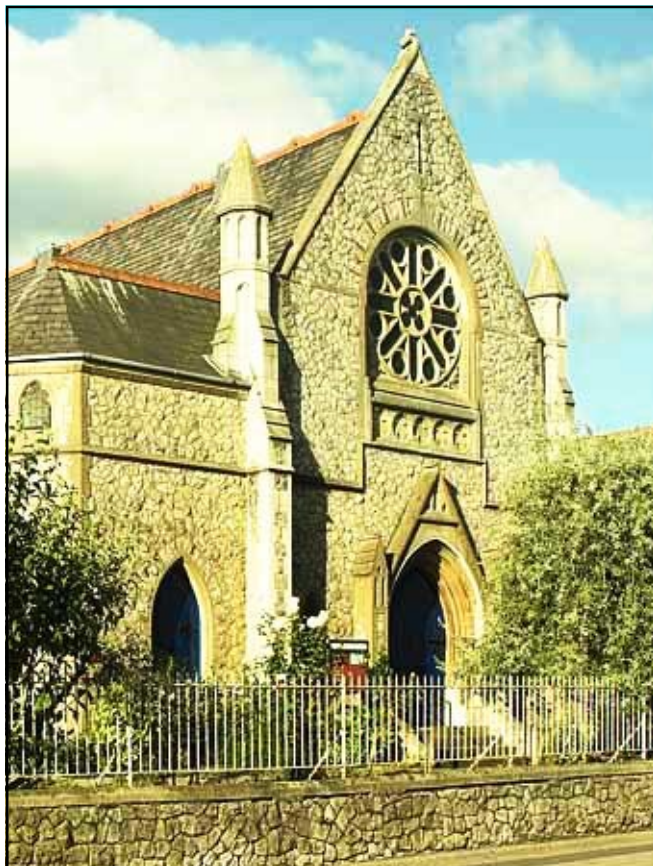


THE
OUTLOOK

SEPTEMBER TO
NOVEMBER 2024



Emmanuel Church Sidcup
Methodist and United Reformed

Message From the Minister

Dear Friends,

A new school year begins. We bless the children, adults and schools of our community and wish everyone growth in intelligence, knowledge, respect, friendship and solidarity with one another.

Over the next few months we will be introducing some changes in our church. Firstly, if children are present on Sunday mornings, we will have a red box with a story and a craft to share during the service. The preacher of the day or an elder will suggest that a volunteer from the congregation take the red box and lead the child or children into the area provided to look after them.

The second project is to set up regular exhibitions in the church so that we can engage in conversation with visitors or anyone we wish to connect with. The exhibitions will be on a biblical theme, general or local history, art, etc. I welcome suggestions for new themes.

Thirdly, we will try to establish links with families in the neighbourhood and, if possible, a toddlers' group, to provide a service to them, but also to be in contact with these families.

These three projects are relatively traditional little things that I'd like to set up with your help.

Beyond these three small, very concrete projects, and as a result of the reflections of our Pastorate Away Day last June, I would like to work with you on a more ambitious project, which involves the creation of a Prayer Group in which we will seek to discern how we can reconnect our congregations with the people of our community.

We are the heirs and guardians of a precious tradition - the Church. It is a challenge for each of us to keep it alive and available for others to experience faith. Good things that we have known and enjoyed in the past may not exist in the future. In God's world everything is transformed. He himself calls us to transformation, as the Apostle Paul says:

“I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.” (Romans 12:1-2)

For sure, the Spirit of God will guide us towards fresh expressions of the Church of Jesus Christ in the world, as he has done since the beginning of Christianity.

This new school year promises to be very exciting. I wish you all much enthusiasm and happiness in the activities we share.

With every blessing,

Rev Rodolphe Blanchard-Kowal

Welcome to the The Widmore Circuit

A celebration on September 1st at Farrington 's School was held to mark the amalgamation of the Orpington and Chislehurst Circuit and the Bromley Circuit, to become the new Widmore Circuit. The service was led by Rev. Dr Jonathan Dean, chair of the London District of the Methodist Church.. With 11 Churches in the newly formed Circuit there was a large congregation in the school's gymnasium.

Rev Hannah Faul-Heim, recently appointed by Conference to serve in the new Circuit, was welcomed to the congregation. After the intercessory prayers and sharing of the Peace, Holy Communion was served. The congregation was invited to come forward to take bread and wine whilst the Freeman Ghanaian choir sang in the background.

Finally the letters of Widmore Circuit were held up as a banner proclaiming the successful inauguration of the new circuit.

An inspiring and moving service concluded with a blessing. An invitation to stay and share tea or coffee and to enjoy a picnic in the grounds gave people the opportunity to meet and make new friends. What a memorable day it had been

Judith





Decorate the Church for Christmas
Advent begins on December 1st
Come and help to decorate the church
On Saturday 30th November 10:30am.

Greetings

Hello Everyone,

I am writing to introduce myself as a new minister joining the new Widmore Circuit. My name is Reverend Hannah Caroline Faal-Heim. Previously I worked in the Harrow and Birmingham West & Oldbury Circuits, and then as a Superintendent in the Dudley & Netherton Circuit. Then I served as the Presiding Bishop of the Methodist Church The Gambia and then just recently as a Presbyterian in the Tower Hamlets Circuit in East London. I am glad that this new appointment is bringing me to South London and I am excited to join you and look forward to working with you.

One of the hopes I have in this new position is to expand our congregation base and to encourage a variety of people from the community to feel part of the Circuit's vision. It is exciting to join the ministry team in the newly formed Widmore Circuit with its new opportunities. Our commitment to work towards a world transformed by the love of God, sharing the love of God and celebrating our place within the worldwide family of God inspires me immensely.

I am excited to contribute to the Circuit's mission and objectives and to collaborate with each one of you. I look forward to getting to know you in the coming weeks and months and thank God for sending me to work and minister among you.

God bless you,



Reverend Hannah C. Faal-Heim



BIBLE MONTH COURSE

November 2024

EXPLORING GENESIS



Genesis is the starting point for all Christian theology and explores many of the foundational questions of life and faith:

Who is God? What is God like? How does God interact with the world? How is that world meant to be? What does it mean to be human? What does it look like to be God's people?

Through the book, we get to journey with many different characters as they wrestle (sometimes literally!) with finding answers to these questions in the midst of the messiness and uncertainty of life.

You are invited to join us in November as we explore the book of Genesis together.

Bible Group Sessions

All sessions will be held at Bromley Methodist Church, Corner of North St and College Rd, BR1 1SB.

Free parking available in the church car park – please register your car on arrival, all buses to Bromley Town Centre/Market Square stop near the church.

Wednesdays in November 11am-12.30pm

6th November Week 1: The Sovereign God who creates

13th November Week 2: The God who calls and blesses

20th November Week 3: The God who comes to people in their struggles

27th November Week 4: The God who confirms and safeguards divine promises

If you cannot attend the group sessions but would like to use the 30 Days with Genesis booklet in your own personal reflections please let us know and we can give you a free copy to use at home.

To register for the group sessions or request a booklet please email office@bromeymethodist.org or phone 020 8313 1029.



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

Tinned Tomatoes, Vegetables
Pasta Sauces, Pasta, Rice
Baked Beans
Tinned Meat (Corned beef,
Chopped ham, Luncheon meat)
Tea, Coffee, Dilutable drinks

Tins of:-

Soup, Hot Dogs, Rice Pudding,
Stewed Steak, Fruit

Curry Sauces

Porridge Oats, Breakfast Cereal
Tomato sauce, Jelly,
Cooking Oil, Biscuits

Toiletries

Disposable Razors, Shaving foam,
Toothbrushes, Toothpaste,
Shampoo, Soap
Bodywash, Deodorant

Men's Clothing

Trainers, Shoes, Socks
Jeans & Trousers (30-38 waist)
Jogging bottoms, Fleeces/Hoodies
Underwear, Coats, T-shirts

Miscellaneous

Toilet Rolls, Tea mugs
Novels, Oyster cards
(unregistered preferably)

Emmanuel Church
HARVEST FESTIVAL

Sunday 13th October at 10.30am

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

**Come and Decorate the Church for Harvest
on Saturday 12th October at 10.00am**

Church Family News

Congratulations to Rodolphe 's son Paul who graduated with a Bachelor with honours degree in Musical Performance from Birmingham Royal Conservatoire.

Whilst on a holiday in Dorset recently Tony and I visited Jenny and Peter Thornton and also Katherine and Gordon, all now living in Weymouth. It was lovely to see them all again, looking well and settled in their new surroundings.

Marion and Michael both have various health issues needing hospital appointments.

Please continue to pray for Mandy Laundry who is in hospital having suffered a stroke.

Roger Latch is recovering from recent surgery but is back in Church again.

I spent a happy afternoon with Freda when I took my dog, Martha, with me to St Margaret's. Remember Freda and also Elaine Smith who is in Northbourne Court Care Home.

Our prayers continue as we remember those who are not able to get to Church at the moment. We think of Olive Lewis, Doreen Still, Eileen Taylor, George Smith and Colin Seal.

We wish Maggie Williams and her fellow Guiders well on their forthcoming trip to Thailand.

Judith



Services for September

1	11.00am	Circuit Service	Farringtons
8	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
15	10.30am	Rev Duncan MacBean	
22	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
29	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Communion

Services for October

6	10.30am	Ms Maggie Ayres	
13	10.30am	Mr Tony Ball	Harvest
20	10.30am	Rev Derek Stanworth	
27	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion

Services for November

3	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
10	10.30am	Rev Rodolfe Blanchard-Kowal	Remembrance Day Parade
17	10.30am	Mr Tony Ball	.
24	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	



Remembrance Day Service

10th November 10.30am

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

From 'For the Fallen' By Laurence Binyon

Emmanuel Church Playgroup

Early Monday Mornings, the Church Hall is a hive of activity, and packed full of parents, pre-school children and childminders who attend this popular playgroup from 9.30am to 11.30am. There is a wonderful atmosphere and quite a bit of noise as the children play together, making friends and having fun together with the toys stored in the large hall cupboard.

The playgroup is run by me as a volunteer with help from childminders but the real thanks go to the Church volunteers Roger Latch and Jennifer Willson who turn up every week to make tea and squash with well-earned biscuits for the parents and children.

The playgroup makes about £35 a week for Church funds so it is a great asset.

If you have a free moment on a Monday and would like to see this in action or perhaps help, then do come along.

The next session will be on Monday 9th September when we return for the Autumn Term.

For more information contact

Carol Kerrey 07956 381 886

Greetings from Weymouth

Hello to all our friends at Emmanuel. We have been living here in Weymouth now for over 2 years and continue to be happy and think ourselves fortunate to be in such a lovely county as Dorset. It is always a pleasure when friends and family visit and we can show them this beautiful area. We were particularly pleased when Maggie and Jennifer came to stay with us in June. We spent a lovely day at the Sub-tropical gardens in Abbotsbury, about 7 miles from Weymouth. The gardens were first laid down by the Earl of Ilchester in the early 1800s and future Earls have continued his work. There are thousands of plants from all over the world all laid out around lawns, streams and winding pathways. After a good look round we enjoyed a very pleasant lunch of delicious soup and homemade bread.

Another place of interest is Tolpuddle. The village of Tolpuddle is not far from Weymouth and was home to the Tolpuddle Martyrs. In the 1830s farm workers wages were approximately 9 shillings a week, even then not enough for a family to live on. The rich landowners would not consider a pay rise so a group of 6 farm workers formed a union and took an oath to bring about reform. The local squire Sir James Frampton was concerned that trade unions would bring trouble for landowners and the wealthy class. As trade unions were not illegal he persuaded the government that taking an oath **was** illegal and the workers were tried for treason and sentenced to 7 years transportation to Australia. The public were so enraged by this that eventually the men were pardoned and in 1836 they returned home. This action by the Tolpuddle men is generally accepted as a stepping stone for Trade Unions. We visited the small museum which was full of information. Every year the Tolpuddle Festival is held in the village and attended by thousands of people, and a special service is held in the Methodist Chapel.

We continue to enjoy being members of Chickerell Methodist chapel and have made some good friends there. We are only a very small congregation but sometimes we are joined by holiday visitors. We have one couple who come several times a year and we are always glad to see them as the gentleman has a wonderful singing voice. Not long ago an elderly gentleman came with his daughter. He told me he came from New Eltham and wanted to visit the chapel as his father's funeral had been held there some 35 years ago. Unfortunately no one in the congregation could remember him.

We hold a church coffee morning once a month and it is nice when other people from the village attend. It is always a good morning and afterwards some of us go over the road to the Turks Head pub for a lunch, it always a pleasure to eat and spend time with people.

A few weeks ago we held a Thornton family get together, this was a belated gathering to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary last March. There are 14 of us now and plus 2 new boys, Isaac and Elijah, born in the

last year to our two grandsons. Since then neither Peter nor I have been particularly well with one thing after another including COVID. It has been rather frustrating particularly as both of us are usually very well. However things are looking up and we will soon be back to normal.

Although we both love living here we really miss our friends in Sidcup and think of you often, so we send our best wishes to you all.

Jenni Thornton

Pastorate Update

Peter and I attended a Pastorate meeting on July 17th chaired by Rodolphe. After the devotions based on Romans 12 v.1-2, prayers were given for all the names from all three Churches who needed to be remembered.

Reports on current activities were shared by each Church.

Rodolphe reported on the success of the Away Day and outlined the plans for the immediate future, which are included in his letter at the beginning of this copy.

Creation Time has been designated for September by the World Council of Churches, and it is suggested that all three Churches could consider focusing on environmental issues.

It was agreed that Rodolphe would lead worship at Geddes Place on Christmas Day.

Tony Ball is hosting Advent meetings on Tuesdays, commencing 26th November for Churches Together in Bexley. Geddes Place and Emmanuel would also be welcome.

Judith

A Summer Coffee Morning

A summer coffee morning on July 12th was a very enjoyable event which raised £302 which was shared between the Church and the Nasio Trust. There was a very tempting selection of cakes to be enjoyed as coffee or tea were served and a raffle of interesting prizes.

It was lovely to see members of the Badminton group as well as Guiders enjoying the coffee morning fellowship with Church members and regular coffee morning visitors. It is always good to welcome people for a cup of coffee and a biscuit on a Friday morning.

Judith

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 for church funds.



Sunday Coffee

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

Donations to Church Funds



ROTA

Sep	1	Farringtons	Oct	20	Ann and Maryia
	8	Ann and Maryia		27	Roger & Christine
	15	Roger & Christine	Nov	3	Pam & Jennifer
	22	Judith & Maddie		10	Judith & Maddie
	29	Pam & Jennifer		17	Pat & Marion
Oct	6	Pat & Marion		24	Ethel and Maureen
	13	Ethel and Maureen			

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 via 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.

Ed

Food Bank Report 20th August 2024

Thank you to everyone who donates to the Avery Hill Christian Fellowship Food Bank. It is very much appreciated by the Food Bank and the people who find themselves in a very difficult situation.

Their Current Needs Are:

Cleaning Products including washing up liquid. *

Small packets of washing Powder. *

Deodorants Men *& Women *

Shampoo* Conditioner*

Bars of soap *

Porridge

Meat in tins *

Tins of Fish *

Long life milk *

Fruit in tins*

Vegetables in tins & Tomatoes **

Ready to eat Custard & Rice Puddings *

Fruit Juice in Cartons (Long Life) *

Toilet Rolls *

Kitchen Rolls

Small packets of sugar **

Noodles *

Razors Men *

Coffee

Tea **

Biscuits

Jam, chocolate spread, peanut butter *

Potatoes in tins or mash

Female Hygiene products Tampons *

Tinned Spaghetti *

Squash to dilute **

Toothpaste *

* means they have low stocks

** out of stock

They currently have plenty of:
beans, pasta and cereals .

Revised Common Lectionary

Calendar Date	Liturgical Date	First Reading	Psalm
01 Sep	15th Sun after P'cost	Song of Solomon	Psalm 45:1-2, 6-9
08 Sep	16th Sun after P'cost	Proverbs	Psalm 125
15 Sep	17th Sun after P'cost	Proverbs 1:20-33	Psalm 19
22 Sep	18th Sun after P'cost	Proverbs 31:10-31	Psalm 1
29 Sep	19th Sun after P'cost	Esther 7:1-6, 9-10;	Psalm 124
06 Oct	20th Sun after P'cost	Job 1:1, 2:1-10	Psalm 26
13 Oct	21st Sun after P'cost	Job 23:1-9, 16-17	Psalm 22:1-15
20 Oct	22nd Sun after P'cost	Job 38:1-7, (34-41)	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c
27 Oct	23rd Sun after P'cost	Job 42:1-6, 10-17	Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22)
03 Nov	24th Sun after P'cost	Ruth 1:1-18	Psalm 146
10 Nov	25th Sun after P'cost	Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17	Psalm 127
17 Nov	26th Sun after P'cost	1 Samuel 1:4-20	1 Samuel 2:1-10
24 Nov	27th Sun after P'cost	2 Samuel 23:1-7	Psalm 132:1-12, (13-18)

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	Second Reading	Gospel Reading
01 Sep	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23
08 Sep	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
15 Sep	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
22 Sep	James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
29 Sep	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
06 Oct	Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
13 Oct	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
20 Oct	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
27 Oct	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
03 Nov	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
10 Nov	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
17 Nov	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
24 Nov	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

Clouds Hill, Bovington

In June of this year, whilst staying with Jenny and Peter Thornton in Weymouth, Jennifer Willson, Jenny and I visited T.E Lawrence's House.

Clouds Hill is a forester's cottage which was built in the early 19th century. In 1923, whilst stationed at Bovington camp with the Tank Corp, T.E Lawrence (Lawrence of Arabia) rented Clouds Hill, eventually buying it in 1925. It is now a Grade 2 listed building and owned by the National Trust. The inscription over the door (in Greek) says Why Worry. T.E Lawrence obviously did not.

The cottage has no electric lights, kitchen or toilet (men used the outside and women were allowed to cross the road and use the 'big house' facilities!). There are only 3 living rooms – an eating, book and music room. The eating room was lined with asbestos and covered with aluminium to heat it. With no kitchen facilities: cold food was bought a mile away in Bovington and stored under glass domes. The book room – which as well as many books also contained a leather divan where, amongst other visitors E.M Forster (A Room with a View) slept. *If you are wondering where Lawrence slept he was on the floor in a sleeping bag. The music room contained only a chair, sofa and large gramophone.

He also possessed a small trestle stool on which the coffin of Thomas Hardy had rested. It was given to him by Thomas Hardy's widow. There is a painting by Lawrence Whistler in the cottage – its provenance is being investigated.



The bier (a movable frame for a coffin) that carried T E Lawrence's coffin is in the café in the walled garden and now is used to display the delicious cakes sold there. He is buried in St Nicholas churchyard with a very unassuming headstone.

It was a very interesting visit to a very quirky house.

Maggie

The cottage with two visitors waiting to go in.



The eating room.



Lawrence of Arabia's bier ,now a cake stand in the café at the Walled Garden (modern day recycling)



Lawrence of Arabia's grave

Problems Camping near Elham (not Eltham)

Judith and I decided it would be a good idea to have a short trip in the campervan to check that Martha, our golden retriever, would enjoy camping. On Monday 5th August we loaded the van, locked the tailgate and departed for Rhodes Minnis, a tiny hamlet about 5 miles north of Folkstone on the North Downs.

When we reached a point near Elham we stopped in the shade of some trees to do part of a walk we had planned. I unlocked the tailgate to get my walking boots, but it would not open, in fact it refused to actually unlock despite the key turning. This meant I could not get my boots, the mallet, the electric hook-up cable, the outdoor chairs and table or turn on the gas. My initial reaction was that we would have to go home to get it fixed.

Judith persuaded me that if we could borrow a cable at the camping site, we would be able to boil water in our electric kettle and run the fridge. We had enough ham, cheese and salad in the fridge for two nights. Fortunately, her boots and the toilet tent were inside the van. So, we completed our walk and proceeded to Fir Tree Farm where Debby was very helpful and provided a mallet for the toilet tent pegs and an electric hook-up cable. She would have lent us a gas barbeque if it had been available. Next day we did a walk to Elham which is a



very pretty village with three pubs. It also has a surprisingly large Methodist chapel. We found it was still in regular use and wondered how large the congregation was. We saw that the couple who lived next door were outside and went to ask them. They had a Golden Retriever too, so were soon friends and



exchanging life histories. He told me of a farmer not far away who specialized in repairing VW campervans. I resolved to visit him later that afternoon. It also turned out that our new friend was a local historian. Several houses had names that indicated a working past such as Rope Walk House where ropes had once been made.

We left them and went to the Kings Arms for some lunch and, while we were waiting in the courtyard to be served, he turned up and presented us with a very interesting 50 page booklet of photographs entitled *Elham Old and New*. This was a very kind and thoughtful gesture which had been prompted by our interest in the history of Elham.

After lunch we continued our walk. After a while we actually stumbled across the farm that he had described which was more of a graveyard for campervans, with a few awaiting repair. The owner agreed with me that my only recourse was probably to cut a hole in the trim inside the tailgate to get at the lock since it would be impossible to reach all the fixing screws with it shut. On the same site was the 4 track Spitfire Slot Car Racing Club for which we had seen signs earlier. You never know what you will find on a walk.

We did another walk the next day and decided that Martha obviously loved camping and we had thoroughly enjoyed the beautiful Elham valley and resolved to return one day..

When we got home, I started to dismantle the bed to get to the tailgate. I found there was a hole in the trim with a release button inside that opened it even if it was locked. With it open, I could unscrew the trim completely, a few squirts of WD40 cured all my problems. To be safe I added an emergency release cable to avoid the need to dismantle the bed if it ever happened again.

Tony

Threads Through Creation

What an amazing morning Tony and I spent in Southwark Cathedral. We were admiring the 12 wonderful huge textile panels telling the story of the Creation as written in Genesis.

It was the work of one woman, Jaqui Parkinson, taking 3 years to produce. I wondered however she had managed to create such enormous vibrant panels. They are up to 2.5 metres high and 4 metres wide. Each panel is made in one piece, and is not lots of small bits joined together. Jacqui uses a bed sheet as a base for all her work. She often does samplers to trial colour and shape combinations.

She uses fabric dyes to paint on the base layer, spread out on the floor and uses layers of silk, sometimes cut back to reveal lower layers and even the base



Panel 7
Earth - dance with creatures
Day six - The creator fills in
the third large space on earth—
with an extravagant and
extraordinary variety of living
creatures....



*And God said, “Let the land produce living creatures according to their kinds”...Then God said, “Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground”... so God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.
(Genesis 1:24-26 selected verses)*

sheet. In her studio she has more than 100 colours of silk.. Miles of black thread and eight million stitches were used. Tables bore the weight of the panels while Jacqui put her designs together. There are extraordinary textures including metallic leather and gold leaf.

It was a spectacular display created by one very skilled woman whose own personal. Christian faith had been her motivation and the words of Genesis her inspiration.

At present she is working on her next and third project "Threads through the Cross" which is due for completion in 2025. Jacqui's first exhibition completed in 2016 with 14 panels re imagining the last book in the Bible was "Threads through Revelation "

The next plan is to put the three displays together which will complete the whole collection, "Threads through the Bible ". That will include 42 panels and will have taken 25 million stitches. That will be an extraordinary display!

Judith

Thank You from the Editors

Thank you to all the people who have contributed items for this edition.

As you can see, we can now print in colour. I hope you like it!

Please Note

The closing date for copy for the
December / January / February Outlook will be
Thursday 14^h November

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.

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 donations are welcome to help with the cost of paper and ink and postal charges.

Please feel free to take a copy for a friend or neighbour who might like to hear about what goes on at Emmanuel.

Tony Howard

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A Brief View of Turkey

We toured the western half of Turkey earlier this year. Being at the crossroads of Europe and Asia it has a rich cultural heritage, having been populated in turn by the ancient Greeks, Romans and Ottomans before becoming a republic in 1923. It's largest city, Istanbul, was previously known as Byzantium, then Constantinople. It is the most populous city in Europe with over 15 million residents.

The country is littered with historic ruins such as Troy and Pergamon (which had the second largest library in the world before Mark Antony stole the books as a present to Cleopatra). But do not worry; we do not intend to bore you with photos of piles of stones. Rather we will concentrate on a few of the more religious aspects.

As you may know, Ephesus was home to one of the very earliest Christian communities. It was already a thriving place since Greek and Roman times with statues to their gods, such as Nike. It contained one of the seven wonders of the world; The Temple of Artemis, of which only one column remains.



The most spectacular remnant is the reconstructed Library of Celsus. Saint Paul lived in Ephesus in 52-54 AD and wrote his letters to the community there during his imprisonment in Rome. Saint John, the apostle, is believed to have died in Ephesus and his tomb is nearby.



It may also be of interest that the modern Turkish name for Ephesus is Efes; which is also the name of the most popular beer.

Cappadocia is a fascinating area of central Turkey. It is mentioned in the bible (Acts 2:9). Nearby volcanoes covered the area with ash millions of years ago. This

has weathered into strange cone-shaped rock formations. Because the rock is so soft, it is easily hollowed out and so there are countless cave-dwellings, including the rooms at our hotel (which presented considerable difficulty in finding our way around). This was used to good effect by the local communities who constructed underground towns accessed via narrow passages that could house up to 2000 people where they hid whenever Arab invaders threatened. In the fourth century Orthodox Archbishop Basil the Great established a monastery there. Many cave



dwellings were used by the monks and cave churches were founded and are still being discovered. This Christian community lasted undisturbed until the 13th century when the new Muslim authorities had them shut down. Cappadocia is also the centre of hot-air ballooning with hundreds taking to the air at dawn. But as this required getting up before 3am we chose bed instead.



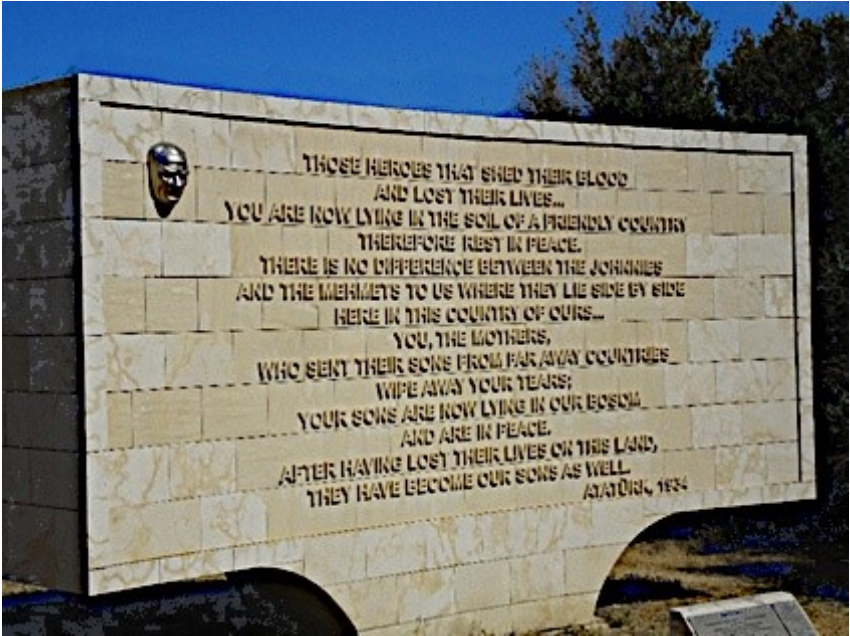
The Ottoman rule cemented the practice of Islam within the country. The calls to prayer ring out from numerous mosques five times a day, with much the same impact as the ringing of church bells here have on congregation sizes. One branch of Sufi Islam, well known to Corporal Jones in Dad’s Army, is the Dervishes. They try to approach God by virtues and individual experience, rather than by religious scholarship. Their services take the form of ritual chanting, music and dance. We visited one of these held in a caravanserai. What is that?



The famous Silk Road crosses Turkey and to accommodate the camel trains, forts were built at around 30km intervals (a camel’s day journey); much like Travelodges are today. Many are still around even though they fell out of use in the 17th century. The service we attended lasted about 45 minutes and included their trance-like whirling dance. It was held in impressively complete silence from the tourist visitors, who waited until the end to take photos.

The most sensitive part of our tour was a visit to the Gallipoli peninsular. It was here in 1915 that an eight month battle was fought to control the hills overlooking the Dardanelles, thereby opening the way to Constantinople and the Black Sea. It ended in failure for the Entente powers at a cost of over 50,000 dead on each side, including 12,000 Australians and New Zealanders. The area today is designated a national historic park so that, despite its lovely forests and beaches, no developments are permitted. There are numerous cemeteries and memorials but the one that took our breath away had on it the words of the Turkish commander, Kemal Pasha (later Atatürk). Surely a sentiment to be endorsed on Remembrance Sunday.





Following defeat in the first world war, the Ottoman Empire was divided and he became a political leader, founder and the first president of the Republic of Turkey. He introduced many popular reforms, making the country a secular parliamentary democracy. He is still revered by the majority of the population, thousands of whom daily visit his mausoleum in the capital, Ankara.



The current leader, Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, has replaced the parliamentary system by an executive presidency and is strengthening Islamic worship nationally. Such became clear where our tour finished in Istanbul. A huge new mosque has been built whilst the original centre of worship, the Hagia Sophia, has recently been re-established as a mosque. It was built in 537 AD and served as a Greek Orthodox

church until the fall of Constantinople in 1453 when it became a mosque. Under the secular government it became a museum in 1935. For one thousand years it was the largest cathedral in the world. Fortunately, the historic decorations have been covered up rather than destroyed; awaiting the next turn of history in this intriguing country.

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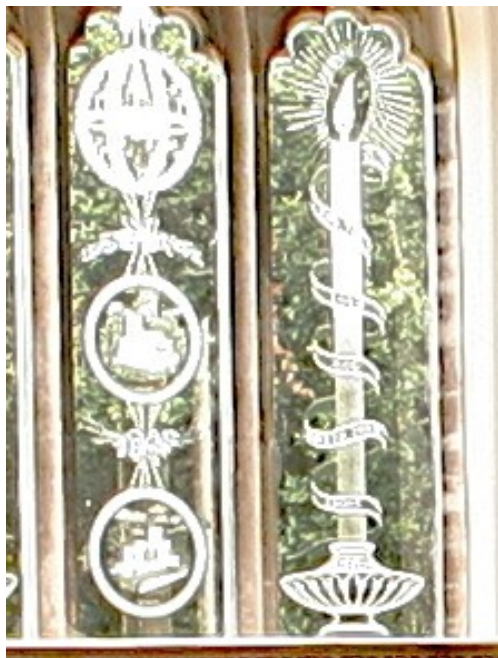
Moreton Church

Judith and I spent 4 nights in our camper van on a site next to Moreton Station in Dorset. Fortunately the train hooters didn't bother Martha in the slightest. During this period we visited Jennifer and Peter Thornton and also Katherine and Gordon. We also did some walking on the coast.



The day we were leaving, we visited Moreton Church which had been built in 1776.





It was badly damaged by a bomb in 1940 and lost all its windows. Restoration was completed in 1950, but with semi-opaque windows. In 1955 the artist Laurence Whistler designed the etched glass Apse windows. Over the next 40 years he replaced the other windows making a total of 12.

In 1987 he offered to give the church a 13th window. He wanted to design a window depicting the suicide of Judas, the 13th disciple, to only be seen from the outside of the church.

The church council were not too keen on the idea but by 1993 he had engraved the panel which he called the “Forgiveness Window”.

It shows the 30 pieces of silver falling from Judas’s hand and turning to flowers on the ground. The PCC were still not keen so it resided in Dorchester Museum until they eventually unanimously accepted it in 2012. It was finally installed on the outside wall of the church in 2013 with no light behind it.

Tony



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

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

Weekday Activities

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



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