Carlton Centre, Carlton Road, Sidcup, DA14 6AH
on

Friday 12th October 2018

7:30pm

£10 a ticket (including a hot supper)

Saturday 13th October 2018

7:30pm

£10 a ticket (including a hot supper)

Sunday 14th October 2018

3:00pm

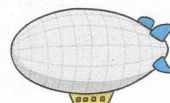
£10 a ticket (including a cream tea)

Sunday 21st October 2018

3:00pm

£10 a ticket (including a cream tea)

*Please call 020 8297 2231 or 07961 901906
for further details and tickets*





Training

'Creating a Safer Space'

Saturday 6th October, 1.30 – 4.30 pm

A training session for the Circuit will be held at Chislehurst Methodist Church on Saturday 6th October, 1.30 pm to 4.30 pm. There will be a break for coffee/biscuits mid-way through the afternoon. The session covers the foundations course which is aimed at those who have not had safeguarding training through the Methodist Church before and will be led by Deacon Laura MacBean with the Circuit Safeguarding Officer, Jane Cowie, also attending. The focus of the training is to promote awareness of possible safeguarding concerns and look at our responsibilities as a Church. We will also be looking at some scenarios through group discussion.

If you work with children or vulnerable adults in the Church you must attend this training. If you have attended this course in the last 5 years there will be a refresher session early in 2019, date to be confirmed.

For catering purposes, please inform Jane Cowie if you will be attending on 020 8859 4932 or church@newelthammethoidst.co.uk.

Thank you.

Dates For Your Diary

SEPTEMBER

Sat	1		
Sun	2	10.30 am Mrs Pat Woodison	
Mon	3	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	4		
Wed	5		
Thu	6		
Fri	7	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	8		4 - 6pm Messy Church (Jonah and the whale)
Sun	9	10.30 am Deacon Maureen Spinks	Parade and Family
Mon	10	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	11		
Wed	12		
Thu	13		
Fri	14	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	15		
Sun	16	10.30 am Mr David Ball	
Mon	17	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	18		
Wed	19		
Thu	20		
Fri	21	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	22		
Sun	23	10.30 am Rev Alison Davis	Communion
Mon	24	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	25		
Wed	26		
Thu	27		
Fri	28	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	29		
Sun	30	10.30 am Rev Duncan MacBean	

Dates For Your Diary

OCTOBER

Mon	1	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	2		
Wed	3		
Thu	4		
Fri	5	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	6		1.30pm Safeguarding Training Chislehurst
Sun	7	10.30 am Mr Ralph Brandhorst	
Mon	8	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	9		
Wed	10		
Thu	11		
Fri	12	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	13	10.00 am Decorate for Harvest	4 - 6pm Messy Church (Harvest)
Sun	14	10.30 am Mr Peter Thornton	Harvest & Parade
Mon	15	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	16		
Wed	17		
Thu	18		
Fri	19	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	20		
Sun	21	10.30 am Mrs Maggie Ayres	
Mon	22	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	23		
Wed	24		
Thu	25		
Fri	26	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	27		
Sun	28	10.30 am Rev Alison Davis	Communion
Mon	29	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	30		
Wed	31		

Dates For Your Diary

NOVEMBER

Thu	1		
Fri	2	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	3		
Sun	4	10.30 am Miss Deborah Spinks	
Mon	5	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	6		
Wed	7		
Thu	8		
Fri	9	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	10		4 - 6pm Messy Church (Remembrance)
Sun	11	10.30 am Rev Alison Davis	Remembrance Parade
Mon	12	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	13		
Wed	14		
Thu	15		Outlook Copy due
Fri	16	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	17		
Sun	18	10.30 am Miss Deborah Spinks	
Mon	19	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
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Wed	21		
Thu	22		
Fri	23	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	24	10.00am Christmas Fayre	
Sun	25	10.30 am Rev Duncan MacBean	Communion
Mon	26	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
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Wed	28		
Thu	29		
Fri	30		

Weekday Activities

Monday	2.00pm 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Woman's Hour (except Bank Hols) 3 rd Sidcup Beavers 3 rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3 rd 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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