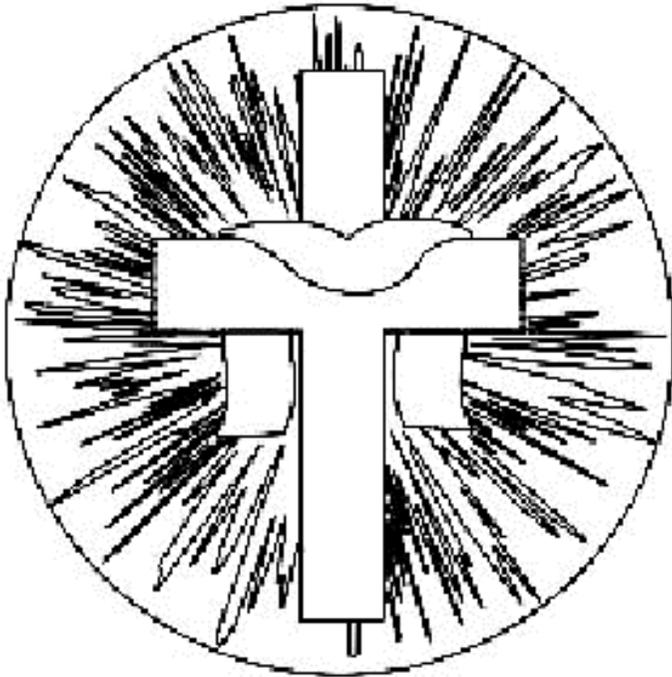


THE
OUTLOOK

MARCH TO MAY
2015



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

New Year

The New Year beckons with its chiming bells
Pealing far across the country's wintry land,
Snow had descended onto barren fells
Bringing the nation's traffic to a stand.
Beneath the frozen soil lie future hope
As tentative shoots seek their way ahead
And still the furry creatures onward lope
Seeking a cosy habitat for bed.
Our winged friends are treated to their nuts
Hoping us humans will replenish stock.
Sadly, 'our' supplies subjected to cuts,
Ways surely controlled by relentless clock.
A New Year dawns engaging a fresh start
May we all thrive, delighting in good heart..

Eileen 10-12-14

A Message from your Minister

Dear Friends,

We have come to the end of celebrating Epiphany, the third season of the Christian Calendar. It spoke to us profoundly of the hope, joy, peace and the blessing God offers us in Christ. It has now ushered us into the beginning of Christ's ministry, His transforming love bringing new life from the old and the example of His response to God's call.

The season of Epiphany was yesterday completed by the Transfiguration and theophany, another voice from heaven, echoing the Baptism of Jesus *This is my Son whom I love, listen to him* (Mark 9 : 7b).

So it is that our Lent begins with Ash Wednesday the week that prepares us for this period. As we reflect and repent this Ash Wednesday, perhaps we need to relent from those things that fill our time but not our hearts.

Perhaps reflecting on what we value most and what God calls each of us to do and focus on what matters most – Christ's call, our life purpose and love for others.

Lent is the period at the centre of our faith; it connects our minds and hearts, with the suffering at the Cross; and the Resurrection of Christ.

Every Disciple of Christ needs to participate in this Lenten pilgrimage. For it is then we are able to welcome Christ more deeply into our lives.

As Lent begins let us hear Paul's exhortation with new ears. Walk with God. Take courage as you face trials. God's Salvation is near, with the power to see you through (2 Corinthians 6).

May we continue to be gracious and faithful as we wait upon the Lord.
God bless you

Juliet

Church Anniversary 2015

We look forward to welcoming
Rev. Nicola Furley-Smith,
Moderator of the Southern Synod of the URC
To lead our anniversary service
on 22nd of March.

Decorating the Church for Easter

Come and join us on
Saturday April 4th at 10.00am



EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

Saturday March 21st

10.30 to 12 noon

Emmanuel Church Hall

CRAFTS CAKES RAFFLE GAMES

CARDS REFRESHMENTS

Easter Egg Hunt at 11.00am

Admission Free

Mothering Sunday

March 15th

Please bring a photograph of your mother
to place on a window-sill in the church.

Drones Quilt

Residents of Chislehurst and surrounding areas have an opportunity to see a fascinating symbol for peace during Lent, when a patchwork quilt, 40 feet long and 6 feet high will be on display at the Methodist Church in Prince Imperial Road. Each square of the quilt commemorates someone killed by a missile from a drone.

What was once the stuff of science fiction and nightmares – remote controlled machines (Drones) dropping bombs onto targets thousands of miles away – is now taking place on an almost daily basis. Someone in a cabin in Nebraska can drop a bomb in Afghanistan. They reduce human beings to dots on a screen; spots of light in the control room of an army base.

The Drones Quilt is the Fellowship of Reconciliation's advocacy project designed to raise awareness about drones and remind the government that mostly, the victims of drone attacks are civilians: people who, like us, would never ask to be involved in conflict. Each square of the quilt is made by a member of the public, who writes the name of a civilian victim together with their own name, on a square of fabric. Sown together, they create a stunning visual petition. Thankfully the Methodist Church has a wall long enough to display it in its full glory.

Having been displayed at, amongst other places, Coventry Cathedral and Iona Abbey, the quilt will be on display at the Methodist Church in Chislehurst during lent, from 1 March until Easter.

There will be an open afternoon to see the Quilt on Sunday 8th March from 2 – 5pm. Otherwise, to view, please contact the church office on 020 8468 7695.

The Fellowship of Reconciliation is a Christian peace charity. It was formed in 1914 to support people who held a belief that war and its preparation is morally wrong. Today FoR works to support grassroots peacemakers in areas of conflict through its International Peacemakers' Fund and equips its members to campaign, act and pray for peace.



Men's Supper Club

The last meeting will be on March 11th.



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
14th March (Family)
11th April (Easter)
9th May (Joseph and his coat of many colours)
- Who ?** All ages welcome
- We look forward to seeing you all there**

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

Messy Church on 13th December 2014

"Christmas"

Thank you, thank you to our wonderful band of helpers who performed miracles once more. We had 34 children with their attendant parents and /or grandparents.

We had six craft tables and a game which involved throwing balls into buckets of different sizes – the smaller the bucket the more points they scored. It was going to involve water but we decided against as it was so cold outside.

Kids do love to get Messy and they just loved making Reindeer by dipping their hands in brown paint to create the shape on paper, a finger dipped in red paint for the nose a bit of glitter paint for the antlers and all rounded off with some stick on eyes.

You can see how artistic the children are when you see the beautiful

Nativity Scene Bunting they created. Each child coloured in a part of it.

It was wonderful to witness the look of concentration on the children's faces as they coloured in the Window Decorations. Put up to the window and with the light behind it looks just like stained glass.

They just loved making Christmas Tree Decorations and there a few examples hanging on the Christmas tree in the hall. Angels made by little angels.

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas unless it involved cake decorating. We provided the cakes and the children rolled out marzipan to stick on and finish off with icing sugar and sprinkles. I think they all got eaten!

Making Christingles was challenging for the children because they had to stick some red florist ribbon around an orange, put sweets on cocktail sticks to stick in and then push some cloves in to give a lovely Christmassy smell. Finally a glow tick was pushed in ready to activate. The challenging bit - not eating all the sweets!

Whilst the parents and children went into church to hear the story of the Nativity, sing "Away in a Manger" and say a few prayers, we cleared the tables and made ready a magnificent feast for all.

During the meal we had a surprise visit from Father Christmas who managed a few minutes from his very busy schedule to pop in and hand out some presents to all the boys and girls. Thank you Father Christmas.

It was long past 6:00pm by the time the children departed clutching all their goodies that they had made with the addition of some chocolate money and a glow stick each.

Thank you once again to all the wonderful people who made the day Wonderful.

Messy Church on 17th January 2015

"Winter"

Well our theme was appropriate with a biting wind and a hint of snow in the air but it was warm inside as 25 children with their parents and grandparents made their way round the amazing variety of crafts that had been dreamt up for them.

They just loved drawing pictures of a stormy sea with a thundery sky and then making a boat to be tossed about on the mountainous waves – linking with the bible story of Jesus and the Storm.

Making Robins and Snowmen out of paper plates and decorated with coloured tissue paper and paint was popular and I can imagine that there will be many homes decorated with these masterpieces.

Kids do love to get messy and it is quite incredible the beautiful effect that can be achieved with two hand prints of white paint, a finger stroke of red and a touch of blue on black paper – a perfect snowman.

I wouldn't want to be a bird in winter time but the birds in Sidcup are going to be in for a feast today after making fat balls to hang up for them. Can you imagine the look of ecstasy on the faces of the children as they squeezed bird seed and breadcrumbs together in warm fat?

We made a giant snowman decorated with paint, cotton wool and pieces of cut up paper to take into church with a carrot for his nose and buttons for his eyes. The children really enjoyed this joint effort.

Winter wouldn't be winter unless we had our version of the Olympic Games as winter scenes were created by twisting pipe-cleaners into people shapes and then attaching them to lollipop stick skis or sleighs.

As a relief from their hard concentration on all the crafts the children could take part in the downhill slalom race seeing who could travel the fastest and the furthest – actually it was coloured ice cubes being directed down a piece of plastic guttering.

At about 5:20 pm the children and their parents went into church to hear the story of Jesus and the Storm, to sing a hymn and say a prayer for our troubled world.

As usual a magnificent feast awaited them when they came back into the hall which was devoured to the last crumb. A great vote of thanks to our catering staff. We knew we were going to be short of helpers this month and it was absolutely wonderful to have 3 extra angels turn up out of the blue to give a hand. We would have sunk in stormy seas without them. Thank you. Not forgetting our regular helpers – thank you, thank you.

Messy Church on 14th February 2015

“Love”

It was St. Valentines Day and our theme was love. Where would we be without our wonderful band of helpers and their love? We had an almost full compliment of helpers, our angels and all the craft tables were fully manned. At 3:45, a bit early, our 1st customer arrived and then we had a steady stream until we had 43 children with their Mums, Dads and Grandparents. So many happy, smiling little faces – it was wonderful.

The children made the most imaginative St. Valentine Crowns decorated with hearts – there was glue and sticky hearts everywhere.

They made and decorated Valentine Cards for their Mums or for people that they knew who were unwell. They had stickers of all different shapes and animals to put on, but hearts were the favourite ones.

Anything to do with food is ever popular and putting marshmallows on sticks, dipping them in icing sugar and using sprinkles, chocolate drops for eyes and sweet laces for hair to make very sticky faces was very popular and although the intention was for them to be taken home, most got eaten there and then.

The butterfly is a symbol of love and the children made the most fantastic butterfly shapes that with a straw stuck between the 2 wings could be waved up and down as if it were flying.

The tree of love, we borrowed a beautiful tree – a small branch, painted white. The children wrote messages on heart shapes and hung them on the tree. All the heart messages were taken home along with virtually everything else that was made so there is very little to show you.

We did make a giant, yes you have guessed it, a giant heart to bring into church and it was hand painted – you can imagine the mess, can't you but the children loved doing it.

At about 5:20 the children and parents went into church to sing "If I were a Butterfly", to hear the story of the "Good Samaritan" and to pray for their family and loved ones and, at the moment, our very troubled world.

In the hall our big problem was how to feed 43 children and their parents but the craft tables got tidied away, extra tables appeared as if by magic, the banquet was put out and we were ready for when they returned from church. There appeared to be just a few crusts left but everyone had their fill.

Whilst everyone cleared up and our guests got ready to depart the children played a game of "hoopla", throwing little rings onto hooks and scoring points. We don't know who won.

To say that we were exhausted is an understatement but with the very happy atmosphere that was engendered it was truly worthwhile.

Roger

Return to Emmanuel

When I returned to Emmanuel Church at the end of 2014 after twenty seven years in Northfleet I felt as though I had never been away. So many people still there from before our move and many whom we had met since Dave retired in 1995 and had been taking some services and helping out while a new minister was being sought. Some of you will remember the baptism service of my grandchildren Angharad and Morgan!

The North Kent group was four churches in 1986 but is now reduced to just two due to lack of members and buildings needing much money to be spent on both Southfleet and Hartley. When we moved each church had two services each Sunday so a demanding time for Dave who was half time in the church and half time in Industrial Chaplaincy.

Emmanuel church is such a welcoming church and has so much to offer I look forward to many years ahead with you all.

Thank you to all.

Ruth Dunster

Good Friday Walk of Witness

Follow the Cross from St Johns
through the town centre to St Lawrence's
for refreshments.

3rd April

9.30 for 9.45am

Women's Fellowship Hour

March

- 2nd Daffodil Day
- 9th Bingo
- 16th Pat Woodison
- 23rd Making things for Easter
- 30th Easter Communion with David Gilman

April

- 6th Easter Monday (No Meeting)
- 13th Erith Veteran Singers
- 20th Poems and Stories
- 29th Quiz and Games

May

- 4th Bank Holiday (No Meeting)
- 11th Women's Hour Anniversary
- 18th To be arranged
- 25th Bank Holiday (No Meeting)

Marion.

Lent Courses

Juliet will be holding a series of Lent Courses
At Emmanuel Church on Tuesdays
24th February to 31st March from 11 am to 12pm

Rev Tom Parsons will be holding Lent Courses
at Christchurch on Wednesdays 25th Feb to 25th Mar
(except 18th Mar) from 8.00 to 9.30pm

“A Thousand Voices: inspiration for today from the
vision and music of the 18th Century Revival”

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 3rd Wednesdays 18th Mar, 15th Apr and 20th May in the Green Room. Come and enjoy a meal followed by tea or coffee in a friendly atmosphere.

The price is £5 min! Its a bargain!



Sunday Coffee

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

All are welcome.



Lent Lunches

Lent Lunches (soup and bread) will be provided

In the Fellowship Room, Christchurch

On Wednesdays

25th February to 25th March

From 12 to 2pm

“Thought for the Day” at 1.00pm

Donations to Christian Aid

Mary Woodcock Tribute

Mary Woodcock attended Emmanuel for many years. She died on the 7th of December 2014. This is the tribute paid by her son at her funeral.

As you probably all know, my mum lived in Yorkshire for the last couple of years, but I'm pleased that we're saying goodbye to her closer to her home, and sharing the moment with her friends and family in the south.

I will always remember my mum as a quick, witty and playful person who loved her family, music, literature and old things (human and material!) She wasn't afraid to speak her mind; occasionally this got her into trouble, but her genuine interest in the lives of her friends and of other people that she met - often complete strangers - was disarming and usually left a lasting impression.

My sister Sally and I grew up in a happy family home - first in Greenholm Road, Eltham, and later in Old Forge Way, Sidcup. My father suffered a serious heart attack in 1960 and this brought about a change in all our lives, but particularly my mum's. My father's hobby interest in antiques became his full-time occupation, and my mum shared this interest with him for many years - her house in Old Forge Way was filled with paintings, books, pottery and glass that they both loved.

Following my father's death in 1988, my mum's relationship with Sally became more and more important to her, and Sally and her husband Mike were a source of constant support for many years. She suffered a tragic double loss in 2012 - her brother Derek died in March, and her dear daughter, my sister Sally died in August. Mum was devastated of course, but also determined to carry on in her typically stoical fashion.

Mum's arthritis meant that her mobility was poor, and her memory was deteriorating - she was diagnosed with dementia in early 2013 and was generally feeling pretty low, although she always made the effort to show a sunny side to visitors. She moved into Vida Hall, a lovely specialist dementia care home near Harrogate, in June 2013. I was able to see her every week and to keep in touch daily by phone.

Mum's spirits improved at Vida Hall; she made some new friends, and became a valued member of the little community there. Although her short-term memory continued to deteriorate, she loved to tell stories about her earlier life to all who would listen.

And some things didn't change at all. Her need to look her best never lessened - I was under strict orders to keep her supplies of Nude Pink lipstick and brown/black mascara topped up at all times, and visits by the hairdresser were quickly followed by a session in front of the mirror, to make essential adjustments. She always looked good, my mum. I've never met anyone like her, and I doubt if I ever will.

Richard Woodcock

Women's World Day of Prayer

11.00am 6th March

Sidcup Baptist Church, Main Road

'Prepared by the Women of the Bahamas'

Collections

Thank you for supporting our Christmas Appeals.

And Thank You for your donations for the orphans being cared for by the Nasio Trust in Kenya.

Christmas Collections including:- Individual donations, Christmas Lunch, Christmas Tree, coffee morning while the church was decorated and the Christmas Day Service	£350	Crisis
Carols by Candlelight	£80	Manna
Guide's Carol singing	£135	Action for Children

People might also like to know how much money was collected for Emmanuel in 2014 by the following.

The film canisters raised £58.95 - so please keep collecting 5p coins!

The Friday coffee mornings, when Michael and Roy's sales' tables are in operation, raised £767.70 .

Sunday coffee raised £583.06. A huge thank you to all the ladies who serve the coffee and to Michael and Roy for their sales. Also thank you to all the customers!

Please note

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

Thursday 23rd April

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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Services for March

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| 1 | 10.30am | Mr Ralph Brandhorst | |
| 8 | 10.30pm | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Communion |
| 15 | 10.30am | Rev Alexandra Terrett | Parade and Family service |
| 22 | 10.30pm | Rev Nicola Farley-Smith | Church Anniversary |
| 29 | 10.00am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Summer Time starts |

Services for April

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|----|---------|------------------------|--|
| 2 | 10.30am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Maundy Thursday Communion
Weaver Room |
| 3 | 9.30am | Churches Together | Walk of Witness St John's |
| 5 | 10.00am | | Coffee and hot cross buns |
| | 11.00am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Easter Communion |
| 12 | 10.30am | Mr David Gloin | |
| 19 | 10.30am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Parade and Family service |
| 26 | 10.30am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Communion |

Services for May

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|----|---------|-------------------------|---------------------------|
| 3 | 10.30am | Mrs Sue Cope | |
| 10 | 10.30am | Mrs Joan Mayes | |
| 17 | 10.30am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Parade and Family service |
| 24 | 10.30am | Miss Rudado Ushewokunze | |
| 31 | 10.30am | Rev Juliet Ushewokunze | Communion |

<p><u>Monthly Churches Together in Sidcup</u> <u>Prayer Meeting every 3rd Saturday</u></p>
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9.00 - 9.30 am. All welcome

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| 21 Mar | Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 330a Burnt Oak Lane, |
| 18 Apr | RCCG Victory Assembly Church, 367a Footscray Road |
| 16 May | venue to be confirmed |

Saturday 28th March 2015
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
1st Mar from Pat George
020 8300 0998

Please buy early to assist
catering arrangements





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
Dorothy 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

Pastoral News

Pam and Laurence Bush are thrilled to announce the arrival of their grandson William James born 11th February weighing 8lb 6oz.



Maureen May has moved to the Lennard Jones Unit at St. Mark's Hospital, Harrow. Please continue to pray for her. Her address is Jonson Ward, Level 9, Northwick Park Hospital, Harrow, HA1 3UJ. We are sure she would like to hear from her friends.

Continue to pray for David Calvert and his family.

Remember Peter Scopes in Sunrise and Lorna New in St. Margaret's..

Please keep in your prayers those who are unwell; Eileen Shenton , Winnie Webb and Heather Forsyth.

Freda Skinner will be having a hip operation in the near future. Please pray for her when she is in hospital and as she recuperates.

We were sorry to hear that Phillip Blissett is unwell and undergoing further treatment. We remember him and Carol at this difficult time.

Many of you will have known Doreen Hollingham at Mottingham. Sadly she died on Wed 18th Feb at St Christopher's Hospice.



Cradle Roll Birthdays

Sophie Erin Latch will be 4 on April 26th 2015

Happy Birthday Sophie!

"DORSET GLEANINGS"

Once more dear friends we have pleasure in sending you our greetings to 'Emmanuel Church' from the depths of the Dorset Countryside and to say that much has been happening since our last letter. But we hasten to add that it is not because our Village Methodist Chapel is finding it difficult to stay open, far from it in fact because we are now finding it sometimes difficult to fit everybody in!

The reason being that sadly our Village 12th Century Anglican Church had to close its doors last November due to their very antiquated heating system completely breaking down and their congregation refusing to worship there in the freezing cold weather!

Their Vicar spoke to our Minister asking if we would consider 'adopting' his congregation so they could join us in our Chapel for combined services each Sunday Morning? So a meeting was held between our Minister and the Vicar together with senior stewards from both churches and this resulted in a verbal agreement to do so until such times as their church can manage to raise sufficient funds to enable them to carry out all the repairs necessary. This will not only be to their outdated heating system but also undertaking much needed restoration work to other items, but remembering that being a 'Grade One' Listed Building of, Some 'Historic Interest' they will need to gain permission from their 'Diocese' and their 'Historic Building Trust' before work of any kind can be carried out.

Being the Property Steward (or now Managing Trustee) of our own Methodist Chapel for many years, I (John) have been invited to serve as an 'Advisor' on their 'Fabric Team'! But after undertaking a brief inspection of the Village Anglican Church it soon became very evident that they will certainly need to find a very large sum of money if they are to dispose of their old heating system and install a new and updated version, plus carrying out all the other work that needs immediate attention simply because it has been neglected far too long.

The Vicar is hoping (and praying) to have it all done by this Easter! But we Methodists have our serious doubts, in which case we shall have to look forward to sharing worship for some time to come. However, having said that, it will certainly pave the way in which Methodists and Anglicans will come to accept and respect each other's ways of worship, something that has already become very noticeable.

Out of interest we have just learnt that no less than NINETEEN, 12th Century Anglican Churches have been made redundant because of their fast falling numbers of worshippers and they have now been put up for sale and this has naturally come as rather something of a shock to our Village Vicar!

Now at the present time, our Methodist Chapel welcomes between 50/60 to our joint Sunday Morning Services but we all hope and pray that the Vicar will be able to convince his superiors that lovely old church can remain open for worship for many years to come.

We know only too well what it is like to close a church having been involved in doing so in our former Circuit.

We are yours in His Name

John & Frances Russell

New Eltham Methodist Church

Celebration Weekend- 14th-15th March

To celebrate our newly refurbished Church we will be holding a celebration weekend!

On Saturday evening at 6.30 pm there will be celebration in song, dance, comedy and drama with tea, coffee and cake during the interval.

On Sunday, which is also Mothering Sunday, at 10.30 am there will be a service of Thanksgiving with tea, coffee and cake after the service.

Imagine what could happen if we united for 40 days of prayer for our communities around Bexley!

What is Pray Love Bexley?

- Local Churches uniting in prayer for their communities
- 40 days of prayer around Bexley Borough, 15 April to 24 May
- CRIBS bus going to each area of Borough as a creative prayer hub
- Taking prayer and social action onto the streets on Pentecost weekend
- Finishing with a series of Pentecost unity services in 3-4 areas

NEW ELTHAM OPERATIC SOCIETY

present

The Pajama Game

at New Eltham Methodist Church

23, 24 and 25 April at 7.30pm

Box Office (£8 & £9.50) 020 8851 9881

or www.neosproductions.co.uk

Christian Aid Week

10 to 16 May 2015

Christian Aid Week is the single biggest act of Christian witness in Britain and Ireland.

For thousands of people throughout the country, it's a way of answering Jesus's call to help people in need, and showing the community just how much good the church is doing in the world.

Loko's daily battle to stop her children starving

Loko walks alone for eight hours a day, in shoes so thin that thorns repeatedly pierce through to her feet, to gather and sell firewood so she can feed her children.

Loko is frightened of being attacked by hyenas with no one to hear her screams. So she prays as she walks. Her faith pushes her on.

It's a job she dreads, but she has no choice; she must continue, week after week. If she doesn't, her children will starve. As it is, Loko can only afford to give them one small meal a day

Give Loko hope

With your help, we can provide cows to vulnerable women in Ethiopia - just £150 is enough to buy a female cow and a promising future for someone like Loko.

Christian Aid Week 2015 will focus on our transformative work in Ethiopia. Explore Loko's world through films, posters, sermon notes and photographs, all available from January 2015.

<http://www.christianaid.org.uk/getinvolved/christianaidweek/>

Christian Aid envelopes will be available in church.

FERRIER OPERATIC SOCIETY

Present

Fiddler on the Roof

at Bob Hope Theatre, Eltham

21 to 23 May

evenings 7.30pm, and 2.30pm on Saturday

Box Office 020 8850 3702 (£13 and £11)

www.ferrieroperatic.co.uk

Dates For Your Diary

MARCH

Sun	1	10.30 am	Mr Ralph Brandhorst	
Mon	2	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	3	Lent Course	11.00am - 12.00pm	
Wed	4			
Thu	5			
Fri	6	Coffee morning	10.30 am	Women's World Day of Prayer
Sat	7			
Sun	8	10.30 am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Communion
Mon	9	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	10	Lent Course	11.00am - 12.00pm	
Wed	11			7.30pm Men's Supper Club
Thu	12	Bells	10.30 am	
Fri	13	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	14			4 - 6pm Messy Church (Family) New Eltham Celebration
Sun	15	10.30 am	Rev Alexandra Terrett	Parade and Family service Mothering Sunday New Eltham Celebration
Mon	16	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	17	Lent Course	11.00am - 12.00pm	
Wed	18	Lunch in the Green Room	1.00 pm	
Thu	19			
Fri	20	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	21	Easter Eggstravaganza	10.30am - 12pm	
Sun	22	10.30 am	Rev Nicola Farley-Smith	Church Anniversary
Mon	23	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	24	Lent Course	11.00am - 12.00pm	
Wed	25			
Thu	26	Bells	10.30 am	
Fri	27	Coffee morning	10.30 am	
Sat	28			Quiz Night 6.30pm
Sun	29	10.30 am BST	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Summer Time starts
Mon	30	Women's hour	2.00 pm	
Tue	31	Lent Course	11.00am - 12.00pm	

Dates For Your Diary

APRIL

Wed	1			
Thu	2	10.30 am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Maundy Thursday Communion Weaver Room
Fri	3	9.30am	Walk of Witness St John's	Coffee morning 10.30 am
Sat	4		Decorate church for Easter	
Sun	5	10.00am	Coffee and hot cross Buns	
		11.00 am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Easter Communion
Mon	6		Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	7			
Wed	8			
Thu	9		Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	10		Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	11			4 - 6pm Messy Church (Easter)
Sun	12	10.30 am	Mr David Gloin	
Mon	13		Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	14			
Wed	15		Lunch in the Green Room 1.00 pm	
Thu	16			
Fri	17		Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	18		Decorate Church for Easter	
Sun	19	9.30 am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze	Parade and Family service
Mon	20		Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	21			
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	Communion
Mon	27		Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	28			
Wed	29		Elders' meeting 10.30am	
Thu	30			

Dates For Your Diary

MAY

Fri	1	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	2		
Sun	3	10.30 am	Mrs Sue Cope
Mon	4	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	5		
Wed	6		
Thu	7	Bells 10.30 am	
Fri	8	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	9	4 - 6pm	Messy Church (Joseph and his coat of many colours)
Sun	10	10.30 am	Mrs Joan Mayes Christian Aid Week starts
Mon	11	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	12		
Wed	13		
Thu	14		
Fri	15	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	16		
Sun	17	10.30 am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Parade and Family service
Mon	18	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	19		
Wed	20		
Thu	21	Bells 10.30 am	Outlook Copy due
Fri	22	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	23		
Sun	24	10.30 am	Miss Rudado Ushewokunze
Mon	25	Women's hour 2.00 pm	
Tue	26		
Wed	27		
Thu	28		
Fri	29	Coffee morning 10.30 am	
Sat	30		
Sun	31	10.30 am	Rev Juliet Ushewokunze Communion.

Weekday Activities

Monday	2.00pm 5.45pm 6.30pm 7.30pm	Woman's Hour 3rd Sidcup Beavers 3rd Sidcup Cub Scouts 3rd Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10.00am	Ladies Morning Club
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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