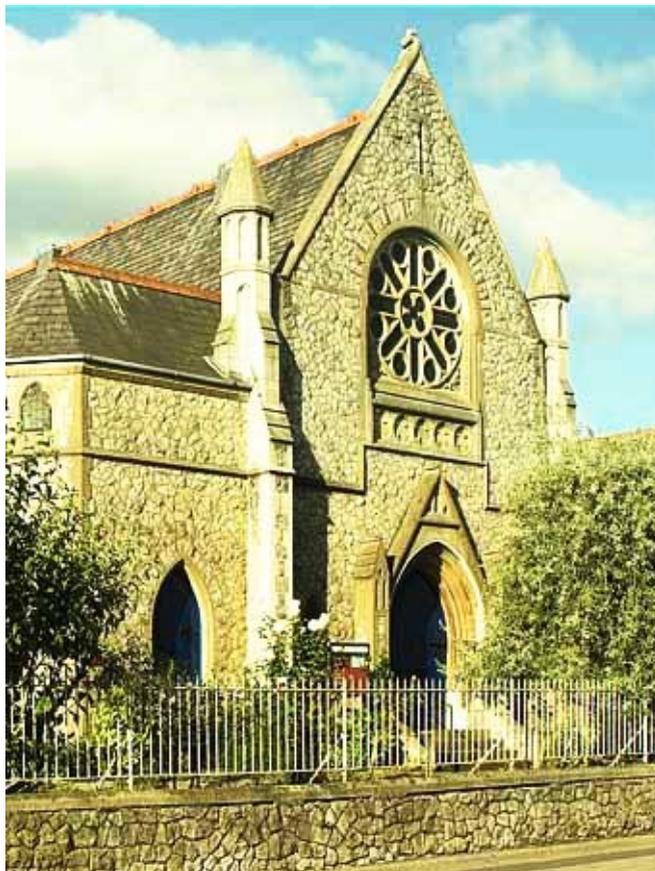


THE  
OUTLOOK

SEPTEMBER TO  
NOVEMBER 2022



Emmanuel Church Sidcup

Methodist and United Reformed

## Letter from the Interim Moderator

And still nothing to report. To be honest August is a dead month so it is really too much to expect any announcements on our vacancy. But September. Now that could be different. The Moderator told us “some months” but that was six months ago already so I think we are due a message sometime soon.

This quarter I would like to dwell on a word that has largely disappeared from our normal vocabulary - sin. It's a word that many in modern Britain prefer not to mention. It has all the connotations of evil and wrong-doing which so many people do not want to be reminded of nowadays. A deliberate lie is a sin. How many of our politicians fall into this category?

When we read our Bible we come across this word at regular intervals. My Concordat records no less than *four complete columns* of the various forms of “sin” which appear in the Bible. So it crops up quite a lot. And the Bible is always quite unequivocal in its opposition to sin.

Perhaps if we look at the definition in a dictionary it may suggest why so many in 2022 Britain try to keep clear of this word. According to my Cassell Concise dictionary sin is defined as “transgression of duty, morality or the law of God; wickedness, moral depravity, a transgression, an offence, a breach of etiquette, social standards.” Mark the title of the dictionary. “Concise”. What would it give if it was described as an expanded dictionary!

Jesus himself tells us that we can be forgiven any sin and evil that we say Math 12.31. This does not of course mean that we can habitually sin and expect God to keep on forgiving our sins.

Look at the parody of our Christian journey through life. As Christians we hope to go to Heaven and be with God when we die. That must be the hope of every Christian and yet there is often little mention of this in sermons which I nowadays hear. But if we are to move along this road we must prepare ourselves as we go. And our aim must be to be as near as possible to have sinned less when we arrive at Heaven's gate.

Three observations about sin. Firstly sin is telling us to obey our own wishes rather than obey God's. It is fairly obvious to where it would lead if we satisfied our own desires. We put our own needs before God's. Well if that is the case are we in any way different from people who never walk in through the door of God's house? Forget about Christianity for a second. Think of the vastly miserable existence if everyone put themselves first. What a really selfish life this would be. Would you like to live in such a world? I would not.

When I came out of hospital after a hip replacement I could not climb stairs etc. Life was pretty flat at times. I had to gradually build up the muscles through therapy. Now exercise comes easy to me. Fifteen press-ups is a piece of cake. As I built up my muscles the exercises became easier. There is no doubt

that the harder we try the easier it is. As we gain control over bad habits they seem to pose less and less of a threat.

Secondly, sin is a great nullifier. It works away trying to unravel all the good which Christ has set out to do in the first place. So ask ourselves why did Christ die? John 1.29 answers that one. "To take away the sins of the world".

Thirdly, sin tries to separate us from Jesus. That is a fairly simple choice to make. We can either side with Jesus or side with the Devil (he would probably like to be called by a more user-friendly name). The choice is ours.

But this raises a far bigger question. Why does God allow this evil, this sin to be around in the first place? People worship or do not worship Him. He created us as creatures with a free will. Yes, unfortunately we have a choice. And that can be a real problem at times. Think for a moment if God had never allowed evil to come into the world. What choice would we have had? We were found out doing something we should not. We were about to tell a lie to try to cover up. What would have been God's reaction? To close up our mouth before the lie had left our lips.

It would also be one where all choice was taken away from us. We would simply be no better or worse than programmed bots. We could do what we jolly well fancied knowing that God would suddenly put on the brakes when we were about to venture into sin. The word "temptation" would lose all semblance of a threat. It would refrain from posing any problems to us. We would not have to worry. God would do it all for us. I would certainly not like to lead a life like that.

This was why God sent his Son to die on our behalf. He meets evil in death and resurrection. He then transcends evil by grace and love. God wants everyone to turn to Him but He had to give them the initial choice.

Think of the words of Ephesians 4, 31-32. "Get rid of all bitterness, passion and anger. No more hateful feelings. Be kind and tender-hearted to one another and forgive one another as God has forgiven you through Christ." Powerful words but words which we must heed and try to obey if we are to go out of our way to remove as much sinful thought as possible from our lives.

But here is the bonus. Who is on the Lords side? As the hymn goes. We are. But far more important is the fact that the Lord is on our side. The struggle may not seem very fair and it is not. Because with God on our side the struggle is really unequal. He is far superior in all ways to the one who sins. That is why it is so important to keep on reminding ourselves that the closer we keep in contact with Jesus the easier it is for us.

*Colin Watson*

JOIN US FOR

# Virtual Worship

Dear All

Have you ever felt that it would be good to worship together at another time in the week as well as Sundays?

Maybe in your church you do - great.

This is an offer from the Synod Area to each of our churches and worshippers in them.

Starting on **Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of September** there will be a time of worship/reflection at 7.00pm on zoom for around 30 minutes

The zoom details are.....

Join Zoom Meeting

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89638821888?  
pwd=ZlJ6QThzUHdxVBRRU9mZFVjVsZz09](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89638821888?pwd=ZlJ6QThzUHdxVBRRU9mZFVjVsZz09)

**Meeting ID: 896 3882 1888**

**Passcode: URC50**

Everyone is welcome and we ask that you share this with your congregations.

If you or someone in your congregation would like to lead please let Lesley know. [Minister@kingstonurc.org](mailto:Minister@kingstonurc.org) 07950812946

## Monday Fellowship Group

The Monday Fellowship will meet in the Hall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> September. As from Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October the Fellowship will meet in the Weaver Room on the first Monday of the month.

Marion Parfitt no longer feels able to lead the group but the meetings will continue. The Fellowship, which has replaced the original Women's Hour will be pleased to hear from any Church member who feels they would like to take on the role of leader. In the meantime the group will continue on a monthly basis at 2.00 pm.

## Greetings From Weymouth

Hello everyone and greetings from Weymouth. After a rather stressful few months we finally got to move to our new home. We downsized to a small bungalow here in Weymouth but after only a few days we realised that this was an ideal home for us at this stage of our lives.

Our family worked really hard unpacking all the “stuff“. we brought with us and had it all stored away by day 2. Mind you, we spent quite a time playing hunt the object when they left but now we are more or less straight. We have very nice neighbours and everyone we meet has been very welcoming.

One of the first things we did was find a church. Several Methodist churches have shut here in recent years so the first week we went to the main church in the town. It is a very modern building and the people there were very friendly. The second week we thought we should try another and found a small chapel about 10 mins drive in another suburb. It is a small building built in 1865 and the interior is very plain but pleasant. The only decorative thing is one stained glass window which was bought jointly by members of the armed forces who worshipped there during WW2 in thanks for the care the church members gave them. Small it may be but the welcome we received from the members of the congregation was huge. Between 10 and 15 people come on Sundays and everyone is so happy to see us. It is very informal and we immediately felt at home there and have decided that is where we will stay. Peter is already on the reading list and I have joined the craft group every fortnight. Every few weeks we have a joint service with another small church the other side of Weymouth. We went there last week and I sat next to a lady from Bexleyheath!

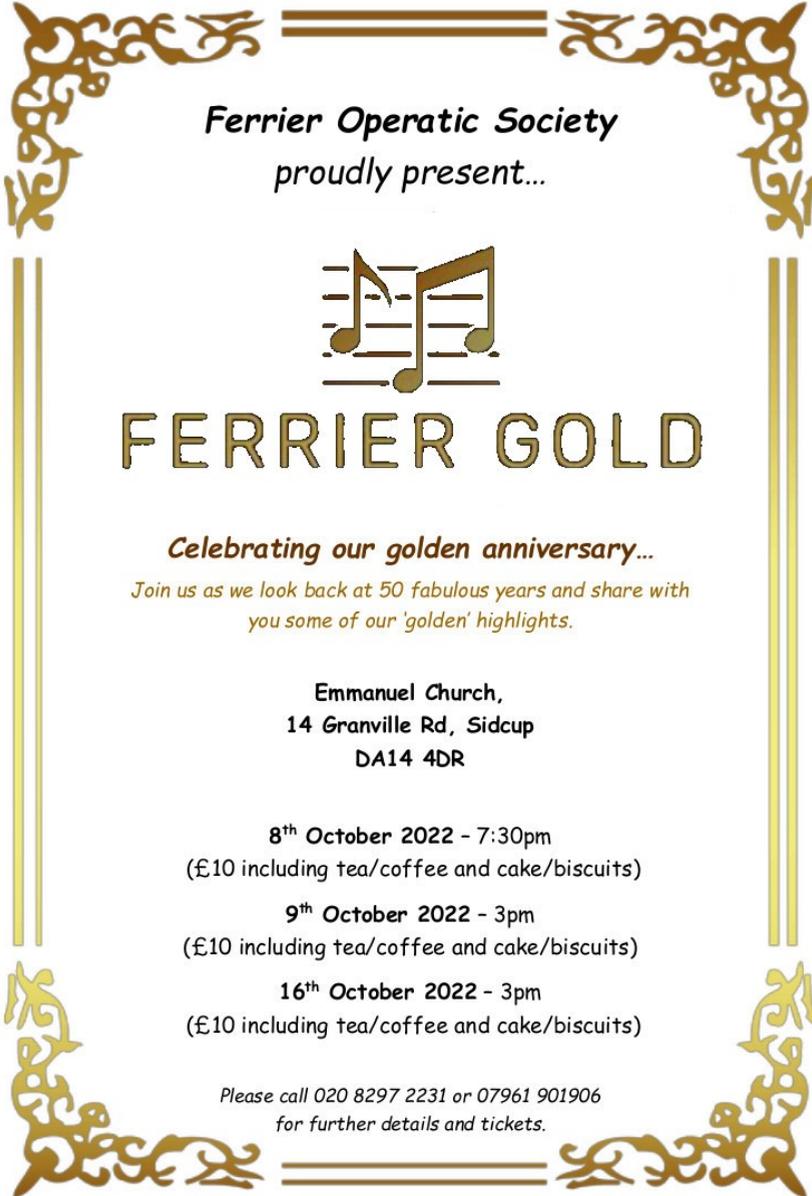
We have also joined the local U3A and have enrolled in some of their groups. Peter goes to the Scrabble club, Whist club, Current Affairs and every Tuesday plays golf with about a dozen other gentlemen. I have joined another stitching group and really enjoy that, as all the ladies are such good fun and very interesting. I am already on the tea rota which apparently involves bringing a cake!

The summer season is upon us and of course the town is very busy with holidaymakers. Sometimes when we go into town we have a walk along the front after our shopping and have coffee looking at the bay which is lovely. We have also been trying out some restaurants, an odious task as you can imagine, but someone has to do it. We have had family visiting us which has been lovely and I am so thankful for the telephone so I can keep in touch with my friends in Sidcup. We do miss everyone from Sidcup but we know that

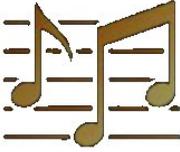
moving here was the right thing to do, and we are very happy. Should anyone be visiting the area at any time do call and we can meet up.

We hope everyone at Emmanuel is well and we send best wishes to you all.

*Peter and Jenni Thornton*



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**Emmanuel Church,  
14 Granville Rd, Sidcup  
DA14 4DR**

**8<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 7:30pm**  
(£10 including tea/coffee and cake/biscuits)

**9<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 3pm**  
(£10 including tea/coffee and cake/biscuits)

**16<sup>th</sup> October 2022 - 3pm**  
(£10 including tea/coffee and cake/biscuits)

*Please call 020 8297 2231 or 07961 901906  
for further details and tickets.*



Orpington & Chislehurst

# *Circuit Service*

Sunday 11th September  
10:30am

All are warmly invited to come and meet our  
new minister Rev Robert Selvakumar at our  
Circuit Service.

Joint worship followed by refreshments. A  
chance to meet friends, both old and new.

Hosted by Orpington Methodist Church,  
Sevenoaks Road, BR6 9JH



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## **Food Bank Report Oct 2022**

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

### **Their Urgent Needs Are:**

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Washing Pods                  | Tinned Rice Pudding       |
| Deodorants                    | Noodles                   |
| Shower Gel                    | Sugar                     |
| Toothpaste                    | Custard                   |
| Long life fruit juice         | Tinned spaghetti          |
| Tins of fish                  | Coffee                    |
| Tinned fruit                  | Toilet paper              |
| Long life milk (semi-skimmed) | Carrier bags              |
| Toilet Rolls                  | Sweets, chocolate, treats |
| Bottles of Squash             |                           |



## Services for September

4	10.30am	Mr Tony Ball	
11	10.30am	Circuit Service	Orpington
18	10.30am	Dcn Maureen Spinks	
25	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion

## Services for October

2	10.30am	Rev Bryn Thomas	URC Pastorate Service Communion
9	10.30am	Mr David Ball	Harvest Festival
16	10.30am	Mrs Val Loader	
23	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	
30	10.30am	Mr David Ball	

## Services for November

6	10.30am	Mr Martin Leonard	Communion
13	10.30am	Mr Ralph Brandhorst	Remembrance Day
20	10.30am	Pastorate Service	URC Geddes Place (No service at Emmanuel)
27	10.30am	Mr John Twidale	

## Pastoral News

Doris Willson died on July 16<sup>th</sup> in Swansea. Since her son Philip died she had been living in a nursing home in Wales near her other son. She had reached the grand old age of 103 and died peacefully.

Pat Brace is still not well and is needing to attend various medical appointments. Please think of her in your prayers.

Remember Marion Parfitt who has various problems requiring treatment and further investigation.

Audrey Fish has not felt well enough to come to Church for a few weeks. We miss seeing her as she misses joining us for worship and we hope she will soon feel well enough to come back.

Ruth Dunster is not well enough to attend Church but she is well supported by her family. Iris Wood is housebound and supported by carers.

Freda Skinner and Lorna New in St Margaret's and Elaine Smith in Northbourne Court remain in our thoughts and prayers.

## Welcome to Finlay

We are delighted to share our news with you all. James & Kat have a baby son, a brother for Maddy. Finlay Stewart Long was born on 5th August weighing 3.45kg.

Keith & I were lucky to meet Finlay when he was 3 days old and enjoyed precious cuddles. When Maddy was born in the 1st lockdown we could only video call and had to wait 3 months before we got to cuddle her which of course was equally precious.

The family are doing very well, Finlay seems to be very chilled and Maddy is very sweet with him-so far.

*Maryia Long*

### Decorate the Church for Christmas

**Advent begins on November 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Come and help to decorate the church**

**On Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November 10:00am.**

## Civic Award

Earlier this year I was honoured to be invited to Bexley Civic Offices to be presented with a Civic Award by the Mayor. I was nominated for my 35 years in Scouting.

Having started on the scout committee and then moving on to help with the scout section.

I have had some wonderful times both on a Monday with our weekly meetings and away at camp.

Activities have been varied from Caving in Derbyshire to Gorge scrambling in Wales with a fair share of Kayaking up and down rivers or around lakes and reservoirs and Power Boating around the Isle of Sheppey.

It has always been important to have fun while being educational.



Scouting has given me some wonderful experiences and I hope it has given the Scouts some lasting memories and set them up well for their future lives.

Don't let anyone say there is nothing for young people to do, it's there for them if they want it.

*Laurence*

## Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>Liturgical Date</b>	<b>First Reading</b>	<b>Psalm</b>
Sep-04	13th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 18:1-11	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
Sep-11	14th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28	Psalm 14
Sep-18	15th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 8:18-9:1	Psalm 79:1-9
Sep-25	16th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15	Psalm 91:1-6, 14-16
Oct-02	17th Sun after Pentecost	Lamentations 1:1-6	Lamentations 3:19-26 or Psalm 137
Oct-09	18th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 29:1, 4-7	Psalm 66:1-12
Oct-16	19th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 31:27-34	Psalm 119:97-104
Oct-23	20th Sun after Pentecost	Joel 2:23-32	Psalm 65
Oct-30	21st Sun after Pentecost	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 119:137-144
Nov-01	All Saints Day	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149
Nov-06	22nd Sun after Pentecost	Haggai 1:15b-2:9	Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 or Psalm 98
Nov-13	23rd Sun after Pentecost	Isaiah 65:17-25	Isaiah 12
Nov-20	24th Sun after Pentecost	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Luke 1:68-79
Nov-27	1st Sun of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122

### URC Pastorate Service

At Geddes Place  
Preacher Rev Bridget Banks  
Moderator of the Southern Synod  
November 20<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am

No service at Emmanuel

### Concert

On October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3.00pm  
There will be a Concert  
At 3.00pm at Bexley URC  
Everyone from the URC Pastorate is invited.

## Revised Common Lectionary

<b>Calendar Date</b>	<b>Second Reading</b>	<b>Gospel Reading</b>
Sep-04	Philemon 1:1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Sep-11	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Sep-18	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Sep-25	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Oct-02	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Oct-09	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Oct-16	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Oct-23	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Oct-30	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
Nov-01	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Nov-06	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
Nov-13	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov-20	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43
Nov-27	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44

### URC Pastorate Service

At Emmanuel  
Preacher Rev Bryn Thomas  
October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10.30  
With Communion

Tea and Coffee and Refreshments  
will be provided after the service.

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)



## **To: All members and adherents of United Reformed Churches and our Local Ecumenical Partnerships**

Dear Friends,

Is anyone back to normal?

After two years of pandemic and lockdown, and Covid still with us (thankfully, for most, in a much weaker form), we can now worship together in person and find fellowship again. But for most of us it is not simply a return to how it used to be; some people have not returned to church, some have died or become too frail, some churches have closed and others considering it.

Now we have significant European turmoil and its likely effect on fuel and food prices for us in the UK. Thank God that “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever” (Heb. 13 v.8). Whatever else changes, He is our rock, our cornerstone.

Financially, things were extremely tough for churches in 2021. Plate offerings had collapsed; some regular givers had to reduce or entirely stop giving to support God's work; and those churches which hire out their premises had seen income from that source disappear. Even those churches where the majority of the giving was by standing order or bank transfer (*if you have not considered regularising your giving in this way, please do – it helps your treasurer significantly*) may have seen a 20%+ drop in income.

If this had been replicated in giving to the M&M Fund in 2021, we might have been faced with a serious financial crisis last year.

But no, through the generosity of individuals, churches and Synods, we can report that income only fell by 4.4%. With a similar reduction in expenditure the M&M Fund result was a deficit of only £80,000 (less than one-half of one percent of income), a deficit that can be comfortably covered by reserves.

So, thank you to all who continued to contribute to your local church, thank you to all those churches who met their commitment for 2021 in full, and thank you to all those who, in adversity, continued to treat the M&M Fund as the first priority and paid what they could.

With churches and individuals under financial pressure, 2022 is not going to be an easy year either. The M&M Fund budgeted income (based on Synods' projections) will not be sufficient to cover expected costs and we are reconciled to dipping into our reserves more seriously as a result.

However, if we “ordinary Christians” are to fulfil the call of Jesus to be His witnesses in the world around us we need ministers and other workers “on the ground” and we need shared resources which are often best created centrally. That all comes from the M&M Fund.

Again, thank you all!

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter, please speak to your church treasurer who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help directly then they can get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

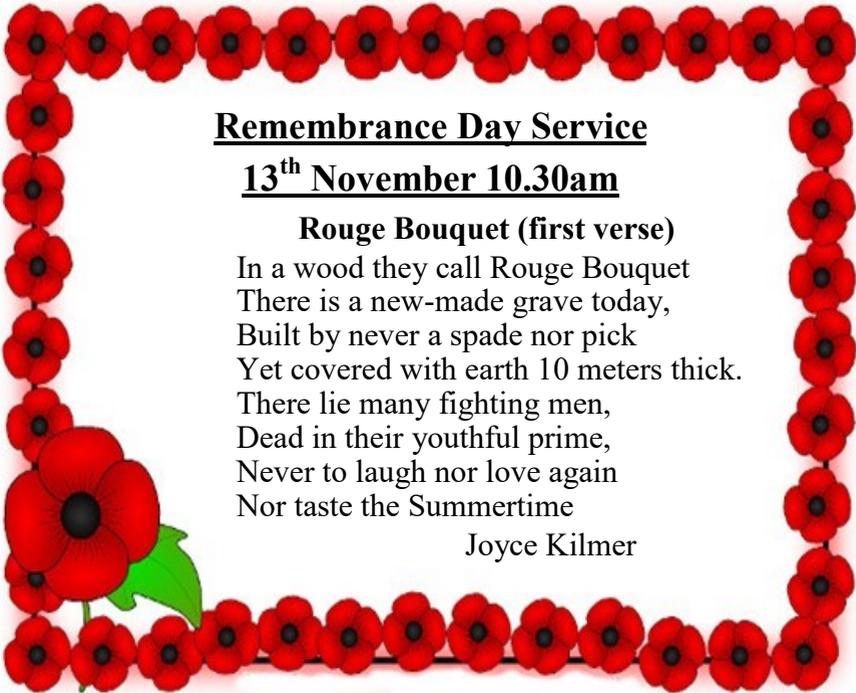
*Yours in Christ,*

*Ian Hardie (Treasurer)*

*Vaughan Griffiths (Deputy Treasurer)*

Emmanuel’s contribution to the M&M fund is paid by the Circuit..

*Judith*



*South London Synod Area*

Dear Friends



On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October, the anniversary of the actual date of the formation of the URC, the URC's South London Synod Area are holding a service online through Zoom starting at 7.00pm.

Rev David Pickering has been asked to lead the service and he will involve colleagues from the area and beyond.

The service will celebrate some of the URC's story over the last 50 years and some distinctive features of our Church today, including our hymnwriters with all the hymns to be sung from the heart and pen of those who belong to the URC.

We ask that you encourage your members to join the service either from the comfort of their own homes or in friendship groups or from your own church where you could experience the opportunity of the Synod Area all singing together and making a joyful noise.

Meanwhile, please encourage your members to put the date in their diaries and in your pew sheets and magazines.

The Zoom details are as follows.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88495501792?pwd=Uy9Ta0g0YW50UE50UXN3d1RkMUE3Zz09>

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If joining by telephone Dial by your location (use any number)

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Let's Celebrate together

Yours sincerely

*Alistair Wilson*

Administrator of the South London Synod Area



**Emmanuel Church**  
**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Sunday 9th October at 10.30am

All harvest gifts will be donated to the Manna Society

Come and Decorate the Church  
For Harvest on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 10.00am

**Manna Day Centre**

Needs in order of priority (most important in **BOLD**)

**Food**

**Tinned Tomatoes, Vegetables**

**Pasta Sauces**

**Rice**

**Tinned Meat**

Tins of:-

Fish, Baked beans, Hot Dogs,  
Corned Beef, Chopped Ham,  
Luncheon Meat, Stewed Steak.

Curry Sauces

Pasta, Spaghetti

Cooking Oil, Biscuits

**Toiletries**

**Disposable Razors**

**Toilet Rolls**

**Kitchen Rolls**

**Clothing (Men's & Women's)**

Trainers

Jeans

Underwear

Shoes

Socks

**OBERAMMAGAU 2022**

An unsolicited travel brochure falls through the letter box in 2019. I flicked through it noting that a visit to the most famous performance of the Passion Play is one of the trips. Is it on my bucket list? - yes - so phone a Jewish friend (who was delighted to join me even though she does not recognise Jesus as the Messiah) and book for July 2020. Then Covid struck the world. Delayed for 2 years!! So at last in July 2022 we fly to Munich, bus to Austria - Innsbruck Neuschwanstein Castle (think Chitty Chitty Bang Bang) and Oberammergau in the Bavarian Alps.

**History** During the 1618-48 30 years war (Catholics v Protestants) the plague (black death) was rampant. Oberammergau isolated itself restricting movements to and from the village with guards. Kaspar Schisler who had been working away crept back to his family in the village unwittingly bring the disease

with him. In the next few months he, his family and 84 inhabitants died. This was thought a punishment from God so in 1633 as an act of penitence and expression of faith the Village Council made a solemn vow to perform every 10<sup>th</sup> year a play of the Saviours suffering and death if they were delivered from the disease. No one else died. The first performance was 1674. In 1674 the date was changed to the beginning of each decade. No performance in 1700 (ban on passion plays) and 1940 (WW2). The only other postponement was 1920 (Spanish flu pandemic) but performed in 1922.

**Oberammagau.** Surrounded by mountains, many houses are decorated with frescoes from the bible eg Pilates house (1784) or from fairy tales eg Hansel and Gretel, Red Riding Hood. There are 60 woodcarvers in the village and their work is amazing.

May - October 5 days a week 4,500 people fill the purpose built covered theatre (until 1830 performed in the cemetery). The roof over the stage is retractable. During the play season nearly 45,000 visitors from 40 different countries visit the village. The village population is 5,400 of whom 2,500 are involved in the production – acting, scenery, costumes, props, catering, coach driving etc. Actors may need unpaid leave or as with our bus driver who ferried us back to the hotel juggle both roles – he had been a villager 20 minutes previously and was also the real father of the actor playing Caiaphas. The play is a family affair. To have a part you need to be born in the village or live there 20 years. If you marry someone born in the village you need only wait 10 years. There are auditions for all parts. People from all faiths can take part. From Ash Wednesday the year before the play the Hair Decree comes into operation no man with a part can shave or have a haircut until the final performance in October the following year (unless they are playing a Roman Soldier who were traditionally clean shaven). There are 2 complete casts – performing alternate days. In the Palm Sunday act there maybe 500 people on the stage including animals - donkey, sheep, horses, children, babies. The cloth for the costumes are sourced in India who make the material as it was in Jesus' time. Villagers make all the costumes.

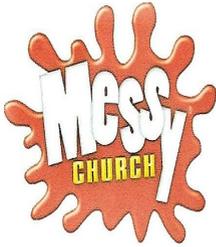
Over the years the play has evolved. Changes of script have occurred. Music was composed by Dedler (born in Oberammagau) for the 1820 production. New music has been added as changes in script occurred. In 1811 special living tableaux were introduced – 18 scenes from the OT reflecting Jesus' journey through his last days. When you see them its hard to realise they are real people.

Part 1 is in the afternoon, a break for dinner – prebooked -and then Part 2 in the evening. It is performed in German (English texts are available) and follows the story of Jesus from his entry into Jerusalem through to the crucifixion and the resurrection.

Words cannot describe what an amazing spectacle this passion play is reflecting the time of Jesus and bringing the story to life - the acting, the music, choirs and soloists. It was brilliant.

*Maggie Williams*





## Messy Church Update

At a meeting on 31-8-22 it was decided that we would hold Messy Church roughly every two months instead of every month, and the meetings would be between 4.00 and 5.30pm. We will still restrict the number of children to 25.

Saturday	12 <sup>th</sup> November 2022	Remembrance
Saturday	11 <sup>th</sup> February 2023	Love
Saturday	8 <sup>th</sup> April 2023	Easter
Saturday	10 <sup>th</sup> June 2023	Summer Time

We will go back to making sandwiches and cakes with some fruit.

We struggle with support and would appreciate help on these occasions with getting the hall ready by setting up the tables between 2.30 and 3.00 pm and putting the tables away and clearing up afterwards at just after 5.30 pm.

We would also like volunteers to make a plate of sandwiches or some small cakes. Someone to make teas and coffee would also be appreciated. To this end we will have a list available at church for anyone to volunteer.

Thank you

*Roger*

## The United Reformed Church - Southern Synod

### Request for Help

Synod Office East Croydon URC Addiscombe Grove Croydon CR0 5LP  
Telephone: 020 8688 3730

Dear friends,

You are aware that the URC celebration is happening on October 1st at Methodist Central Hall Westminster. The URC need some help on the day. They need 24 operational stewards to help guide people into the hall after they pass MCHW's security, and about 100 to help serve communion.

As we are one of the closest Synods, we have been asked to help. If you are able to help, please can you contact Louise or Andy ([louise.ault@urc.org.uk](mailto:louise.ault@urc.org.uk) [andy.jackson@urc.org.uk](mailto:andy.jackson@urc.org.uk)) and let them know.

Many thanks,

Bridget

*Revd Bridget Banks Moderator of Southern Synod*

## Friday 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.

**More volunteers to serve coffee are needed desperately. Please see Marion Parfitt if you can help.**



## Sunday Coffee

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

Donations to Church Funds

### ROTA

Sep	4	Pat & Marion	Oct	16	Ethel and Maureen
	11	Cct Service Orp'ton		23	Pat & Marion
	18	Roger & Christine		30	Mandy and Judith
	25	Mandy and Judith			
Oct	2	Ann and Maryia (Pastorate Service with extra refreshments)	Nov	6	Roger & Christine
	9	Pam & Jennifer		13	Pam & Jennifer
				20	URC Geddes Place
				27	Ann and Maryia

## Please Note

The closing date for copy for the **Dec / Jan / Feb** Outlook will be Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov

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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## **The legacy of Max the miracle dog**

The heart warming story of Max the miracle dog continues even though ,sadly this amazing springer spaniel came to the end of his 14 year wonderful life. Max died on April 6<sup>th</sup> 2022.

Max's birthday was on 12<sup>th</sup> August. He would have been 15 years old and the day became a day to remember him and raise money to support the Great North Air Ambulance. An amazing total of £45,464 was raised.

The walk took place around one of Max's favourite places, Tewet Tarn, where many of his daily video walks had been followed by his regular supporters on Facebook. On August 12<sup>th</sup> about 750 followers with 450 dogs walked with Kerry and his two dogs, Paddy and Harry, to remember the springer spaniel described as a miracle dog.

What a legacy this dog has left!

*Judith*

## **Mustard Seed Relief Mission**

### **Love in a Box**

Love in a box has been suspended for the time being due to the devastating humanitarian crisis across Eastern Europe. Help is needed in a more direct way.

Collecting, sorting and sending aid would cost around £10,000.

Consequently, Mustard Seed are requesting donations instead of the usual Love in Box boxes.

If you wish to help please send cheques to

Mustard Seed Relief Mission, 213 Kings Drive, Eastbourne, BN21  
2UJ.

Or by bank transfer to Mustard Seed Relief Mission,

Sort code 52-41-00 account 40106802

This way financial aid would go direct to where it would be best used.

*Lisa Smart Director*

On <http://www.msrm.org.uk/giftm.html> there is a form to donate with Gift Aid.

*Ed*



# 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
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	2.00pm	Monday Fellowship first Monday in the month (except Bank Hols)
	5.45pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sidcup Beavers
	6.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sidcup Cub Scouts
	7.30pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sidcup Scouts
Thursday	10. 00am	Ladies Morning Club
Friday	10.30am—noon	Coffee Morning
	1.30pm	Parents & Toddlers Club
	4.45pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sidcup Rainbows
	6.00pm	6 <sup>th</sup> Sidcup Brownies
	7.30pm	4 <sup>th</sup> Sidcup Guides



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