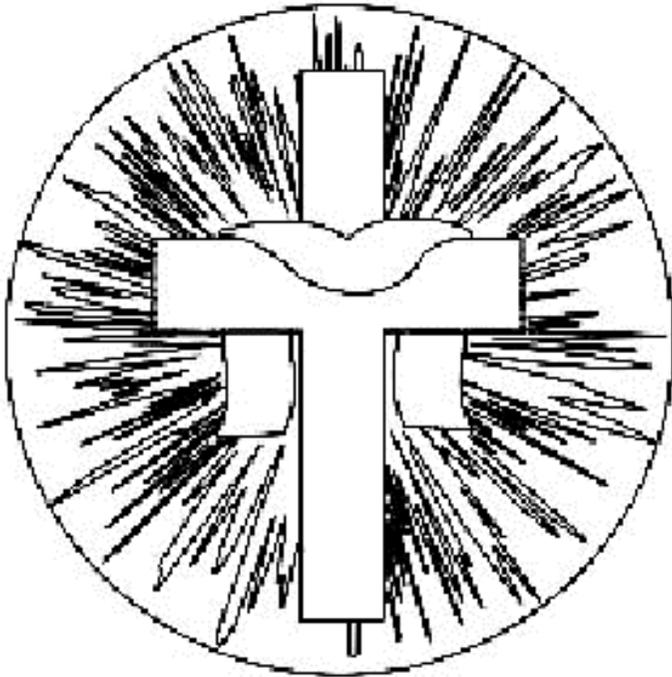


THE
OUTLOOK

MARCH TO MAY
2014



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

A Message from your Minister

Dear Friends,

I cannot believe it is just ten days to Lent. It seems time is moving very fast. We are at the start of Lent, the time of the year when as Disciples of Christ are invited to take stock of our lives and spend time deepening our relationship with God.

For us the Lenten period is a sacred journey of remembering the love of Christ. It is a time when we seek to understand the fullness of Christ's offering on the cross and the power of His resurrection.

This Lenten journey has three main themes for Christians to consider, prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These items are designed to help us examine three areas of our lives.

Prayer helps us look again at our relationship with God and ask is this relationship a vital, living part of our daily life? Prayer creates a space for us to enter into the stillness with the God of love. It is imperative that we spend time with God, so that every soul we come in contact with may experience his presence in us.

Fasting makes us look at how we are using the resources of the world around us. To say we give up chocolates, sweets, wine and so on without clear purpose trivialises Lent. When we fast our action must encourage us to do better things, such as giving to those in need and improving our relationship with God and each other.

Almsgiving is a sign of generosity. It often results from prayer and fasting. The closer we come to God the closer we are drawn to each other.

This Lenten pilgrimage is a significant journey. We travel together as the Body of Christ from Ash Wednesday to the Crucifixion and finally to the joy of Easter Morning. As we read the scriptures and pray we encounter the Lord Jesus, the Apostles, and the High Priests. We also meet the Pharisees, the Scribes, Pilate, the Roman Soldiers and the sinners who were healed. All these people have so much to teach us about other people's suffering as well as our own suffering, pain, hurts and faith.

Perhaps the most significant action we can take is to cooperate with the Holy Spirit, who is with us every step of our journey, helping us to confront the big questions of meaning and commitment to our faith in Jesus Christ.

May the Lord bless you and help you emulate Mary Magdalene who opened the citadel of her heart, believed deeply, loved sacrificially and met the Lord in garden.

God bless you always.

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 4pm - 6pm

15th march (Plants)

12th April (Easter)

10th May (Transport)

Who ? All ages welcome



We look forward to seeing you all there

"Contacts: 01689 821956/julietushe@hotmail.com/donnakebabie@aol.com"

Messy Church on 18th January

Our Church should be very proud of itself for being home to so many truly wonderful people who give so much of their time, energy, talents and love.

We had 25 children with their parents and/or grandparents and the church hall was absolutely heaving. (We'll have to push the walls out before long) The theme this month was "Weather" and the children had a fantastic choice of things to do. They cut out snowmen, stuck them on black paper and used chalk or cotton wool to represent snow, they made Suns, colouring paper plates and sticking yellow tissue paper on, they did blow painting by putting runny paint on paper and blowing the paint through a straw to make pretty patterns, they made umbrellas out of paper plates cut in half. They cut out pictures of people with clothes on to face any kind of weather. They had a table set up as a snow scene and could make pipe-cleaner people who could sit on sledges, ride on skis or just carry an umbrella. I think the most popular table was the one where we set up 4 bowls, one with warm water, one with Ice, one with "Snow", and one with shaving foam. I think one little boy spent the whole time with his hands in the bowls.

We, of course, still had the toddler's corner and the playdoh table which are ever popular.

At about 5:00 pm the children and parents went into the church to sing a couple of popular hymns, hear a bible story and say some prayers whilst we tidied up and set out another magnificent banquet. The children returned to the hall excited from singing "Shine Jesus Shine", sat round the tables and demolished all the food in 5 minutes flat.

We were all on our knees with exhaustion, but it was worth it.

I think I will sum up by quoting one young mum as she left with her two children – "Brilliant, absolutely brilliant, when is the next one?"

Roger

Messy Church on 15th February

We thought this month it was going to be a bit quieter as 5 of our "regular" families were going to a wedding and because it was the start of school half term but we still had 24 children with their parents and/or grandparents.

What a wonderful choice of things they had to do:

They created their own Valentines Day cards for their Mum's using stickers or colouring them in.

They made wonderful Friendship Bracelets out of pipe cleaners and beads and then proudly wore them.

Finger painting "I Love You Crosses" and "Name Plaques" to be laminated when dry and used as book marks were very popular.

Making very beautiful and exotic looking Valentines Roses was also popular, using serviettes and lolly sticks.

The budding young "Masterchefs" of the future decorated heart shaped biscuits with coloured icing sugar and sprinkles and their designs were amazing to see.

Making shapes by twisting balloons together got their interest as, all of a sudden, a dog or cat shape was created.

The whole atmosphere was wonderful and was taken to a higher level by the beautiful music being played on the piano. I think we "oldies" take piano playing for granted but to young people nowadays, it is a lovely novelty.

At about 5:10, the children and parents went into church for prayers, a hymn and a bible story before coming back into the hall for the usual, magnificent feast.

Once again, a big thank you to all the wonderful, talented people who put so much effort into making Messy Church such a joyous occasion.

Roger

A Special Service to Commemorate those who died and suffered in WW1

Nowadays, if one of our servicemen is killed in action, it is headline news. On the 4th August 1914 the 1st World War started. By the end of that dreadful conflict in 1918, close to a million UK servicemen were killed and over two and a quarter million were wounded, most seriously. Women took over the work of men and often worked in factories making munitions, where because of the materials being used they became jaundiced or any cut could turn gangrenous and could end in death. Many women were nurses working close to the front line.

There were very few families in the country that didn't lose at least one member of their family, a father, a brother or a son, some families lost all their menfolk. There was no welfare state then and the consequences for those left behind without a breadwinner were to say the least horrendous.

We have our wall plaques and war memorial record book to honour those who attended our church in the past who died in the war but we thought it would be fitting on the 100th anniversary of the start of WW1 for our current members to bring pictures, letters, mementos and their memories (and passed down memories) of their relatives who served in WW1 to a special service which will be arranged near to the 4th August. In the course of my career I have gone into many hundreds of people's homes and many homes still proudly display those sepia or black and white pictures of their uniformed relatives.

Photographs and letters can be collected and copied for display and a copy left in our record book. Memories can be written down or you can tell us them to us.

WHY?

We must never, ever forget the sacrifices that were made and the suffering that followed. It must never happen again.

Roger

Lent Courses

At Christchurch, Main Road, Sidcup at 7.45pm on Tuesdays in Lent.

11th March Sharing Jesus: whole story, whole life, whole church

18th March Understanding the strategy: the church

25th March Getting the eternally significant into everyday chat

1st April Being heard and understood

8th April Making the most of tough questions

For more information contact Pamela Steed 020 8850 1570

SPONSORED KNIT

Saturday 15th March. From 10.00am.

Refreshments. Supporters welcome.

The challenge - knit a Rainbow Hat or a Teddy Bear in 2 hours
for orphans in Kenya

OR

Knit squares to be made into blankets for Smile International
Freda will be going to Kenya again in May and will take all knitted
garments, hats and teddies.

Anyone wishing to knit a red school pullover please collect a pattern.

Sponsored money - Emmanuel Church

Women's World Day of Prayer

Friday March tth at 11.00am

At Christchurch, Main Road, Sidcup

The subject will be 'Cairo'

Please note

The closing date for copy for the **Jun/July/Aug** Outlook will be

Thursday 22nd May

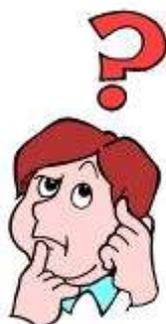
Earlier contributions will be welcomed.

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

Saturday 29th March 2014
at 6.30pm

...QUIZ



NIGHT

With Fish and Chip Supper

In

Emmanuel Church Hall

Tea and coffee included

Proceeds to the Outreach Projects

Tickets, £10 each.

(£5.00 without food)

Tickets will be available from
2nd Mar from Pat George

Please buy early to assist
catering arrangements



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** 19th March, 16th April and 21st May 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

The next meeting will be in September.

Thinking Day

Emmanuel Guides were hosts for the District Thinking Day celebrations on Saturday 22nd February 2014.

The church sanctuary was used for the event with more than sixty Rainbows, Brownies and Guides attending.

It was a bright and cheerful celebration with flags hung and posters painted earlier by the girls displayed.

The girls had a great time displaying postcards received from groups overseas. They played geographically based games such as French skipping and enjoyed icing flags of the world onto biscuits.

The girls renewed their promises and contributed to the WAGGS thinking day fund.

The event ended with a balloon cascade from a net which everyone enjoyed.

Elizabeth Rees



On Saturday 22nd February, the Church was “Alive” with Brownies, Guides, Guiders and Trefoil Members all celebrating Thinking Day – the Birthdays of the founder, Lord Baden Powell and Lady Baden Powell, There were flags flying high from the balconies; and across to the organ. The walls and pillars were full of pictures and information relating to the quiz.

There were tables for badge making, building the “leaning tower of Pisa” in marshmallows; making shakers, colouring, icing biscuits and “exercises” on the dais.

It was exciting – it was fun. Two beautiful cakes were cut at the end, then balloons fluttered down from the net strung across the centre of the church.

Congratulations to ALL who made it such a memorable event.

Freda

An Early Valentines Day ?

“Hearts and Flowers” was the title of the afternoon tea held on February 8th and the invitation said to wear something red.

What a happy afternoon we shared! As Tony and I entered the Church hall we walked into a sea of red. The hall glowed with colour. Everyone was wearing something red, either a sweater or blouse, a jacket or scarf, or even a hat!

Red cloths covered the tables and red balloons adorned the walls. Candlelight and soft music created a relaxed, warm, calm but friendly atmosphere in which friends could chat and enjoy delicious sandwiches, cakes and heart shaped biscuits for afternoon tea.

There were flowers to buy and a selection of materials to make your own. Some people had lucky raffle tickets and every one enjoyed a chocolate.

Thank you to the members of the Social Committee for organising such an enjoyable afternoon tea and raising a total of £109-50 which was donated to British Heart Foundation.

It was good to celebrate the forthcoming Valentines day early!

Judith Howard

Have you enjoyed a special event at Church or anywhere else?

Do write about it and share your enjoyment with others.

Outlook is your magazine!

The editor is pleased to receive contributions which help to make our magazine a pleasure to read.

He will always try to find an empty space to include your article.

Two more things I've learnt

... two people can look at the same thing and see something totally different.

... the happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything they have!

From Don Wiles



Services for March

- 2 10.30am Mrs Sue Cope
- 5 **10.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze** Ash Wednesday service, Weaver Room
- 7 **11.00am Women's World Day of Prayer, Christchurch**
- 9 10.30pm Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Communion,
- 16 10.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Parade and Family service
- 23 10.30am Mr John Sennett
- 30 10.30am Mrs Pat Woodison

Services for April

- 6 10.30am Mrs Joan Mayes
- 13 10.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Communion
- 17 **2.00pm Rev Juliet Ushewokunze** Maundy Thursday service
- 20 **9.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze** Easter Communion service
- 20 10.30am Worship Leaders Parade and Family service
- 27 10.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze

Services for May

- 4 10.30am Mr Chris Price
- 11 10.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Communion
- 18 10.30am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Parade and Family service
- 25 10.30am Mr David Gloin

News from Trish

Hello Everyone,

Dennis and I are settling in nicely here in Tonbridge. Our bungalow is situated towards the Hadlow end of town and we back onto fields which is lovely. We have met a few of our neighbours, a couple even via the back garden when we lost several fence panels during the strong winds over Christmas and the New Year. Luckily for us we were not affected by the floods but we did see some of the damage to shops and businesses in the high street which was a very sad sight.

Our daughter Michelle and grandson Alex also plan to join us here and both have been regular visitors. Amazingly, Michelle has managed to find a job in Tonbridge and at the moment commutes daily from Sidcup. Now we are in the process of searching for a home for both her and Alex.

Tonbridge Methodist Church is only a ten minute walk away which is great. The building is only eleven years old and is light and airy inside (and oh so lovely and warm!). It has recently celebrated its anniversary with the service taken by Sarah Middleton who is involved with “Art in Methodism” and who showed us some of their pictures depicting biblical scenes.

Like Emmanuel, the church is trying out “Café” services and in February the theme for the morning was “Poverty”. The congregation was shown the faces of some famous people i.e. Halle Berry, Charlie Chaplin, Ella Fitzgerald, Shane Ritchie and Daniel Craig and we had to guess the connection between them. Apparently, they have all been poor or homeless at one time or another in their lives. We learnt and discussed the percentages of people claiming benefits illegally, of peoples opinion of those genuinely on benefits and the effects of unemployment on families especially children and breakups of marriages. A very thought provoking morning.

Tonbridge Methodist Church is a strong community and our minister Marie-Anne is very popular. It has a wide range of ages so it’s nice to see young families attending as well as us “oldies”. Over the weeks I’ve met various members of the congregation (including Rev Keith Lyon of all people!) and discovered quite quickly that my own neighbour is a Methodist, so no escape.

Well Emmanuel, I hope all is well with you. I still come up to Sidcup occasionally so most likely will bump into one or two of you there so till then be good and enjoy the road works again!

Trish

Decorating the Church for Easter

Come and join us on Saturday April 19th at 10.00am

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Liturgical Date	First Reading
Mar 2,	Transfiguration Sunday	Exodus 24:12–18
Mar 5,	Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17
Mar 9,	1st Sun in Lent	Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7
Mar 16,	2nd Sun in Lent	Genesis 12:1–4a
Mar 23,	3rd Sun in Lent	Exodus 17:1–7
Mar 30,	4th Sun in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1–13
<u>Apr 6,</u>	5th Sun in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1–14
Apr 13,	Palm/Passion Sunday	Isaiah 50:4–9a
Apr 14,	Mon of Holy Week	Isaiah 42:1–9
Apr 15,	Tue of Holy Week	Isaiah 49:1–7
Apr 16,	Wed of Holy Week	Isaiah 50:4–9a
Apr 17,	Holy Thursday	Exodus 12:1–4 (5–10) 11–14
Apr 18,	Good Friday	Isaiah 52:13–53:12
Apr 19,	Holy Saturday	Job 14:1-14
Apr 19,	Easter Vigil	Exodus 14:10–31; 15:20–21 Genesis 1:1–2:4a
Apr 20,	Easter Sunday	Acts 10:34-43
Apr 27,	2nd Sun of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22–32
May 4,	3rd Sun of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36–41
May 11,	4th Sun of Easter	Acts 2:42-47
May 18,	5th Sun of Easter	Acts 7:55-60
May 25,	6th Sun of Easter	Acts 17:22-31
May 29,	Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11

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

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Psalm Reading	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
Mar 2,	Psalm 99	2 Peter 1:16–21	Matthew 17:1–9
Mar 5,	Psalm 51:1–17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16–21
Mar 9,	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12–19	Matthew 4:1–11
Mar 16,	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1–5, 13–17	John 3:1–17
Mar 23,	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1–11	John 4:5–42
Mar 30,	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8–14	John 9:1–41
<u>Apr 6,</u>	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6–11	John 11:1–45
Apr 13,	Psalm 31:9–16	Philippians 2:5–11	Matthew 26:14–27:66
Apr 14,	Psalm 36:5–11	Hebrews 9:11–15	John 12:1–11
Apr 15,	Psalm 71:1–14	1 Corinthians 1:18–31	John 12:20–36
Apr 16,	Psalm 70	Hebrews 12:1–3	John 13:21–32
Apr 17,	Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19	1 Corinthians 11:23–26	John 13:1–17, 31b-35
Apr 18,	Psalm 22	Hebrews 10:16–25	John 18:1–19:42
Apr 19,	Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16	1 Peter 4:1-8	Matthew 27:57-66
Apr 19,	Psalm 136:1–9, 23–26	Romans 6:3–11	Matthew 28:1–10
Apr 20,	Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24	Colossians 3:1–4	John 20:1–18 or Matthew 28:1–10
Apr 27,	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3–9	John 20:19–31
May 4,	Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19	1 Peter 1:17–23	Luke 24:13–35
May 11,	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19–25	John 10:1–10
May 18,	Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16	1 Peter 2:2–10	John 14:1–14
May 25,	Psalm 66:8–20	1 Peter 3:13–22	John 14:15–21
May 29,	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53

Does anyone use this?

If nobody makes use of the Revised Common Lectionary, there is no point in printing it. Please let me know if you use it, or I may stop.

Ed



OUR BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

MARCH

Hilda Morton-Hooper	1947
Charles Harrall	1959
Nigel Stuart Pont	1978
George Francis Fox	1981
Alice Annie Wilson	1984
Ada May Rippon	1984
Arthur Kenneth Mould	1984
Norman Fedrick	1985
Cecil Hastings Grimes	1988
Colin Liddicoat	1989
Lucy Irene Selvey	1991
Edith Clarke	1993
Peter Blades	1994
Eleanor Lilian Baker	1994
Marjorie May Gaunt	1994
Lily Sexton	1995
William Godfrey Howsam	2007
Ida Ramsey	2009
Bryn Williams	2011

APRIL

Percival Nathanielsz	1961
Gertrude Agnes Gennard	1973
Marjorie Jessie Verinder	1980
William Hutchinson	1986
James Herbert May	1986
Laura Ellen Barker	1988
Sydney Craford Barker	1988

MAY

John Stevenson Lawson Oswald	1981
Dorothey Pearl	1987
Alfred Sleeman Barnes	1989
Greville Millward	1989
Hubert Samuel Clarke	1993
Kathleen Carter	1994
Harry Cecil Parker	1998
Doreen Thompson	2000
Peter Geoffrey Hopkins	2007
Ethel Parker	2009

BHF Sidcug Heartswim

The annual sponsored swim in aid of the British Heart Foundation will take place at the Sidcup Leisure Centre on the evening of March 22nd

Sponsor forms are available at the baths.

Women's Fellowship Hour

March	3 rd	Daffodil Day
	10 th	Erith Veteran Singers
	17 th	John Sennett 'A Headmaster Reflects'
	24 th	Joan Mayes 'Memories of Mission'
	31 st	Rev June Hurn 'Romanian Orphanages'
April	7 th	Craft day with Freda
	14 th	John Beckham 'Woodland Birds'
	21 st	Easter Monday
	28 th	Holy Communion with David Gilman
May	5 th	To be arranged
	12 th	Our anniversary
	19 th	Quiz and games
	26 th	To be arranged

Voucher Collection

The 4th Sidcup Guides are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids 2014 vouchers for equipment. There are collecting boxes in the hall and in the church.



Cradle Roll Birthdays

Sophie Erin Latch will be 3 on April 26th.
Happy Birthday Sophie!

ORPINGTON MARAFUN

Would you like to be part of a great event which could raise funds for charity AND your church?

Now in its 10th year, the Orpington Marafun is a great day of FUN, FITNESS FUND-RAISING and there are runs and walks for every age and ability.

We would love to have the members of Emmanuel Church Sidcup join us

on Saturday 17th May 2014.

at Green Street Green Primary School in Vine Road, Orpington, BR6 6DT.

Full details are on our website: www.marafun.co.uk.

or call me, Martin Print, on 01689 828166

Maintenance.

The new electric shutter for the kitchen has been installed using a donation left to the church by Jean Newman who was always an important member of the catering team. Michael Parfitt is painting the rear lobby of the hall.

The wind and rain have caused some problems with roof and windows. One pew runner got very wet and had to be dried. Fortunately it was found in time and is OK.

Freda

Bexley Foodbank

We would like to offer a sincere thanks to all who support Bexley Foodbank, either by donating food or financially. Together we have fed approximately 1,750 people in the Bexley community, which is real blessing and answer to prayer.

Unfortunately we are no longer able to accept cheques made payable to Bexley Foodbank, they should now be made payable to Avery Hill Charitable Trust. Please consider gift aid if you are a tax payer.

Our other answer to prayer is being given storage. We have now been provided with temporary storage by L&Q housing, but permanent storage with Bexley Council. We will no longer have to turn food away.

For any enquiries, please contact:

Gill Bates Bexley Foodbank Manager Tel 07932 431350

Letter from Dorset

It has been some time since we last wrote an article for your church magazine from the depths of the Dorset countryside.

Sadly it is a countryside that is slowly recovering from the ravages of the winter weather that wrecked our Greenhouse and left several of our 70 trees in a very precarious state which needs them to be felled before they fall (at least it will then provide us with sufficient logs to store for our log burning stove in the hallway).

Since we last wrote much has changed or is about to change within our Methodist Church Circuit. First of all the village chapel where we have been worshipping for many years has finally had to close. This has been brought about by declining numbers due to deaths, and members becoming housebound or going into Care Homes (such as the MHA home in Poole where we are on the Management Committee). Therefore we have had to transfer our membership to another even smaller Methodist Chapel which is in fact closer to our home than the other one!

Our Sunday Morning congregation is usually around 30 and because both of us hold positions in the Methodist Church Connexion, our District and our Circuit, we are looked upon with awe! John is now a member of the Methodist Heritage Committee as a Trustee of the "TOLPUDDLE MARTYRS" Memorial Chapel, as well as being our Methodist District Archivist & Conservator. Whereas Frances is now our Poole & Swanage Methodist Circuit Treasurer & Property Secretary.

We certainly do not wish to 'Blow our own Trumpets' but all this has come about through being members of the 'SIDCUP METHODIST CHURCH YOUTH CLUB, THE BIBLE CLASS, THE BOYS' BRIGADE and the SUNDAY SCHOOL', Etc;

Having said all this, our Poole & Swanage Methodist Church Circuit, is now on the point of 'Integrating' with our next door Bournemouth Circuit, and we have been holding joint conversations about the situation that now confronts us, and it would seem that we shall very soon become just one Circuit in 2015, the new name of which has yet to be decided upon.

For all those of you who take the "Methodist Recorder" newspaper please watch out for an article soon to be published which gives details of the both of us down in Weymouth where on 25th November last year, we unveiled a "Methodist Heritage Blue Plaque" to commemorate the fact that REVEREND JOHN WESLEY came to preach there in 1776. It has taken John 18 months of research as a Methodist Archivist to finally obtain permission from the Weymouth Borough Council and British Heritage, to have a commemorative plaque installed on the frontage of the Georgian property that he has identified as that where JOHN WESLEY once preached, thereby making it the very first 'Methodist Meeting House' in Weymouth, if not in Dorset.

So we both continue in our endeavours within the church and continue to hope and pray for your work at Sidcup and to keep the church at Granville Road, ALIVE & ACTIVE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD AND IN THE COMMUNITY.

We are yours in His Name

JOHN & FRANCES RUSSELL (Forty years members at Emmanuel)



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday April 12th

10.30 to 12 noon

Emmanuel Church Hall

CRAFTS CAKES RAFFLE GAMES

CARDS REFRESHMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt at 11.000am

Admission Free

WATER AID

During Lent

Turn “Jars of Change into Jars of Water”
and help transform the future for families around
the world who live in danger because of
unsafe drinking water.

Labels available for your jar.

Monthly Churches Together in Sidcup **Prayer Meeting every 3rd Saturday**

9.00 - 9.30 am. All welcome

15 March St Andrew’s Church, Maylands Drive, Sidcup

19 April St Lawrence’s Church, Main Road, Sidcup

17 May Venue to be confirmed

Friendship Club

At the February meeting Don gave us a talk on paper. With his comprehensive knowledge and experience as an engineer working for various paper manufacturers at home and abroad, Don gave a very interesting and informative talk on different types of paper and paper-related products, to name but a few: newspapers, magazines, cards, books, blotting paper, sweet wrappers, tissue paper, carton boxes .. which we come across daily. After the correct treatment, paper could even be used to manufacture suitcases.

Paper can be manufactured from a great variety of raw materials, such as Wood chips, pulp, flax, straws, bamboo, china clay, grass fibre, called esparto, etc.

A slurry of fibres was fed into a gigantic drying machine, called **Fourdrinier machine** that consisted of four different sections. The fourth and final section was called the Calender Section where heavy steel rollers smooth the dried paper, which was then put through diverse processes to produce different variety of paper.

Don also had first-hand experience of the production of cling film while he was in Sweden.

We thoroughly enjoyed the talk!

In March our talk will be 'Barbados' by Colin Brown.

Margaret Cufflin will be our speaker in April and Juliet Ushewokunze will give us a talk in May.

Mandy

Pastoral News

Congratulations to Frank Midgely on his 90th birthday on March 8th

Congratulations to Peter and Jenny Thornton on their Golden Wedding on March 21st

Dorothy Liddistone who does some gardening for the church has had a fall.

Continue to pray for David Calvert and Dave Dunster.

Remember Heather Forsythe who has not been well.

We also remember in our prayers those in Care Homes, Sue Moore, Lorna New, Bunt Cummings, and Peter Scopes, whose new address is Room 7, Well House, Sunrise, Frognaal.

Continue to pray for Doris and Matthew Parkin.

Craft Group

Falling numbers have caused the remaining members to consider its future! They will meet every two weeks until Easter and then decide whether to continue or close. This group was formed after the making of the pew runners in 2000.

Freda

Christian Aid Week, Saturday 11th - 17th May 2014

War tears lives apart

Love can help piece them back together

‘The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer
in whom I take refuge.’

1 2 Samuel 22:2-3

For a growing number of people across the world, the horror of war is a part of daily life.

Right now, fuelled by the devastating violence in both Syria and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the numbers of people driven from their homes by war is on the rise.

It stands at 42 million people - an appalling statistic and a stain on the conscience of humanity. We can't turn our backs. We must act now.

The good news is that your church can make a real difference.

Last year, a magnificent 20,000 churches across the country helped raise over £12m for Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week we want to go even further. We want every church in Britain and Ireland to get involved - whether by giving, acting or praying.

Together we can send people living in fear this message: you are not alone. We're with you, helping you to rebuild your lives, and working for peace.

Imagine what such an expression of love would mean to people searching for the strength to cope with the devastation of war, and how it could help to drive out their fear.

Demonstrate God's love for those living in poverty and show how much good the church is doing in the world this Christian Aid Week.

Together we can reach the 42 million people caught up in conflict and help them live a life free from fear.

Could you provide the gift of hope?

£15 could provide blankets for refugee children to protect them from bitter night-time temperatures.

£40 could provide enough good quality and nutritious food for two refugee children for a month.

£150 could help us provide specialist emotional support for a child deeply traumatised by the horror of war that they've witnessed or experienced

Be an instrument of God's peace.

Give, act and pray this Christian Aid Week.

An inspiring story for Christian Aid Week

Iraq: A village reborn

Rojan Wahid is a bright, joyful 15-year-old. She embodies the energy and optimism of Zanan Bchuk in Iraq.



Bombs flattened the village in 1988 – part of the Ba’ath regime’s genocidal campaign against the country’s Kurds. The threat of violence continued to hang over the community.

Rebuilding

But they refused to be defeated. And now our partner, Rehabilitation, Education and Community’s Health (REACH), has worked with the community to rebuild their village.

REACH has constructed a reservoir to harvest rainwater, built new greenhouses, and helped families to grow vegetables and keep sheep, cows and poultry.

The village is now full of confidence and entrepreneurial spirit.

Lobbying

Rojan is always busy helping out: ‘I am in love with the atmosphere here: the reservoir, the water, our pets, my chickens – everything.’

REACH has also supported the community to lobby their regional government for essential services.

As a result, they have a new well in the village and a tarmac road nearby, so they can easily take crops to market. They will be connected to electricity in the coming months.

Rojan can now live a life free from fear.

Christian Aid envelopes will be distributed in church. The Friday and Sunday coffee money will also be donated to Christian Aid.

Dates For Your Diary

MARCH

Sat	1		
Sun	2	10.30 am Mrs Sue Cope	
Mon	3	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	4		
Wed	5	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Ash Wednesday Service, Weaver Room	7.30pm Friendship Group
Thu	6		
Fri	7	Coffee morning 10.30 am	11.00 Women's World Day of Prayer, Christchurch, Sidcup
Sat	8		
Sun	9	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion
Mon	10	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	11	Craft Group 2.30 pm	7.45pm Lent Course, Christchurch
Wed	12		
Thu	13	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	14	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	15	10.00am Sponsored Knit	4 - 6pm Messy Church (Plants)
Sun	16	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Parade and Family service
Mon	17	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	18		7.45pm Lent Course, Christchurch
Wed	19	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	20		
Fri	21	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	22		
Sun	23	10.30 am Mr John Sennett	
Mon	24	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	25	Craft Group 2.30 pm	7.45pm Lent Course, Christchurch
Wed	26		
Thu	27	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	28	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	29		
Sun	30	10.30 am Mrs Pat Woodison	

Dates For Your Diary

APRIL

Tue	1		7.45pm Lent Course, Christchurch
Wed	2		7.30pm Friendship Group
Thu	3		
Fri	4	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	5		
Sun	6	10.30 am Mrs Joan Mayes	
Mon	7	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	8	Craft Group 2.30 pm	7.45pm Lent Course, Christchurch
Wed	9	10.30am Elder's meeting	
Thu	10	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	11	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	12	10.30 am Easter Eggstravaganza	4 - 6pm Messy Church (Easter)
Sun	13	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion
Mon	14	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	15	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	16	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	17	2.00pm Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri	18	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	19	10.00 am Decorate Church for Easter	
Sun	20	9.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Easter Communion
Sun	20	10.30 am Worship Leaders	Parade and Family service
Mon	21	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	22	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	23		
Thu	24	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	25	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	26		
Sun	27	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	
Mon	28	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	29	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	30		

Dates For Your Diary

MAY

Thu	1		
Fri	2	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	3		
Sun	4	10.30 am Mr Chris Price	
Mon	5	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	6	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	7		7.30pm Friendship Group
Thu	8	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	9	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	10		4 - 6pm Messy Church (transport)
Sun	11	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion.
Mon	12	Women's hour anniversary 2.00 pm	Christian Aid Week
Tue	13	Craft Group 2.30 pm	
Wed	14		
Thu	15		
Fri	16	Coffee morning 10.30 am	Outlook Copy due
Sat	17		Marafun Orpington
Sun	18	10.30 am Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Parade and Family service
Mon	19	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	20		
Wed	21	Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	22		
Fri	23	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	24		
Sun	25	10.30 am Mr David Gloin	
Mon	26	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	27		
Wed	28		
Thu	29		
Fri	30	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	31		

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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