

THE
OUTLOOK

SEPTEMBER –
NOVEMBER 2021



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

Letter from the Interim Moderator

Okay, let's get the bad news out of the way. The United Reformed church has found itself in a cleft stick! I could put it more crudely but will refrain!! They have too many ministers. Now I have tried to discover how this reality dawned. Was it suddenly or has this been brewing for some time? Maybe I am cynical but I compare this to the Crossrail moment. The Queen was ready to open the new railway but suddenly they discovered it would be at least two years before it opened. Come to think of it two years must have passed by now yet I never read of any opening date.

What it means is there must be a reduction in the number of stipendiary ministers and we will have to wait until the situation resolves itself. Could be some considerable time, although I know of two ministers in Southern Synod who will definitely be retiring within the next year. It will mean that more churches will join together in new pastorates. But very sadly many more churches will close. Roughly twenty have shut in Southern Synod over the past four years. As a Geddes Place elder remarked to me in a Zoom meeting not so long ago, "it seems that you will be with us for a long time". So-be-it but let's hope that we will be in a position to call a minister in the not too distant future.

Now for the "God part".

Do we ever stop to consider what percentage of the UK population regards Jesus as a real person or a fraud? To-day many subscribe to the Jesus myth theory. He may have been a great preacher but "Son of God"? Laughter up a sleeve. The fundamental question you must ask yourself is "are you wasting time coming to church?" Can I imagine that many of you will be pestering Jennifer at this point to look for a new Interim Moderator. Rightly so, if I were advocating that you are indeed wasting your time coming to Emmanuel each Sunday morning.

But we are completely justified in attending this or any church Sunday by Sunday because we believe undoubtedly that Jesus came to our soil and is the Son of God. Unfailingly believe in His teachings and promises. That wonderful assurance is with us our whole life through. My next door neighbour died last month. He was a confirmed atheist all his life. One of his wishes was to be interred. But no words - nothing. Not even his wife was to be present. Now that is his wish. But to leave our earthly life with a blank screen in this manner is beyond my comprehension. We hope to be in Heaven after this earthly life.

Way back in 1950, mythicist Herb Cutner published his exploratory work, “Jesus: God, Man or Myth?” You can still purchase it on Amazon. Stocks are very low at present but more are on their way! I would venture that most books published seventy years ago will now be out of print and consigned to the bookstall in the sky. But not Cutner’s book. So, yes, there is still an interest. Cutner not only explores the mythical nature of Jesus Christ but also provides a rare and much-needed summarization of the debate between mythicists and historicisers *over the past few centuries*. Now this argument is not modern. It has been enflamed for centuries. In fact, questioning and doubting started at the beginning of the Christian era and has been pursued by millions since then. 2 John 7 states, “For many deceivers have gone out into the world: men who will not acknowledge the coming of Jesus Christ in the flesh; such a one is the deceiver and the antichrist.” So, in reality, the doubting of Christ as a purely historical character is *not* a "new fad". Those who argue otherwise are simply not informed on the subject.

The opening lines of the musical “Jesus Christ Superstar” are sung by Judas. The lines doubt the authenticity of Jesus.

*“Every time I look at You I don't understand
Why You let the things You did get so out of hand.
You'd have managed better if You'd had it planned.”*

So if Jesus is a myth why does He still exert such enormous influence? Bertrand Russell, possibly the first of the modern sceptics, was quite convinced that Christianity would not withstand the assaults of science. But we know that this is not true. Christianity has not slowly withered on the vine. In many countries it is the opposite. More modern scribes like Stephen Fry, Stephen Hawking and Richard Dawkins have great difficulty accepting this. They are very narrow minded. Little Englanders (and that’s coming from a Scot!). Yes, certain denominations in this country are struggling. I have already mentioned one. Recall what many experts told us about the Millennium Bug when all computers would cease to function?

We have to examine for our own selves to determine whether or not Jesus was a myth. And we have a severe disadvantage as we are biased. We follow Jesus. Secular scholars interpret the words and actions of Jesus as a first century Jew. We construe them to be the words and actions of God’s Son

One of the greatest theologians of the twentieth century was C.S. Lewis. Some say he was the greatest. In his book “Mere Christianity” he pens a paragraph which many other authors have quoted.

“A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic - on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg - or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this Man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut Him up for a fool, you can spit at Him and kill Him as a demon or you can fall at His feet and call Him Lord and God, but let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about His being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.”

Finally let's end on a positive note. We are far more than doubly blessed.

We know that God forgives us if we approach Him in the correct manner.

We know that God loves us.

We know that God is in control.

We do not need to worry about the future.

We do not feel discouraged.

Link these with the so-called myth of Jesus and that same myth is confined to utter obliteration, annihilation and complete destruction.

We are on a winner!

Colin Watson

DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR HARVEST

Saturday 9th October

From 10.00am

The window displays may take any form reflecting “Harvest”

Cradle Roll

Isabella Joyce Mary Clement will be 4 on Nov 10th
Happy birthday Isabella !



Monday Fellowship

The former Ladies Fellowship group is being replaced by a weekly Monday Fellowship which will be aimed at both sexes. It is hoped that this will cater to a wider audience.

Initially it will just be Tea and a Chat starting on

Monday September 6th at 2.00pm.

Marion

Mustard Seed Relief Mission

Mustard Seed Charity has been operating since 1992 and sends out much needed aid to disadvantaged children and young persons in Eastern Europe.

2020 has been a difficult year for all charities but we managed to complete the Love in a Box campaign once more.

Many of our usual schools, churches, other organisations and individuals were unable to take part due the restrictions caused by the virus but we carried on regardless.

We are pleased to say that we still managed to deliver approximately 15,000 boxes to the children in Moldova. We hope that next year we will be back to somewhere near the usual amount of boxes.

We know that, although we could not have our usual wonderful volunteers helping at the warehouse this year, we hope to see them again in 2021.

Wishing you all health and happiness for 2021 and look forward to hearing from you at this coming years Love in a Box campaign.

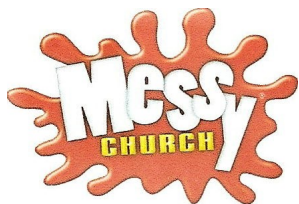
God Bless,

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.

Leaflets with full details will soon be available at the back of the church. Completed boxes need to be in church by the **end of October.**



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

Our Last Messy Church meeting was in February 2020 when we had to stop because of Covid19 restrictions, but it is our intention to start again in October as a one off to see how it goes.

We will need to restrict numbers and hope to have an online booking system up and running by then. Parents will need to book a week ahead with numbers attending and the ability to cancel if their circumstances change.

Most of our wonderful Messy Angels are getting a little less young and would love to see some new faces helping to get the hall ready, manning the craft tables, preparing and serving the food and clearing up afterwards.. Don't be shy, it is hard work but it is fun and it is satisfying to see so many tired, happy little faces departing at the end of a Messy Saturday afternoon.

Our plan is to meet on Saturday October 9th from 4 to 6pm and I am going to suggest a theme of "A New Beginning".

We will be meeting in the next week or so to discuss the Agenda.

If anyone would like to know more about our Messy Church or would like to join our happy band of Angels then please contact:

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Thanksgiving

The year has turned its circle,
The seasons come and go.
The harvest all is gathered in
And chilly north winds blow.
Orchards have shared their treasures,
The fields, their yellow grain,
So open wide the doorway—
Thanksgiving comes again!

Anonymous

The Manna Society

Running a Day Centre for homeless people near London Bridge.

With Covid restrictions, the services we can offer from 21st June 2021 have changed.

What's on offer?	Main activities
Drop-in for rough-sleepers only	<p>15 people allowed in at any one time Monday to Sunday: 8 am to 9:30am.</p> <p>Tea or coffee & a sandwich.</p> <p>Washing & toilet facilities and 6 Showers per day, Monday to Sunday: 8 am to 9:30 am.</p> <p>Please note: everyone is required, by law, to either scan the official NHS QR code or provide us with their name and contact phone number or email. If not, they will be refused entry.</p>
Takeaway Meals for All	<p>A hot meal and a sandwich to approx. 120 people Monday to Sunday: 10:30 am to 1pm.</p> <p>Strict safe social distancing enforced by servery staff.</p>
Correspondence Address	<p>Correspondence given when claimed by client Monday to Sunday: 10:30am to 1pm.</p> <p>Please note: client needs to have been registered to receive mail at the centre.</p> <p>*Rough-sleepers can also collect their mail during the drop-in from 8 am to 9:30 am.</p>
Clothing Service	<p>Clothing request slip available Monday to Sunday, 10.30am to 1pm</p> <p>Please note: a clothing request slip needs to be filled. Client will be contacted when clothing is ready for collection.</p>
Housing and Welfare	<p>Telephone advice: 020 7403 1931 (option 1) - Monday to Friday: 10am to 1pm</p> <p>Clients with appointments seen via laptops at the centre, on Zoom, Monday to Friday: 10am to 1pm.</p>
Nurse Clinic	<p>Wednesdays only from 10am to 1pm.</p>

Emmanuel Church supports the Manna Society by sending them our harvest gifts. The gifts will be collected soon after the Harvest service.

NEEDS (Most needed in **Bold**)

FOOD

Sugar

Powdered milk

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Tomatoes

Pasta Sauces

Breakfast Cereal

Rice

Tinned meat

Tinned Food

Fish

Baked Beans

Soup

Hot Dogs

Fruit

Corned Beef

Chopped Ham

Luncheon Meat

Stewed Steak

DRINKS

Coffee

Tea

Dilutable Drinks

Non-Tinned Food

Curry Sauces

Porridge Oats

Pasta

Tomato Sauce

Jelly

Cooking Oil

Biscuits

MEN'S CLOTHING

Jeans

Jogging Bottoms

Trainers

Underwear

TOILETRIES

Bodywash

Soap

Deodorant

Shaving Foam

Shampoo

Disposable Razors

MISCELLANEOUS

Smartphones (working, 2nd hand)

Oyster Cards (preferably unregistered)

Pastoral News

We were saddened to hear that Syd Howlett died on 24th June. His funeral took place on 22nd July. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with Maureen and her family following their sad loss. It was lovely to see Maureen at Church again.

Our love goes out to Mandy Laundry as she gradually comes to terms with life without Paul and we look forward to sharing worship with her again when she feels ready to join us.

We were sorry to hear that Audrey Fish had been unwell after a minor stroke and remember her in our prayers as she recovers.

Remember the people in care homes: Doris Willson in Baugh House , Lorna New and Freda Skinner in St Margarets.

Tracey Beeson had an accident playing netball and has her leg in plaster. Life is somewhat difficult for her as she looks after her young daughter Rebecca.

It is with sadness that we received the news of the death of Frances Russell. Frances, with her husband John, was a member of this Church for very many years. She was part of the thriving Youth Club of the 1950's and was involved later in many aspects of Church life.

Frances worked in banking and brought her expertise to help with Church finances. She was a great organiser and a good cook and baker, providing meals for the Men's Supper Club as well as contributing to cakes sales.

She and John were much missed when they moved to Dorset where they continued to work for their new Church. Unfortunately Frances developed dementia and went to live in a care home. She recently had a fall but struggled to recover. Our thoughts are with John and her friends.

Please Note

The closing date for copy for the **Dec / Jan / Feb** Outlook will be
Thursday 16th December

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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Remembrance Day Service

14th November

They shall have stars at elbow and foot;
Though they go mad they shall be sane,
Though they sink through the sea they
shall rise again;
Though lovers be lost love shall not;
And death shall have no dominion.

Dylan Thomas 1933

A Sheffield Church

We recently went to Sheffield for our grandson's wedding. It was a lovely day and we had a great time. I am always interested in new churches we visit and as the bride's father is currently the vicar of Christ Church,, Pitsmoor, in Sheffield, I was able to chat with him about the church.

The church was built in 1850 in what is known as the Gothic style. In 1850 Sheffield was growing rapidly due to the Industrial Revolution and at that time Pitsmoor was on the edge of the town. It is now about a mile from the city centre. The church has been renovated several times over the years and the present day interior is very attractive. The pews have been removed and replaced with comfortable chairs, pale shades of paint have lightened the interior and the lovely stained glass windows are full of stories.

Apparently when it first opened congregations of over 200 were recorded most weeks. Now that the church is within the city, the area has changed and there are a lot of social problems. Before the pandemic there were two services on Sundays with 90+ people attending. There was a thriving toddler group and messy church as well as the usual church groups. Twice a week a hot meal was served for any who came, mostly homeless people and failed immigrants. Two nights a week there was a sleep-in night shelter for these people too. The pandemic put an end to these vital services. As things begin to ease a congregation of around 40 have returned and they are hoping that soon they will be able to give help as before.

Jenny Thornton

Revised Common Lectionary

Liturgical Date	Calendar Date	First Reading and psalm
15th Sun after Pentecost	Sep-05	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23 Psalm 125
16th Sun after Pentecost	Sep-12	Proverbs 1:20-33 Psalm 19
17th Sun after Pentecost	Sep-19	Proverbs 31:10-31 Psalm 1
18th Sun after Pentecost	Sep-26	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22 Psalm 124
19th Sun after Pentecost	Oct-03	Job 1:1, 2:1-10 Psalm 26
20th Sun after Pentecost	Oct-10	Job 23:1-9, 16-17 Psalm 22:1-15
21st Sun after Pentecost	Oct-17	Job 38:1-7, (34-41) Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
22nd Sun after Pentecost	Oct-24	Job 42:1-6, 10-17 Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
23rd Sun after Pentecost	Oct-31	Ruth 1:1-18 Psalm 146
24th Sun after Pentecost	Nov-07	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17 Psalm 127
25th Sun after Pentecost	Nov-14	1 Samuel 1:4-20, 2:1-10
26th Sun after Pentecost	Nov-21	2 Samuel 23:1-7 Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)
1st Sun of Advent	Nov-28	Jeremiah 33:14-16

The full Lectionary can be accessed on line at
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/lections.php?year=B&season=Season%20after%20Pentecost>
Make sure you get the correct year (A, B or C)

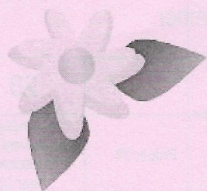
Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Alternative first and Psalm	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Sep-05	Isaiah 35:4-7a Psalm 146	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Sep-12	Isaiah 50:4-9a Psalm 116:1-9 or Wisdom of Solomon 7:26 - 8:1	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Sep-19	Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22 or Jeremiah 11:18-20	James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Sep-26	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
Oct-03	Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Oct-10	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Oct-17	Isaiah 53:4-12 Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Oct-24	Jeremiah 31:7-9 Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Oct-31	Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
Nov-07	1 Kings 17:8-16 Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
Nov-14	Daniel 12:1-3 Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Nov-21	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37
Nov-28	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36

Decorate the Church for Christmas

Saturday 27th November 10:00am

Come and help to decorate the church.



Orpington & Chislehurst

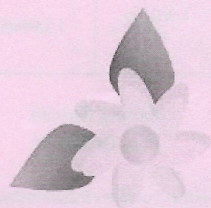
Circuit Service

Sunday 5th September 2021
10:30am

We would love to see you all at the summer circuit service
hosted by Orpington Methodist Church, 19 Sevenoaks Road,
Orpington, BR6 9JH



Joint worship followed by
refreshments. A chance to meet
friends, both old and new.





Services for September

5	10.30am	No Service	Circuit Service at Orpington
12	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
19	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion.
26	10.30am	Dcn Maureen Spinks	Baptism

Services for October

3	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
10	10.30am	Mr David Ball	Harvest Festival
17	10.30am	Mr Tony Ball	
24	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion
31	10.30am	Elders	Songs of Praise

Services for November

7	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
14	10.30am	Mr Peter Thornton	Remembrance
21	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
28	10.30am	Rev Duncan McBean	Communion

Friday Coffee Morning

Every Friday in the Church Hall from 10.00am to Noon. Come in for a coffee & biscuit and have a chat with friends. On fine days there may also be a bric-a-brac stall outside. All for church funds.

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



Sunday Coffee

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

Donations to Church Funds

ROTA

Sep	5	Ann and Maryia	Oct	24	Pam & Jennifer
	12	Pam and Jennifer		31	Ethel and Kathy
	19	Ethel and Kathy	Nov	7	Judith & Mandy
	26	Mandy and Judith		14	Pat & Marion
Oct	3	Pat & Marion		21	Roger & Christine
	10	Roger & Christine		28	Ann & Maryia
	17	Ann and Maryia			

Emmanuel Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 10th October

10.30am

All harvest gifts will be donated to the Manna Society

Food Bank Report August 2021

We had to stop collecting stuff for the Food Bank in March 2020 when the church closed because of Covid19 restrictions and after discussing various methods of getting food and essential supplies to Avery Hill Christian Fellowship, Southspring, Sidcup, DA15 8EA, we decided that the best thing was for everyone to donate money to the Food Bank directly so that they could purchase what they needed from Morrison's where they had an arrangement.

This worked quite well but they found it was a bit slow in getting what they needed to where they needed it.

Now, Chris is working at Avery Hill as a volunteer and she is told what they require and what they have a surplus of on a weekly basis and we can pass the information on to everyone who donates by email or word of mouth.

After two to three weeks this seems to be working quite well because of the fantastic generosity of our congregation and their response in providing for those in need.

Well done everyone who donates – it is a lifeline to many people who find themselves, for whatever reason, unable to feed their families. Keep up the good work especially at the moment with so many people trying to get back into full time employment.

Roger & Chris

Their Current Needs Are:

**Cleaning Products but not
washing up liquid.**

Small packets of washing Powder

Meat in tins

Long life milk

Fruit in tins

Custard in cartons

Biscuits

Fruit Juice

Toilet Rolls

**They currently have
a surplus of:**

Tins of Beans

Tins of Spaghetti

Tins of Tomatoes

Tins of Fish

With the current problems with refuse collections in Bexley we thought this poem would be appropriate. This was written before we had the wheely bins!

Eileen Shenton, was a long serving member of Emmanuel Church and wrote this for a booklet of poems she published in 2009.

The Hand That Rocks The Trash Cans **Rules The World**

Monday is our bin day
And everybody knows
How systems keep us busy,
Forever on our toes.

The banging and crashing
All starts at crack of dawn
When dustcarts block the roadway
And nerves are stretched and torn.

They empty our boxes
Then dump them on the ground,
But sometimes they forget them
So left 'til next time round!

One week it's for paper,
Plus, cardboard and the like,
When sorting out bits and bobs
We wish they'd take a hike.

Next time, tin and plastic
With foil dropped in as well,
Of washing and the squashing
It's better not to tell!

Black, green, mauve containers,
Though lids are rather short,
A brown bin for the compost?
We'll never choose right sort.

First, we had the green ones,
Their lids blew down the street,
Then soon came the others,
To store them's quite a feat.

Green box is for paper,
The black box, just for glass,
The mauve takes tin and plastic,
The brown, twigs, leaves and grass.

Now we all feel addled
And fed up to the core,
Supposed to be a good thing,
But not completely sure.

So, here we are on bin day
Doing what we should,
Hopefully it is progress
And everything that's good.

Eileen Shenton 2009

A Special Bond Between a Man and His Dog

Max is a 14 year old English springer spaniel who lives in Keswick and who has become known as the Miracle Dog, and an Ambassador for Keswick. The PDSA has awarded Max their Order of Merit, which is the animal equivalent of an OBE, and he has been to a Buckingham Palace garden party.

Max's owner is Kerry Irving, who first met Max in 2008 as he went out for a local walk. He was struggling to overcome a traumatic car accident two years previously, which had left him with severe neck and back injuries. Apart from the physical after effects, Kerry's mental health had deteriorated dramatically. On his walks to help him overcome severe depression, he became attracted to the springer spaniel he spotted poking his nose under a garden gate. Before long Kerry was taking Max for walks and when, some time later, the owners moved away they gave Max to Kerry, feeling he would enjoy a better life with Kerry.

Once Max officially became Kerry's dog, it was only the beginning of this wonderful story. Gradually the daily walks got longer as Kerry's body gained strength and he was able to cope with the chronic pain resulting from the accident. When he succeeded in climbing Ben Nevis with Max, raising sponsorship money for charity, he was understandably elated. He regarded Max as his source of comfort and motivation on the climb. Climbing Britain's highest mountain had given Kerry a reason to live again. Max was trained as a therapy dog, and more sponsored walks, visits to schools and hospitals, as well as many other fund raising events were planned.

As Kerry's confidence grew he trained to become a mobile locksmith in Keswick and he was accompanied by Max as his "head of security" on his callouts. In 2017 Max was joined by another Springer Spaniel called Paddy and two years later by another one named Harry. In Kerry's locksmith's van there are now three beds. All three dogs go everywhere with Kerry.

The dogs became a familiar sight in Keswick and on the surrounding fells and Kerry began putting photos on a Facebook page. Very soon the pictures gained a wide audience on social media with a following all over the world. When Kerry responded openly to a journalist from a regional magazine about the struggle with his mental as well as physical health after his devastating accident, he was overwhelmed by the messages which poured onto his Facebook page. Stories from followers suffering from depression, or needing respite from a challenging time, told how Kerry's



Max, the statue and Kerry on the slate bench at the unveiling ceremony



Jacob meeting Max

account of his personal mental health struggle, together with the pictures and virtual walks with his dog, had brought sunshine and hope into their lives. People were prepared to travel long distances to meet and greet this miracle dog. During lockdown so many Facebook followers found the virtual outings in the Lake District a great comfort.

Max has become an Ambassador for Keswick. A crowd funding page was set up to raise money for a bronze statue of Max. Within two hours the total was £26,000 allowing money not only for the statue, but also to support the PDSA. A local sculptor was chosen to create the model of Max.

As Tony and I were on holiday in Keswick on the day the statue was unveiled in Hope Park, we were privileged to witness the ceremony, along with a vast number of people (and dogs) who had come from all over the country just to attend the event. As the statue was unveiled, Kerry gave an emotional speech. He proudly acknowledged that this miracle dog had given him a reason to live when he was in the depths of despair. As the bond between man and dog grew he had found a way of enriching a community of people worldwide virtually, together with his therapy dog. At the same time he had raised over £300,000 to support very many charities including the PDSA, Fix the Fells, the Great North Air Ambulance Service.

Later that evening Kerry organised a “meet and greet” in the adjacent Crow Park where we and Jacob, our Golden Retriever, met Max. Although we have walked on the fells surrounding Keswick on many occasions, this was the first time we’d had the pleasure of meeting this extraordinary dog and his master.

The statue has been placed on a beautiful Honister slate bench. The money in the collection box by the side, will be used for the maintenance of the park. After one week £3236 had been donated! Hope Park seems the perfect place for the statue of a dog who has given so much hope to so many people.

The virtual walks with the dogs can be seen on Max’s Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/maxinthelakes>. Kerry has written his inspiring story in the book “Max the Miracle Dog”.

On August 14th about 500 people with their dogs (mainly Springer Spaniels) celebrated Max’s 14th birthday on a sponsored “birthday bash” charity walk raising more than £30,000 for the PDSA.

I never cease to be amazed at the wonderful role dogs play in our lives.

Judith



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

Shaping our Future



**It's in our
hands!**

What has the Covid pandemic taught us? How can we learn and adapt to care for our world and foster a better future for humanity? Should governments be doing more to remove the injustice of poverty, inequality, and prejudice? How can we, as individuals and communities, help?

Raise awareness, knowledge and understanding of major topical issues such as climate change affecting our world today!

Learn together, share ideas of actions we, as individuals and communities can take, inspire one another and form new friendships!

**Come and join this Petts Wood Interest Group to "Shape our Future"
This is the first taster session to explore ideas.**

**2:30 – 4pm (with refreshments), Sunday 12 September 2021
United Reformed Church, Tudor Way, Petts Wood, BR5 1LH**

Register via <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/shaping-our-future-together-tickets-158603959713> or
send an email to orpingtonchislehurst@gmail.com

Weekday Activities

Monday	2.00pm 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Monday Fellowship (except Bank Hols) 3 rd Sidcup Beavers 3 rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3 rd Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10. 00am	Ladies Morning Club
Friday	10.00am—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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