

THE  
OUTLOOK

JANUARY/FEBRUARY

2014



Emmanuel Church Sidcup

Methodist and United Reformed

## A Message from your Minister

Dear Friends,

We are in the New Year. As I write the date is the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2014.

It is imperative to thank the Almighty God first and foremost for the year just ended. We must thank him for the full life we experience at Emmanuel, Sidcup and the opportunities to do things together as a community. We must also show gratitude for the love known and shared as we journey through life side by side as Christians with God as our helper, engaged in the common goal of extending His Kingdom here on earth.

As we begin this year and take our steps into the future, little is safe or certain unless God is with us. We need to remember that great verse “No man, having put his hand to the plough and looks back...” (St Luke 9:62). Ploughing means moving forward, and one who ploughs a field does not look back, for if you look back as Lot’s wife did when fleeing the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah, the course of the plough will go awry and thus the ground being ploughed will not be fit to be sown with seed. Hence one has to be focused to do a good piece of work. The New Year is a gift from God and we need to ask for grace to handle this gift and make full use of it.

In 2013 we set great and small goals as a Community. We worshipped God, attended fellowship meetings, Lent and Advent sessions, as well as Messy Church which brought young couples and children from the wider community of Sidcup. I wish to say thank you to those members of the Church who put their hearts and commitment to make Messy Church a success and I wish to applaud the support we received from the whole Church. We have done what was humanly possible to meet the goals we set. We can only pray and praise God for the opportunities and for what we did not do.

The same applies to our spiritual Pilgrimage with each New Year. We need direction with definite resolutions, if we are to continue to grow in holiness. We have to leave the past, along with all the clutter that hinders us from starting anew. We must ask God for courage and wisdom to pursue the deeper truth and go where he leads us. So let us start this year with God and co-operate with him as Mary and Joseph did. They simply obeyed not knowing where they would be led.

I wish you all a pleasant and Spirit filled Year in 2014

*Juliet*



**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 the 18th January, and  
15th February 2014

**Time ?** 4pm - 6pm

**Who ?** All ages welcome

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



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## **Thank You**

Grateful thanks to all who helped me when I tripped leaving Church on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November. The offers of tables to cut the draught, hot water bottle, electric fire, blankets etc. were all much appreciated as was the constant supply of hot drinks for my attendants.

The long wait was disappointing but, thankfully, no real harm ensued and I reached home, thanks to son, Bob, at 6.15pm.

The concrete did not suffer either! Fortunately I did not break any bones, just acquired two lovely black eyes, a scraped nose and lip. Not a pretty sight but being 'well-padded' probably helped me escape worse injuries!

Thanks again.

*Eileen*

## Messy Church on 16<sup>th</sup> November

What a turnout we had. There were 17 families who attended with 27 children - over 60 people altogether. We were quite run off our feet. The theme was “**Families**” and what a magnificent variety of things they had to do.

Drawing and colouring animal families or filling in and colouring their own family tree, helping make a World Family Collage by cutting out pictures of people from magazines and newspapers – there weren’t many pictures of people stuck on the board but not to worry they had a great time cutting and pasting whatever caught their eye.

They created their own Family by dipping cut out potatoes and sponge in paint and applying to paper sheets which were, when dry, laminated to take home.

Decorating Biscuit people with Icing Sugar and sprinkles was popular with the younger ones and the older ones actually rolled out their own pastry, used gingerbread cutters of different sizes, cut out the pastry and we baked them in the oven for them to take home.

There was the ever popular toddler corner and sand pit for the tiny ones and, of course, the playdoh table.

At 5:00 everyone went into Church for prayers, a hymn, a presentation and a bible story.

When they all came back into the hall the usual sumptuous banquet awaited them and the food was quickly demolished.

It was lovely to see so many, very tired, happy little faces as the children collected what they had made and departed for home.

Once again, a great big “thank you” to all the people who put so much effort into making it such a successful day but to see the look of pleasure on their little faces is reward enough.

*Roger*

## Messy Church on 14<sup>th</sup> December

Messy Church celebrated the Nativity on December 14<sup>th</sup>. A total of seventeen children enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities. They made angels, crowns, lanterns and paper chains. They coloured nativity scenes and made Christmas cards. They decorated star shaped biscuits and wrote prayers to hang on the Christmas tree.

In the church they watched a DVD about the nativity and sang “Away in a manger”. They returned to the hall to enjoy the food that had been prepared for them and as they left to go home each child received a small gift. It was a very happy afternoon!

*Judith*

## Sidcup High Street ‘Improvements’

Starting on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014 Bexley Council are commencing a project to improve Sidcup High Street. The following is an extract from a leaflet that I have received by email:-

### **The scheme includes:**

- Improved pedestrian crossings
- Better access to public transport
- Reduced street clutter
- New paving, lighting and trees
- Space for markets and events
- New shop fronts

It will make Sidcup High Street a more attractive place for both traffic and pedestrians, and help boost business. We appreciate your co-operation in making this happen and we thank you for bearing with us during the road works.

The Council and its contractors will be in regular communication with businesses, schools and residents to keep them aware of works affecting their area. Businesses will remain open as usual.

During the construction works, the contractor will provide space for loading and unloading areas for traders along the high street. The loading areas will be clearly marked and will change in location as work progress

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During the road works the High Street will be one-way towards Station Road. Hatherley and Hadlow Roads will be closed for several weeks at a time at their junctions with the High Street. Busses will be diverted. Enjoy!

*Ed*

### **Please Note**

Starting in March I will only be producing Outlook every three months. These will coincide with the periods in the Preaching Rota (Mar - May, Jun - Aug, Sep - Nov, Dec - Feb).

The closing date for copy for the **Mar/Apr/May** Outlook will be

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February**

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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## **Christian Meditation**

Emmanuel Church Sidcup

**There will be no Julian Meetings in 2014**

### **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.



### **Lunch**

You are invited to Lunch at 1pm on **Wednesdays** 15<sup>th</sup> January and 19<sup>th</sup> February in the Green Room. Come and enjoy a meal followed by tea or coffee in a friendly atmosphere.

The price is £3 min! Its a bargain!



### **Sunday Coffee**

Coffee will continue to be served in the hall after morning service every Sunday during the winter. All are welcome.



### **Men's Supper Club**

Will be meeting on 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesdays at 7.30pm

January 8

February 12



## Services for January

5	10.30am	Mr John Sennett	
12	10.30am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion, Covenant Service
19	10.30am	Mrs Elizabeth Dobb	Parade and Family service
	6.30pm	CTIS Unity Service	Refreshments from 5.30pm
26	10.30am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	

## Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>Liturgical Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>
<b>Jan 1,</b>	<b>New Year's Day</b>	Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
<b>Jan 5,</b>	<b>Epiphany Sunday</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6
<b>Jan 6,</b>	<b>Epiphany of the Lord</b>	Isaiah 60:1-6
<b>Jan 12,</b>	<b>Baptism of the Lord</b>	Isaiah 42:1-9
<b>Jan 19,</b>	<b>2nd Sun after the Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 49:1-7
<b>Jan 26,</b>	<b>3rd Sun after the Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 9:1-4
<b>Feb 2,</b>	<b>4th Sun after the Epiphany</b>	Micah 6:1-8
<b>Feb 2,</b>	<b>The Presentation of the Lord</b>	Malachi 3:1-4
<b>Feb 9,</b>	<b>5th Sun after the Epiphany</b>	Isaiah 58:1-9a (9b-12)
<b>Feb 16,</b>	<b>6th Sun after the Epiphany</b>	Deuteronomy 30:15-20
<b>Feb 23,</b>	<b>7th Sun after the Epiphany</b>	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18

From the United Methodist Church, GBOD (The General Board of Discipleship) website <http://www.gbod.org/lead-your-church/revised-common-lectionary2013-2014>



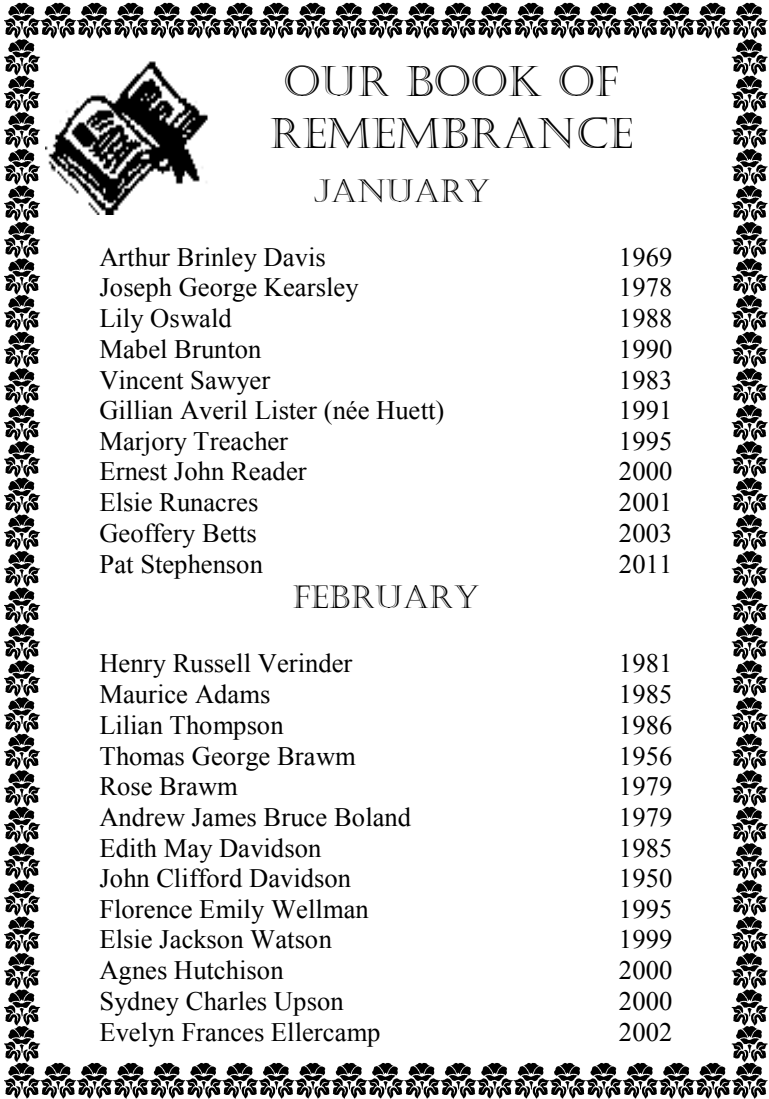
## Services for February

2	10.30am	Mrs Julie Gardner	
9	10.30am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion
16	10.30am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Parade and Family service
23	10.30am	Mr David Gloin	

## Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>Psalm Reading</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel Reading</b>
<b>Jan 1,</b>	Psalm 8	Revelation 21:1-6a	Matthew 25:31-46
<b>Jan 5,</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Jan 6,</b>	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
<b>Jan 12,</b>	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
<b>Jan 19,</b>	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
<b>Jan 26,</b>	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
<b>Feb 2,</b>	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
<b>Feb 2,</b>	Psalm 24	Hebrews 2:14-18	Luke 2:22-40
<b>Feb 9,</b>	Psalm 112:1-10	1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
<b>Feb 16,</b>	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
<b>Feb 23,</b>	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48





# OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

## JANUARY

Arthur Brinley Davis	1969
Joseph George Kearsley	1978
Lily Oswald	1988
Mabel Brunton	1990
Vincent Sawyer	1983
Gillian Averil Lister (née Huett)	1991
Marjory Treacher	1995
Ernest John Reader	2000
Elsie Runacres	2001
Geoffery Betts	2003
Pat Stephenson	2011

## FEBRUARY

Henry Russell Verinder	1981
Maurice Adams	1985
Lilian Thompson	1986
Thomas George Brawm	1956
Rose Brawm	1979
Andrew James Bruce Boland	1979
Edith May Davidson	1985
John Clifford Davidson	1950
Florence Emily Wellman	1995
Elsie Jackson Watson	1999
Agnes Hutchison	2000
Sydney Charles Upson	2000
Evelyn Frances Ellercamp	2002

## Christmas Collections

Carol singing in the streets raised £154 for Action for Children.

Carols by Candlelight, Christmas service collections, the Christmas Card Tree and other donations raised a total of £150 for Crisis.

Freda's birthday party raised £170 for the Nasio Trust.

**New Eltham Methodist Church  
Presents**

# **Quasimodo**

## **A Monster Raving Fanto**

at The Centre, New Eltham Methodist Church

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm**

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2.30pm and 7.30pm**

### **Women's Fellowship Hour**

January	6 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas memories
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Freda's trip to Kenya
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Illustrated talk by Denise Baldwin
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz and games
February	3 <sup>rd</sup>	To be arranged
	10 <sup>th</sup>	Chartwell by Peter Jones
	17 <sup>th</sup>	Freda's daughter Janet's trip to Everest Base Camp
	24 <sup>th</sup>	To be arranged
March	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Daffodil Day



### **Cradle Roll Birthdays**

Gabriel Rudolfo Rai will be 4 on Jan 13<sup>th</sup>.  
Sophie Betty Roberts will be 2 on Jan 30<sup>th</sup>

Happy Birthday to you both!

## **Friendship Club**

Those of us who braved the inclement weather on November 6<sup>th</sup> spent a warm evening with the children of the NASIO organisation as Freda and her daughter Janet brought us up to date with the latest information.

Freda was off to Kenya the next day so it was brave of her to spend the evening talking and showing us slides of the children, with packing etc. still to do.

We who also support the children can only admire the devotion and encouragement involved in giving them a more promising start in life.

There is still a need to contribute as much as possible towards providing the variety of equipment that can make such a difference to these benighted bairns.

*Eileen*

Our December meeting was as usual a members evening. By tradition, members bring readings, poems or music on a Christmas theme to share with other members. We had several readings this year including the last part of a book about Mrs Scrooge. It is an entertaining book read by Maureen May.

Marion Parfitt entertained us all by relating her grandson's school nativity play which she had watched that morning. It brought back lots of memories for us all.

Later Freda played the piano and we sang several Christmas Carols followed by refreshments. It was a nice way to spend an evening and was enjoyed by all. We do not meet in January and so resume again on the first Wednesday in February.

*JennyThornton*

The speaker at the February meeting will be Don Wiles. His talk consists of two topics - Calendar and Paper.

Colin Brown will be the speaker at the March meeting.

## **Pastoral News**

Tricia and David King have moved to 41 Barchester Way, Tonbridge, TN10 4HR  
Doris Parkin has been unwell. We also remember Matthew who is caring for her at home.

Pam Bush had a fall on Christmas Eve and badly bruised her temple. As a precaution she spent the night in Kings College Hospital and was visited by Father Christmas. She is now recovering slowly at home.

Continue to pray for David Calvert.

We also remember in our prayers those in Care Homes, Sue Moore, Lorna New, Peter Scopes, and Bunty Cumming.

# 4<sup>th</sup> Sidcup Guides

## TABLE SALE SUNDAY 19<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014

On Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January we are holding our annual table sale in the hall after Church Parade to raise funds for the Shelter Box Charity.

Please bring unwanted Christmas gifts and any suitable items for sale either to Guides on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January or on the day,

Please support the sale on the day.

Thanks

Magpie & Heron

### **Funnily Enough**

A positive attitude may not solve all your problems, but will annoy enough people to make it worth the effort.

The Evening News is where they begin with “Good evening;” and then proceed to tell you why it isn’t.

No man is truly married until he understands every word his wife is not saying.

Aged aunts used to come up to me at weddings, poking me in the ribs and cackling: “You’re next.” They stopped after I started doing the same thing to them at funerals.

Why is it called “after dark” when it’s really after light?

*Supplied by Don Wiles*

### **Monthly Churches Together in Sidcup Prayer Meeting every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday**

9.00 - 9.30 am. All welcome

18 Jan – RCCG Victory Assembly, 367a Footscray Road, New Eltham

15 Feb- Sidcup Baptist Church, 167 Main Road, Sidcup

### **CTIS Unity Service**

Sunday 19 Jan – Emmanuel Church. Refreshments from 5.30pm

# Dates For Your Diary

## JANUARY

Wed	1		
Thu	2		
Fri	3	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	4		
Sun	5	10.30 am Mr John Sennett	
Mon	6	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	7	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	8		Men's Supper Club
Thu	9	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	10	Coffee morning 10.30 am	10.00 am Social committee meeting
Sat	11		
Sun	12	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion, Covenant Service
Mon	13	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	14	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	15	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	16		
Fri	17	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	18		4 - 6pm Messy Church
Sun	19	10.30 am Mrs Elizabeth Dobb	Parade and Family service
		Guides Table Sale	
		6.30 pm CTIS Unity Service	Refreshments from 5.30pm
Mon	20	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	21	Craft Group 2.30 pm	7.30pm Mission committee
Wed	22		
Thu	23	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	24	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	25		
Sun	26	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	
Mon	27	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	28	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	29	10.30am Elder's meeting	
Thu	30		
Fri	31	Coffee morning 10.30 am	

# Dates For Your Diary

## FEBRUARY

Sat	1		
Sun	2	10.30 am Mrs Julie Gardner	
Mon	3	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	4	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	5		7.30pm Friendship Group
Thu	6	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	7	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	8	"Hearts and Flowers" with raffle	
Sun	9	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion
Mon	10	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	11	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	12		Men's Supper Club
Thu	13		
Fri	14	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	15		4 - 6pm Messy Church
Sun	16	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Parade and Family service
Mon	17	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	18	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	19	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	20	Bells 10.30 am	Outlook Copy due
Fri	21	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	22		
Sun	23	10.30 am Mr David Gloin	
Mon	24	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	25	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	26		
Thu	27		
Fri	28	Coffee morning 10.30 am	

# Weekday Activities

Monday	2.00pm 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Woman's Hour 3rd Sidcup Beavers 3rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3rd Sidcup Scouts
Tuesday	2.30pm	Craft Group (monthly)
Thursday	10.00am 8.00pm	Ladies Morning Club Choir
Friday	10.30am—noon 1.30pm 6.00pm 7.30pm	Coffee Morning Parents & Toddlers Club 6th Sidcup Brownies 4th Sidcup Guides



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