

THE OUTLOOK

SEPTEMBER –
NOVEMBER 2025



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

Message From the Minister

Dear Friends,

The story of our lives can be written in linear time: time passing, years going by and accumulating. But our lives are also part of a cyclical time: the clock that ticks and brings us back to the same time every 24 hours, the week that brings us back to the same day, and the year that brings us back to the same month. As we watch time pass, see ourselves grow older and lose something we will never regain, sadness can take hold of our minds. The tradition of the Church offers a response to this. When cycles return, new beginnings are celebrated. This is true of the beginning of the year, which coincides with the Nativity of Christ, spring, which coincides with the Resurrection, and—a recent addition to the tradition—the celebration of Creation in September. This liturgical season is not old. It is becoming widespread in churches around the world. It is gaining momentum as awareness of the ecological crisis grows.

Creation is a magnificent doctrine of Christianity. To be honest, it is not specific to Christianity, but Christianity has a special approach to it. All the world's religions have some kind of creation story, a story that answers the question we have all asked ourselves at one time or another: 'How did everything around us come to be?' Biblical commentators say that the creation story we find in Genesis 1 owes much to that of the Babylonians. My Old Testament professor said that it was the greatest moment of happiness in the Bible. Everything is put in place by God so that God's creatures may live happily and always flourish. The first chapter of Genesis is a peaceful text, in which there is no deception, violence, sin or murder (all of which appear on the next page...). The biblical account of Creation tells us something essential: we did not create ourselves, nor did we create the environment in which we live (even if the cities and artificial environment in which we live would have us believe otherwise...). When we look around us with the eyes of faith in the One who created us, we are filled with a single emotion: gratitude. Contemplating Creation leads us to recognise the greatness and magnificence, the power of love and goodness that created us. This emotion cancels out the sadness I mentioned in the first lines of this letter. Thus, the beginning of a new school year while celebrating Creation in September is a joyful time. Even though it tells us that a year has passed, in faith it reminds us of the importance of living in gratitude, for we are the recipients of a gift that we can never offer or return to the One who gave it to us: life.

I wish you and your families, especially the children and young people, an excellent start to the new school year.

Rev Rodolphe Blanchard-Kowal

Church Family News

Congratulations to Angharad and Mark Macdonald on the birth of Naomi, a sister for Zara, and also to Morgan and Daisy Rees on the birth of their first child, Dylan. I am sure that Liz and Simon Rees must feel very proud grandparents. It's good to share their happy news.



Cousins Naomi and Dylan

Doreen Still has been so pleased to come to Church whilst a carer has looked after her husband. It has been lovely to see Pat Brace sharing worship too. We are pleased to see Colin Seal back with us. We are very grateful for all his willing help.

Remember Elaine Smith in Northbourne Court and her husband George who faithfully visits her regularly.

Our prayers continue for all those who are unable to get to Church.

Decorate the Church for Christmas

Advent begins on November 30th

Come and help to decorate the church

On Friday 28th November 10:30am.

A Day with Rev. Juliet

Jennifer and I spent a very happy afternoon with Juliet in her home in Croydon recently. Although Juliet has officially retired she has been working as a supernumerary in the Croydon circuit since leaving her ministry in Feltham.

It was lovely to remember the years Juliet shared her ministry with us here at Emmanuel. She had not changed at all. We were both impressed by how well she looked.

After catching up with sharing our news Juliet invited us to enjoy a delicious lunch with her.

It had been a very special afternoon. We had been given such a lovely welcome.

Juliet will be preaching at Emmauel on November 30th. Make sure you put the date in your diary

Judith



Smiling

Smiling is infectious, you catch it like the flu.

When someone smiled at me today, I started smiling too.

I walked around the corner and someone saw me grin.

When he smiled, I realised I had passed it on to him.

I thought about the smile and then realised its worth.

A single smile like mine can travel round the earth.

So, if you feel a smile begin, don't leave it undetected.

Start an epidemic and get the world infected

Jez Alborough

(often wrongly attributed to Spike Milligan)

Contributed by Pat George

Visit to Weymouth

We went on what we have now established as our annual visit to Jenni and Peter Thornton in Weymouth. This time we were able to go with them to their church. Lovely friendly service and, with Peter doing one of the readings and organising coffee afterwards, it felt like old times!

We all went to see Katherine and Gordon. As you know, they are hoping to move back to Sidcup. It was good to spend time chatting in their house as well as all six of us going for a pub meal a couple of days later.

Other trips were to Bennett's Water Gardens which is accredited as a National Plant Collection for identifying, documenting and conserving a living library of water lilies from around the world. It was a beautiful place and, perhaps inevitably, the cafe there is called Cafe Monet.

Another day we went to Montacute House, an Elizabethan mansion. One of the owners, Sir Edward Phelips, was a lawyer who made his fortune and then had a successful political career - entered Parliament in 1584 and was Speaker of the House of Commons from 1604 to 1611 before becoming Master of the Rolls. He also made the opening statement for the prosecution against Guy Fawkes and his fellow gunpowder plotters.

We had such an enjoyable time and really hope Jenni and Peter will be happy to welcome us again next year!

Jennifer and Maggie



Jenni and Peter's church in Dorset



Montacute House garden



invites you to the

Rev'd Eric Bediako

Refreshments from 6pm

Service at 7.30pm

Orpington Methodist Church

The closing date for copy for the
December / January/ February Outlook will be
Thursday 20th November

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

If you can write anything that might interest others, please do so and send it to me for publication.

There is no charge for the magazine, but there is a donation box at the back of the church to help with the cost of paper and ink and postal charges.

Tony Howard Ed

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Update on Staffing from the Circuit Stewards

Dear friends,

We write to let you know that Rev Duncan MacBean and Deacon Laura MacBean have told us they will be leaving the Circuit in a year's time (August 2026), when their current invitations come to an end. We are very grateful for their ministry and leadership and there will be time in due course to pay tribute to all they have done in our Circuit. We pray for Duncan and Laura as they explore God's calling on them in the future.

Some very good news we can share with you, is that Rev. Karen George has offered a further 5 years of service to Widmore circuit as Superintendent. Her request for an extension resulted in a glowing letter of recommendation from the Circuit Invitation Committee and was unanimously accepted at a Circuit Meeting on Weds 9th July. Her ministry in this circuit will now continue to August 2031. Please continue to pray for Karen and her family as she continues to serve in the circuit.

The Circuit Invitations Committee, with the agreement of the Circuit Meeting, will be submitting a stationing profile for a new circuit Deacon to begin work across the circuit in Sept 2026. The deacon will be tasked with developing our initiatives in mission and outreach and helping churches and individuals to develop their gifts and ministry. Please pray for all those involved in this process.

Finally we are looking forward to Rev. Eric Bediako joining the Circuit in September. His welcome service is on 4th September at Orpington, refreshments at 6pm, service at 7.30pm and everyone is encouraged to attend. We are very grateful to Rev David Gillman who has been helping us over the past 9 months during this interim period.

Widmore Circuit Stewards

Emmanuel Church

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 12th October at 10.30am

**All harvest gifts will be donated to the
Manna Society**

Come and Decorate the Church for Harvest



MANNA CENTRE
12 Melior Street, London SE1 3QP
Tele: 020 7357 9363
www.mannasociety.org.uk

OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK
8.30am – 1.30pm

ALL SERVICES ARE FREE

DAILY SERVICES (7 days a week):

FOOD: Breakfast & Lunch

SHOWERS: Soap & Towels provided

MOBILE PHONE CHARGING (Mon to Fri)

HOUSING AND WELFARE ADVICE
(Monday to Thursday)

ADDITIONAL SERVICES:

MONDAY:

9.00am-12.00noon Nurse
9.30am-1.30pm Housing & Welfare advice surgery x 2
10.00am-10.45am Clothing Store (**BY TICKET ONLY**)
10.30am-1.00pm Access to computers

TUESDAY:

9.30am-1.30pm Housing & Welfare advice surgery x 2
10.00am-11.30am Mental Health surgery
10.00am-1.00pm Chiropodist - **FORTNIGHTLY**
10.30am-1.00pm Access to computers

WEDNESDAY:

9.00am-12.00noon Nurse
9.30am-1.30pm Housing & Welfare advice surgery x 2
10.30am-1.00pm Access to computers

THURSDAY:

9.30am-1.30pm Housing & Welfare advice surgery x 2
10.30am-1.00pm Access to computers

FRIDAY

9.00am-12.00 noon Nurse
10.30am-1.00pm Access to computers

Here is a list of The Manna Society's needs
(Most important in BOLD)

Food

Sugar

Tinned Tomatoes, Vegetables

Pasta Sauces, Pasta, Rice

Baked Beans

Tinned Meat (Corned beef,

Chopped ham, Luncheon meat)

Fish

Tins of:-

Soup, Stewed Steak, Hot Dogs,

Fruit, Rice Pudding,

Stewed Steak, Soup

Coffee, Dilutable Drinks

Tea

Toiletries

Bodywash, Soap, Deodorant

Shaving foam, Shampoo

Disposable Razors,

Toothbrushes and paste

Men's Clothing

Jeans/Trousers(30-38), Socks

Trainers, Jogging Bottoms

Fleeces/Hoodies, T-shirts, Shoes

Underwear, Coats

Miscellaneous

Toilet Rolls, Tea mugs

Novels, Oyster cards
(unregistered preferably)

Pastorate Update

At the Pastorate Away Day on 7th June 2025, we explored "Recommitting our Pastorate to Ecology and Going Beyond!" The presentation defined **eco-theology**, integrating the theology of creation and biblical prophetism to emphasize God's love for all creatures and the church's call for justice in ecological matters.

We discussed the church's role in public ecological debates, noting younger generations' concerns. Data highlighted **transport and food systems** as major contributors to individual carbon footprints, advocating for significant emission reductions. While individual actions like embracing plant-based diets are crucial, governmental efforts are also vital.

The ethical dimension of **animal cruelty** was addressed, drawing on theologians Andrew Linzey and David Clough, who argue for Christian compassion towards all God's creatures. A practical step proposed was CreatureKind's **Default Veg campaign**, promoting plant-based food as the default option at church events to encourage ethical and environmental choices. This engagement reflects our Reformed tradition's commitment to societal ethical debates.

Rodolphe

Due to the hot weather, the Pastorate Picnic sadly had to be cancelled.

The Fisherman's Church

Tenby harbour in south Wales is the site of the amazing little chapel of St Julian.

The church was built in 1878 to serve the sea-faring community of Tenby replacing the original which was demolished in 1840 when improvements were made to the harbour entrance.

It is a simple building, the inside being decorated with fishing gear in addition to the memorial windows on south side.

A sign indicates that the chapel is available for funerals and weddings-what a calm and beautifully peaceful place for such occasions.

This truly is a 'Haven in the Harbour'.

Maryia Long





Services for September

4	7.30pm	Welcome Rev Eric Bediako	Orpington refreshments 6pm
7	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
14	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion
21	10.30am	Mr Paul Ayliffe	
28	10.30am	Mr Tony Ball	

Services for October

5	10.30am	Mrs Joan Mayes	
12	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Parade, Harvest
19	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	
26	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	

Services for November

2	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion
9	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Remembrance
16	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
23	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion
30	10.30am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	

Mustard Seed Relief Mission

Love in a Box

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

We also run our 'Love in a Box' campaign every Christmas. This project allows schools, businesses, churches and other organisations and individuals to fill shoe boxes with gifts for the children who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present.

Each shoe box is picked up, checked, sealed and sent to the children by lorry. The lorries are met by the distribution teams where the precious gifts are given out to the children who are eagerly awaiting them. Then the fun begins as the children open the gifts.

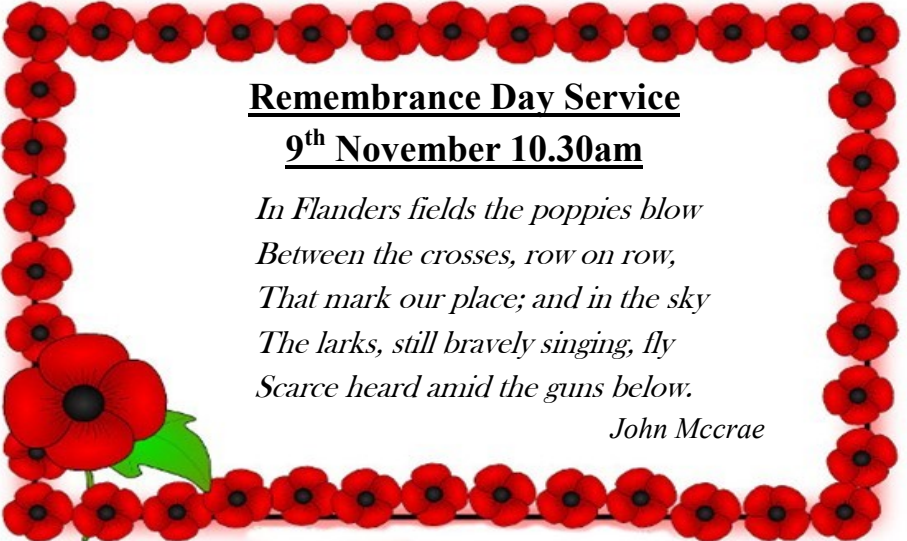
The children always thank the distribution team and ask to say a big 'thank you' to all the kind English people who show they care.

We receive many messages from our friends in Moldova thanking us for all the hard work that goes into the Love in a Box campaign.

From the distribution of the leaflets in September to the boxes arriving in a child's hands in December there is so much hard work and goodwill. None of this would be possible without all of our kind supporters who give so much of their time and effort. As we always say, we couldn't do it without you!

Mustard Seed

Leaflets will be available at the back of the church. Boxes need to be taken to church by the end of October.



Remembrance Day Service

9th November 10.30am

*In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.*

John McCrae

Pilgrimage to Wesley's Chapel



**The London Methodist Lunch Club warmly invites you to
Wesley's Chapel to hear a talk by Rev Canon Dr Julian Pursehouse
on "What would John Wesley's message be today?"**

**Friday 12 September 2025
From 1.00pm to 4.30pm**

To book:
Phone 07928 016 681
or scan the QR code to
book via Eventbrite.

Freewill donations will be collected.
The programme includes a (free) guided walkabout to local places
of significance to John Wesley or a guided visit to the house (£10).

Where:

Wesley's Chapel and Leysian Mission
49 City Road, London, EC1 1AU
Nearest tube Old Street
Nearest rail Liverpool Street

Eventbrite



Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Liturgical Date	First Reading	Psalm
Sep 7	13th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Sep 14	14th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14
Sep 21	15th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79:1-9
Sep 28	16th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Oct 5	17th Sun after P'cost	Lamentations 1:1-6	Lamentations 3:19-26
Oct 12	18th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-12
Oct 19	19th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104
Oct 26	20th Sun after P'cost	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65
Nov 1	All Saints	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149
Nov 2	21st Sun after P'cost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144
Nov 9	22nd Sun after P'cost	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
Nov 16	23rd Sun after P'cost	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12
Nov 23	24th Sun after P'cost	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79
Nov 30	1st Sun of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122

The full Lectionary can be accessed on line at
<https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/index.php>
 Make sure you select the correct year (A, B or C)

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Sep 7	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sep 14	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sep 21	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sep 28	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Oct 5	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Oct 12	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct 19	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct 26	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Nov 1	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov 2	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
Nov 9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Nov 16	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Nov 23	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov 30	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

Emmanuel Church Website

The software I used many years ago to create the website was by a company called NetFusion. They ceased trading some years ago but their website remained active. I could update our website but it relied on their website to upload my changes to the internet.

In March I found that their website no longer existed so I could no longer make changes.

In collaboration with Greig Dowling we have created a new website which I hope will go live soon.

Ed

Methodist Heritage

Located in the North Pennine Hills is the Weardale Museum and Heritage Centre which will house the Methodist Tapestries Collection exploring the key events in Methodist history.

When completed there will be 100 panels. So far only 31 have been completed whilst other panels are currently with embroiderers.

Earlier this summer a selection of the tapestries, toured Cumbria and we visited the Methodist chapel in Hawkshead in June to view 15 of the tapestries on display.



Inspired by the Scottish diaspora, David Heatherington from the Weardale Museum, envisaged a similar project illustrating Methodism, featuring local, national and international stories. The project was launched in 2020 and now

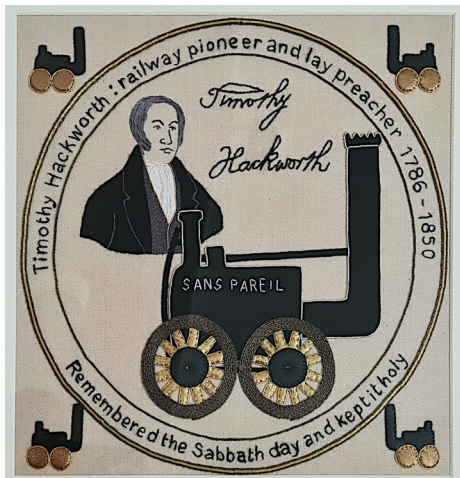


involves many crafters and textile artists from a wide area. Photos of panels can be seen on Facebook

(<https://www.facebook.com/methodisttapestriescollection/photos>)

Anyone with a love of needlework and who has previously completed a Sewing project is welcome to participate.

Judith



Food Bank

As there has been a problem and we can no longer take donations to Avery Hill Church in Southspring Road, we have now been in touch with the Oak Community Church at 345 Chipperfield Road in St Pauls Cray BR5 2LJ.

They are open on Mondays from 12.30 until 4.30 and on Wednesdays from 11.00 until 13.30. They are very busy and would appreciate our donations and as they are just around the corner from where we live it is more convenient for us to deliver. I spoke to them at length, and they work with the Trussel Trust without any problems, so it rather looks that the problems we have experienced are down to Avery Hill Church. We will be more than happy to continue collecting your donations on Sundays and then delivering on the Monday or Wednesday. If their needs are different then we will advise in the usual way. If everyone is happy with this arrangement, then normal service will resume from Sunday 24th August.

Thank you all.

*Regards
Roger and Chris*

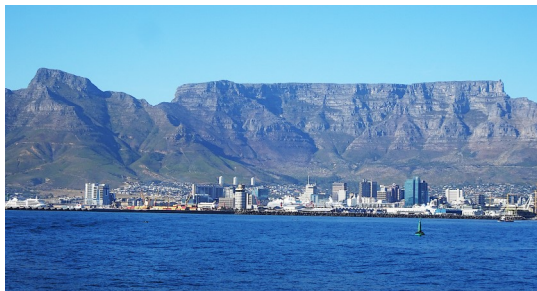
Peter and Maddie's Trip to South Africa

We have been asked to pen an article for Outlook on our trip in March to Southern Africa. We initially thought of perhaps creating a quiz based on our photos of the wildlife we saw but there was just so much that it will all but fill the magazine. And, anyway, who wants to look at other people's holiday pictures? Digital cameras have a lot to answer for. So, instead, we have opted just to pick out a few illustrated highlights to give a flavour of our adventures.



We stayed a few days in central Cape Town close-by the iconic Table Mountain. It may interest you to know that it is exactly the same height as Snowdon (3560 feet) so affords a great view when not under a tablecloth of cloud. Fortunately, this cleared just in time for us to view the town below and Robben Island in the distance. It was here that Nelson Mandela was held for 18 of his 27 years in prison. It is only an eight mile boat trip from Cape Town so is a popular tourist destination. We

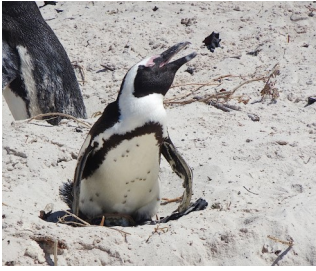
saw the cell in which he was held and had the conditions explained at length by an ex-prisoner. They were grim indeed. It is quite extraordinary that he managed to steer the country into the post-apartheid era so peacefully. Such a pity that many of his successors didn't follow his lead. There is still widespread poverty amongst the



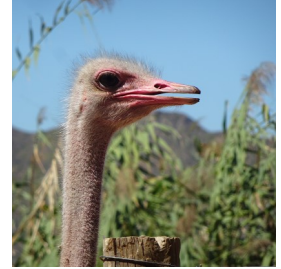
majority population with a 60% unemployment rate. As a result, wages and prices are significantly lower than in the UK and tipping is an essential way of life. We saw acres of shanty town dwellings but,

surprisingly, very many sported satellite aerials.





On another trip we visited the Cape of Good Hope and saw a colony of African penguins on the town beach and visited an ostrich farm. The former keep cool by digging a hole in the sand and sitting with an open beak. The latter have lovely eyelashes and try to eat anything that takes their fancy, including



Madeleine's hat. Their eggs weigh over 3lbs, which is about the same as 20 chickens' eggs. They take two hours

to hard-boil and have a shell so strong you can stand on it. So no good using a teaspoon to eat one.



We then journeyed by minibus for a few days along the Garden Route, a pleasant way to take in the scenery and towns of the area. At Swellendam, we called in to see an old Dutch Reform Church built in 1911. It

can seat over 1400 people! Quite a congregation. Very few native worshippers though!



An open jeep ride to see meerkats emerging was worth the pre-dawn hotel pick-up. Even if they did oversleep by an hour there were plenty of other animals to see.



One other memorable incident on this part of our trip was at the Bloukrans Bridge, which boasts the highest commercial bungee jump in the world. To our amazement, Dai, a jolly diminutive Welshman in our party took the dive, a drop of over 700 feet. At 73 years of age that takes some doing. He was regarded as such a hero that the rest of us had a whip round to cover the cost.

On returning to Cape Town we flew to Zimbabwe to see the Victoria Falls which is on the Zambezi River across from Botswana. Although the falls are very impressive we would still rate the Iguazu Falls between Argentina and Brazil as marginally superior. A word of warning should you be tempted to go there, the waterproof capes they provide





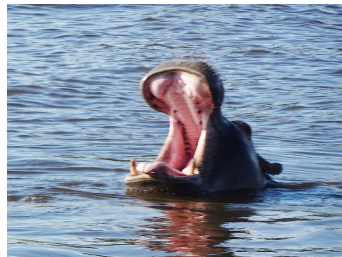
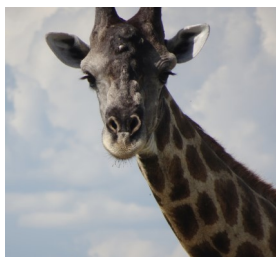
are nothing of the sort. The condensing spray means the site has permanent rainfall all day, every day. We got soaked. The evening cruise on the Zambezi was very relaxing though giving us the chance to view plenty of wild-life.

Accommodation was quite basic in comparison to South Africa; mosquito-netted beds in thatched chalets. Not unexpectedly, the economy is undeveloped and poverty seemed quite

widespread. After all, the town is very small and is set amid a vast expanse of savannah. The currency in everyday use is the US dollar as decades of hyperinflation have reduced successive versions of the local currency to be virtually worthless. We were approached several times by locals offering us thousands of Zimbabwe dollars for a few US ones; like something out of 30's Germany. It is hard to say whether or not prices are high as there was so little to buy. Only home-produced beads, bangles and carvings at the women's market appealed. We bought some but wished we could have taken more, if only to help them. The exception to the rule was the Victoria Falls Hotel; a grand, five-star rated, Edwardian mansion overlooking the Victoria Falls Railway Bridge. Here a one-night stay costs between £500 and £900. Lunch on the terrace was very reasonable though. A fabulous curry for the same price as at the Jalsha near Sidcup station. It was so hot though; plenty of drink was needed to cool down after.



The next day we were taken on a fifty-mile drive into Botswana. Not deterred by the overcomplicated border formalities, we embarked on a bush drive followed by a cruise on the River Chobe, a tributary of the Zambezi, bordering Namibia. There was abundant wild-life as you can see from these photos. A pity there is not room to show more.





Our trip ended the following day when we returned to Blighty after a long wait in Johannesburg for a double-decker Dreamliner plane with 450 other passengers. A final twist though. Just a few minutes before landing at Heathrow at 4.30 a.m. we were told we were being diverted as it was the night the substation went up in flames and Heathrow was closed. Every cloud has a silver lining they say, and ours was that, as we were the very first flight to land that morning, there was room to send us to Gatwick rather than Barcelona. So just a couple of hours delay for us but pity the other passengers due onward flights to goodness knows where.

So hopefully we haven't bored you too much and at least you could see some nice animal photos.

Peter & Maddie

Ferrier Operatic presents
a Concert – G&S & Beyond

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

Sat 11th & Sun 12th October at 3:00 pm

Tickets -£12.00 including cream tea
from Maddie Lake (07813 327487)

The Church in Wasdale

On our last visit to Cumbria we spent a day by Wastwater. After a walk by the lake and over the fells enjoying spectacular views of this beautiful but somewhat remote valley we reached Wasdale Head. Here we found St Olaf's Church which claims to be the smallest Parish Church in England. Surrounded by some of England's highest mountains it has been described as 'a little stable with pews, ancient beams and a flagstone floor able to seat 35 people.' The earliest record of the church is 1550. It is the oldest building in Wasdale, standing at the side of the ancient packhorse trail over Sty Head. The Church is open each day from 9am to dusk. It is such a peaceful place to spend a quiet moment amongst such magnificent scenery.

Judith



St Olaf's, Wasdale Head **2025 RESTORATION**

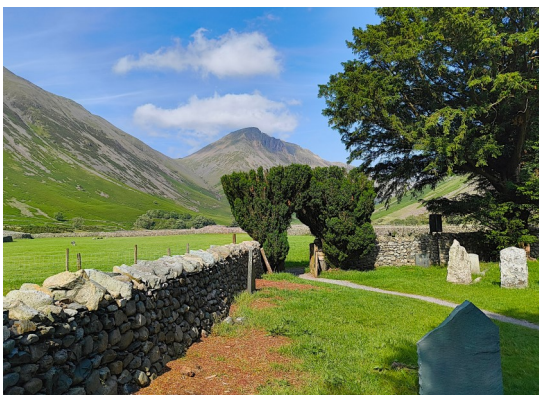
The ravages of time have taken their toll on St Olaf's, England's smallest parish church and Wasdale's oldest building. We are busy raising £210,000 for a full restoration of this special church and its churchyard in the autumn of 2025, the first major restoration since 1892. We are so grateful for the generous support already received.

If you would like to help us raise the remaining £60,000 needed, you can donate via the contactless device or the money box at the back of the church. Your donation will help restore this unique church as a sacred haven for future generations of visitors, walkers, and worshippers from across the globe. Donations can also be made online at:

www.justgiving.com/campaign/wasdaleheadchurch

If you would like to discuss the project, please phone 01946 725 725 or email wasdalehead.church@gmail.com

Thank you for your support.



Great Gable from the churchyard

Friday Coffee Morning

Every Friday in the Church Hall from 10.00am to Noon.

Come for a coffee or tea and biscuits and have a chat with friends.

All donations for church funds.



Sunday Coffee Rota



Sep	7	Ann and Maryia	Oct	26	Ann and Maryia
	14	Ethel and Maureen	Nov	2	Pat & Marion
	21	Pam & Jennifer		9	Judith & Maddie
	28	Pat & Marion			Remembrance
Oct	5	Judith & Maddie		16	Roger & Christine
	12	Roger & Christine		23	Ethel and Maureen
		harvest		30	Pam & Jennifer
	19	Ethel and Maureen			

Lavender Bags

Would anyone care to join me on a Friday Morning at the very successful Coffee Morning, in-between tea, coffee and biscuits, and make some Lavender Bags?

I will provide the Lavender, the materials, needles and thread, etc. etc. If you are interested in making your Knicker draw smell nice, please speak to me and I will arrange, starting on the 12th of September. If you are worried about your stitching skills, don't worry, fabric glue works a treat.

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Christine Latch

THE ROUNDABOUT BOOK

Borough of East Ham Education Committee

PRIZE Awarded To Jack Card, For General Progress,

Walton Road Infants' School 28th June 1912.

In this section, two girls Bay and Mog discover what happens in The Town when they visited The Factory.

Bay and Mog once went to a factory to see rags turned into paper. They had often saved all the little pieces of stuff which were cut off when new clothes were being made, and every bit of rag they could find, and sold them for fourpence to the rag-and-bone man; and they always wondered what he did with them. Now they learned that he took them to a rag merchant, who put them with a great heap of others, so that they could be sorted by women and girls – the white cotton in one heap, the woollen things in another, and the coloured things in another. Then these were put into different sacks and taken to the factory.

In the factory there were a great number of people to do the work, and many engines. Bay and Mog saw rags being washed in a great tank of water; and they saw some in another tank, where a machine with hundreds of teeth was whirling round and round, and tearing them to tiny, tiny pieces, so that they and water became like pulp. Then they saw the pulp being dried and pressed, the dark into brown paper, while the white was made all glazy, so that it might become notepaper. Next they saw cutting and folding machines; and at last the manager gave each of them a beautiful packet of paper and envelopes, which had just been finished.

Recycling is not new!

Submitted by Ethel

We look forward to seeing you at
Foots Cray Baptist Church
on
Saturday 6th September 2025
from
10am-12noon

Come for **Breakfast**
buy cards & other gifts & goodies

‘Bake for Bibles’ – try a slice of home made cake &
help the Bible Society distribute Bibles worldwide

The British and Foreign Bible Society, now known as Bible Society, was founded on 7th March 1804 making it 220 years old. Established to encourage the wider circulation and use of the Scriptures the society was formed by a group of people including William Wilberforce and Thomas Charles.

All Welcome

Foots Cray Baptist Church
welcomes you to a

***‘GAMES
DAY’***

in the Church Hall
on

Saturday 20th September 2025
from ***2-4pm***

to include

Board & Card Games, Snooker & Table Tennis

All Welcome

Nibbles, Tea & Coffee will be provided

Guides

4th Sidcup Emmanuel Church guides at KIJ25 - the international Scout Jamboree in Kent earlier this month. We were in Tropical sub camp. The girls had a great time, bridge building, go-cart driving, climbing, painting stones, and fairground rides every evening.

Liz Rees



All We Can

All We Can, the Methodist Church's international development charity is holding a Harvest Celebration Service on September 8th at Notting Hill Methodist Church.

All We Can would love to welcome you to our Harvest Celebration Service, where we'll be celebrating this season of **harvest, solidarity, and sustainable change**.

We'll be joined by the **President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, Revd Richard Andrew and Matthew Forsyth**.

The service will be taking place in Notting Hill Methodist Church, 240 Lancaster Rd, London, W11 4AH on **Monday 8th September 2025** and all are welcome! The service starts at 7.15pm after refreshments at 6.00pm.

If you're coming, please help us keep track of numbers by filling out the short form on our website:

<https://www.allwecan.org.uk/harvest-celebration-service/>



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
Rev. Ronald Edwin Parker	1997
Stephen Watkins	2002
Ida Wiles	2008
Colin Arthur Brown	2023

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
Rene Dorothy Seal	2016

Weekday Activities

Monday	9.30 - 11.00am	Toddler's Play Group
	5.45pm	3 rd Sidcup Beavers
	6.30pm	3 rd Sidcup Cub Scouts
	7.30pm	3 rd Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10.00am	Ladies Morning Club
Friday	10.00am—noon	Coffee Morning
	4.45pm	6 th Sidcup Rainbows
	6.00pm	6 th Sidcup Brownies
	7.30pm	4 th Sidcup Guides



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