

# The Chronicle

*Monthly magazine of the  
three Hayes Methodist churches*

*I found you there, one early morn,  
your petals all dipped with dew.  
Fresh captured beauty newly born,  
fragrant pure and new.*

*Denver E. Crow*



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# **The Methodist Church**

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### **Magazine of the three Hayes Methodist Churches**

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**A letter from the Editor**

**Dear Friends**

**This is not only the day that the Lord has made, but it is also the day when our Minister Andrew and his Laura have become one: now as man and wife together our prayer is that God will bless them with a long, healthy and very happy marriage.**

**And we are also aware that in just two days' time it will be Trinity Sunday and see that one of the recommend Lectionary readings for the week ahead is from John 3:1-17.**

**It is here we read that well-known story of Nicodemus, the Pharisee who was then one of the important Jewish leaders and who visited Jesus very late one night - he had come to the belief that Jesus could be no ordinary rabbi, and It was obvious that he made this visit quite late at night to avoid having his actions questioned by other Jewish leaders.**

**Nicodemus says he feels that somehow Jesus must have come from God because there was no way in which he could have performed all the acts of healing without God's help; such miracles that Nicodemus would very well know all about. Jesus confirms that Nicodemus is right in his thinking, and then goes on to tell him that anyone who believes his teaching is from God will need to be born again. Understandably to Nicodemus' ears this sounds impossible as no man can enter his mother's womb a second time.**

3However, Jesus' reply is that Nicodemus has totally missed the point. He tells him to first receive the Spirit of God and then leave the things of this world behind. He needs to be lifted from the present: and it is here that we come to what must be the most quoted passage from the Bible when Jesus says these words to Nicodemus -

*“for God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish, but may have eternal life”*

We read no more of this Pharisee until after the arrest of Jesus when he tries to speak up for Jesus and says that their law does not allow judgment on any person without first giving them a hearing. The response is that Nicodemus should make a check and he will discover that no prophet has ever come from Galilee – hardly a valid reason, but nevertheless it was accepted by those who wanted rid of Jesus, who saw him as a tiresome and threatening rabbi, who dared to profess that he had the authority of God.

So, from John's reading it would appear the message for us all on this Trinity Sunday would be that it is time to bury the old and begin the new - not that either Andrew or Laura will have need to bury their past, but they are now most decidedly beginning the new and theirs is such a lovely example of a new beginning.

This is something that should be reflected in each of our lives and, indeed world-wide when today there is so much discord and hatred – may God hear our prayers that he penetrate the hearts of all who promote violence, greed, disunity and senseless killing so they come to see the harmful results of their actions and amend their ways thus ensuring that every man, woman and child in his world can live in harmony and without fear: accepting of one another's differing life styles, creeds and languages – and so, as the hymn words say *“let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me”*

Blessings and in His name

*Enid*

# <sup>4</sup>**Our churches' prayer pages**



If you have read page 5 of our May magazine, you will be aware that from now on, in addition to our usual page of intercessional prayers, we will be adding some extra prayers and/or thoughts of praise, worship and thanksgiving to our Creator. Each month we will begin with the words of an appropriate hymn and, as stated, one that may possibly be used with our own prayers. So, for the month of June we have selected the following hymn of praise that was written by Stuart K. Hine

**O LORD MY GOD** when I in awesome wonder consider all the works  
Thy hand hath made. I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed –  
*then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee; how great Thou art!  
How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;  
how great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds  
sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;  
*then sings my soul.....*

And when I think that God His Son not sparing, sent Him to die –  
I scarce can take it in; That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin;  
*then sings my soul.....*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home –  
what joy shall fill my heart. Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, my God how great Thou art;  
*then sings my soul.....*

# **... In your mercy Lord,**

Creator God,

You have ensured throughout our lives, that words, spoken or written; silent actions or prayers of those we have encountered on our journeyings have quite clearly demonstrated – through our friends and family or even by total strangers – your great love for us in so many, many ways: we have been helped up when we have fallen, given encouragement when we have felt lost, alone or in need of forgiveness.

This month, whether they are already back home and dwelling with you in heaven, or remain here in this your earthly kingdom, may we offer our heartfelt thanks for all the individuals that we name below this month -

Amen

Ida Lister  
Rose Griffiths  
Cathy Galloway  
Kenneth Black  
Ron Porter

Oscar Romero  
Erma Klass  
Ray Hodgkinson  
Ted Fogarty  
Lynn Orriss

**please hear these our prayers**  
**of thanksgiving...**

**and, as always, we ask that friends be kind enough to continue to include in their prayers of intercession all the following:**

*Friends and members of our church families who,  
due to infirmity and other illness,  
are currently house-bound*

*All those named in our weekly prayer books –  
God will know the needs of each one  
and in His time will respond*

*All who suffer long-term and world-wide,  
who struggle every day, well aware  
that their situation may never improve*

*Families known to be suffering bereavement*

*The ministers and members of our Circuit team  
who work tirelessly in their roles  
as pastors of their congregations*

**“Father hear the prayer we offer;  
not for ease that prayer shall be,  
but for strength that we may ever  
live our lives courageously.  
Be our strength in hours of weakness  
In our wanderings be our guide;  
Through endeavour, failure, danger,  
Father be there at our side”**

*Love Maria Willis*

# **Now for what has been -**

## **Our Brigades' Open Night**

The annual Hayes End Brigade Companies' Open Night was held on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> April with special guests the Revd Andrew Pottage, our minister, and the newly appointed Vice President of the West London Battalion of the Boys' Brigade, Mr Keith Machin,.

First on the programme was a quick trip around our solar system with the help of the Thunderbirds. The Anchors' teams were based on planets this year and the boys from each team presented some interesting facts about their planet. Did you know...?

- there are no chocolate bars on Mars!
- it takes Jupiter 12 years and Saturn 29 years to travel round the sun;
- and there are no little green men on Saturn!

Then the Girls' Brigade members took us from science to the arts with a selection of Christian songs which had us clapping and singing along.

It was all change again and the junior boys had some of the Dads up and active as they challenged them to some relay football games. I'm not sure which team won overall, but the Dads looked pretty well pleased with themselves when they won at least one of the challenges.

The boys always have a lot of energy to expel and the seniors gave their usual gymnastics display which is breath-taking and scary at the same time as they hurtle over the vaulting horse at quite a speed! Some of the Anchors were keen to join in but they will need to have a few years' service before they are able to show us what they can do!

A bring and share meal was provided as a spot of supper and this was followed by the Anchors' presentation of 'The Chair Chase'. I must admit I wouldn't mind having a go at this one myself!

Two teams standing on two opposing rows of chairs; the last and share chair is passed along the line to the front and everyone steps forward leaving another share chair at the end of the row – the aim is to get to the other end of the hall before the other team. There were a few falls but thankfully no injuries – just as well they were only small chairs.

It was a very active night as the girls then had some parents and our minister up on their feet playing a slightly different version of cat and mouse.

Andrew seemed to be the cat for the majority of the first game – the girls were obviously too well practiced but he and the other parents seemed to manage to sneak back to their seats when the anchors joined in.

Last up were the senior boys who shared their 'Hidden Talents' of playing the piano, telling jokes, performing magic tricks, football kick-ups and dribbling.

It all tied in very nicely to Andrew's devotions at the end of the evening, sharing the good news that Jesus welcomes everyone, with all their differences.

As already expressed in the various speeches at the end of the evening – thank you to the officers for their time and effort, to the church for supporting them and for the parents who bring many of them and who turned out en masse to attend the evening.

Finally thank you to the brigade members who entertained us, we have a very lively and talented bunch of youngsters in our Hayes End community.

## **Nicola**

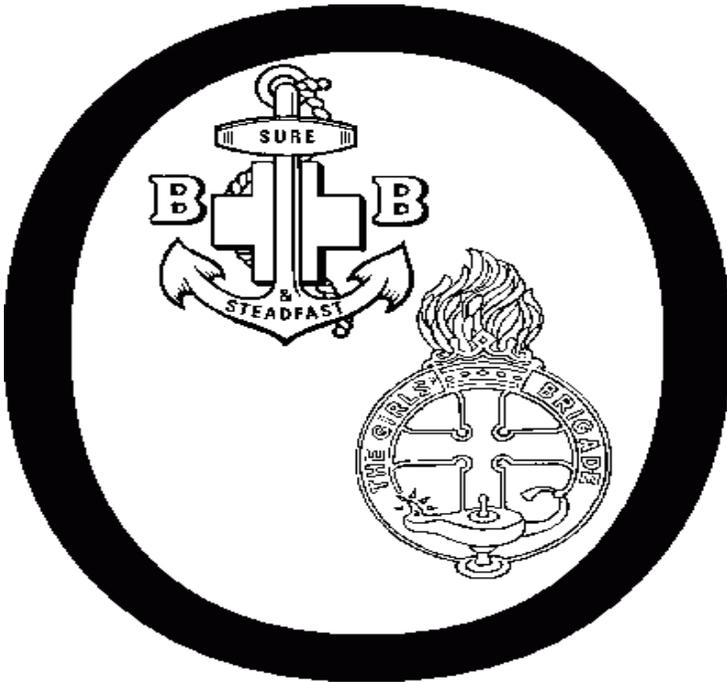
### **NB**

we now wish to say thanks to Nicola, one of our most valued leaders, for this very informative write up of that night's activities – even if we couldn't be there, it feels as if we were!

It is so important we remember that our Brigades are two of the most valuable and special assets of our church – might you be able to help to ensure this remains so in the future?

Why not offer to become a member of the Boys' or the Girls' staff, or even lend a hand now and again – you may have a valuable talent that you could pass on to a young person and help them in their future - and know you will be more than welcome, so please

***Bring a boy or  
bring a girl or  
bring both sorts!***



# ***Easter Offering 2018***

This year it was on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May that members and friends at the Hayes End church played hosts to all the other churches in our Circuit, as we met together for the traditional annual Easter Offering Service. Following our normal Methodist habit this commenced with tea and buns and, afterwards at 6.00 p.m., the Service began. It was led by local preacher (and member at Hayes End) Mrs Angela Lount

For any who, at this present time, are new to our church and may have little or no knowledge of the Easter Offering origins, we would like to take this opportunity to provide an explanation of this service, which is celebrated in all Methodist churches every year by worshippers in the Circuit coming together at one of our seventeen churches to share a time of thanksgiving and dedication.

It all began back in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century when, in a Methodist church in Manchester, a small number of ladies wanted to do something to help their counterparts in other countries who had little or nothing. They decided they would have a special collection and managed to raise just £32.00 for work overseas – quite a considerable sum back in the eighteen eighties.

The responsibility for this new venture was later taken over by Methodist Women in Britain, who still provide an annual service of dedication and the money that is raised in churches all over the country from the annual Easter Offering is allocated to 65 churches world-wide - and no one has any need to be reminded that still, in this twenty-first century, there remain those in the direst need and who struggle to feed their families .....

**‘ ..and the king will answer them ‘Truly, I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me....’**

**Matt.25:40 - NRSV**

# Dave Live - 2

'Live' – or should we say 'lively' – is the right word for the second of the great musical evenings presented by our good friend Mr David Steward.



This was on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> of May and despite the fact the audience was not quite so large as was hoped (*had the non-stop heavy rain or the annual Eurovision music contest something to do with it?*) it was an hour and a half of first class music – keyboard music of every shape and denomination!

We were challenged to recognise the many signature tunes of past Police programmes on tv – including 'Dixon of Dock Green' – heard musical items from the shows, right back to the forties which many of us knew, all played on the piano, to say nothing of an organ recital of the works of classical composers. Then, by way of contrast, were reminded of singers like Dolly Parton, Kylie Minogue and Tom Jones – singing along to 'Why, why Delilah?' - in fact, if you closed your eyes you imagined there were surely two musicians playing together - even the signature tune from a very old programme, Peyton Place that David said could well be used as a hymn with some appropriate wording, was included in his repertoire.

I've been privileged to hear world-famous pianists like Solomon, Bill Bailey and Oscar Peterson and David certainly ranks among the best of them – thank you David so much for sharing your God-given talent with us once again – here's to 'Dave Live Three'



On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> of May we shared a well-attended time of worship that, as well as being our Junior Church Anniversary, was also a Parade Service. Our preacher was the Revd. Ian Worsfold who based his teaching on the question “What’s the point?” Using a popular board game, a musical instrument and a book as visual aids, he extracted the obvious responses from the congregation of ‘to win’, ‘to play’ and ‘to read’. As a natural follow-up there remained the question “What’s the point of being at church?” and there was a miscellany of replies like – fellowship, making friends etc. etc., but of course the main reason is to come to worship, and to worship God.

Ian offered a brilliant example by drawing attention to well-known worship leader and hymn writer Matt Redman. This exceptional musician and his group once led the singing at a south London church where the congregations were always huge. One day he wondered whether those crowds were there to worship God or to enjoy the music which, we know having heard them, was/is incredible. So he and his friends agreed to stop playing at that church and see the result: congregations dwindled at once so it was obvious it was not God they were there to worship, but Matt. That gave him inspiration to write his great hymn “When the music fades...” (Songs of Fellowship No. 1113 or Singing the Faith No.437) – read them.

As an enhancement to our prayers, Ian used stones and a cross to great effect and that involved all the congregation and also Junior Church member Caitlin. Then came 2 awards, and examples of ‘staying the course’ to a boy and girl (or rather a young lady – Victoria, and a young man – David. Both are off to pastures new and have more than proved their worth as members of Junior Church for years. Leaders Nicola and Shirley made the presentations and offered words of thanks for all they have contributed in so many ways, and we sang to Victoria as it was her 18<sup>th</sup> birthday! The church family wish to add our prayers that both will have bright and successful futures – please do keep in touch with your church family when you are able. Victoria and David. As a finale, and with heartfelt thanks that sunny Sunday to Ian, he left us with these words -

***The main thing is to keep the  
Main Thing the Main Thing***

## ***‘When the day of Pentecost had come they were all together in one place ...’***

... and that’s as it was with our three church families – Hayes, North Hillingdon and Hayes End - on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> May when they met for a time of united worship at the Hayes church.

Most unfortunately the Editor was unable to be present for that important service, but she wishes to offer her sincere thanks to no less than three kind friends who were there and who were good enough to give their individual reports on that service. Therefore, and with my recollection of the news I received from those sources here, to the best of my ability is what took place at the Hayes church on Pentecost Sunday.

First of all I understand that the service was just a little lengthy, but nonetheless that was quite understandable and acceptable as our Minister Andrew had ensured that friends from all three churches had played part in that excellent time of worship.

Firstly I heard that there were no less than ten hymns, so being aware that on average you should allow 4 minutes for each hymn, that would ensure that at least 40 minutes had been spent in singing praises to God – and in my humble opinion, quite right too! Praising God in song is a great experience and as we sing together with one voice – in or out of tune – offers him a united act of worship.

I learned that most impressive was the talk given by Ian Hilliard (valued member from North Hillingdon)

I heard how he explained to the small people gathered at the front of the church (and of course to all the congregants) what it means for God to wipe away all our sins. With the use of a couple of white handkerchiefs and iodine he got the message over very clearly and that very obviously made the right impression on his young listeners who were quite curious to hear why the stains of iodine had disappeared from those white handkies.

There were youngsters from the Hayes church who played their part as together they presented an item appropriate to the time of Pentecost.

Then Hayes End and North Hillingdon had their own 'slots', each one also bearing relevance to the theme of the day.

With readings from scripture (Acts) and prayers, several other members from all three churches were involved that morning, thus ensuring that this was truly a united time of praise and worship to God, as everyone gave thanks to him for – as Jesus had promised his disciples – the arrival of the Holy Spirit on that long-ago time of Pentecost.

And here an expression of appreciation must go to Andrew for all the work that had quite obviously been put into preparation of the Pentecost United Service 2018.

But, of course the service was not the culmination of happenings on that Sunday.

After a time of fellowship and chatter the members and friends from the Hayes church had invited everyone to a lovely meal for all who were able to stay and of course that naturally led to further fellowship, fun and enjoyment. Food and drink to suit all tastes and appetites was available and yet again appreciation is expressed to everyone, no matter who, what or how, was involved in a truly memorable Pentecost Sunday.

It goes without saying that if you, like me, missed that special time of worship on the 20<sup>th</sup> of May we missed a special time of united fellowship – hopefully there are times ahead for more of these important gatherings -  
Enid

*Did you know that one horse can  
pull two tons, whereas two horses  
can pull twenty-seven tons?  
When churches work together we  
definitely see a multiplication*



## CHURCH MODERNISATION PROJECT UPDATE

### THE CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT

It was hoped by the time this edition of the Church Magazine was issued we would have firm news regarding a start date for our Modernisation work at Hayes End, with its impact on the Worship Area as well as of course the Car Park, but unfortunately recently we have made little progress: however, below I confirm the latest situation:-

1. We await news on the 'Tender' front because one Contractor has asked for additional time to prepare his tender. This means the whole tender process is now on hold, but it's hoped that all Tender offers will now be received by the end of May and at that stage we will be able to confirm the identity of the Head Contractor and also then agree start dates and time scales for the work.
2. The Architect has confirmed he believes the whole work will take around 4-6 weeks and so a start date in the Summer Holiday period would be our best option, but whether this will now be realizable is questionable.
3. We still have various other issues to negotiate, including Grant Aid issues, the lengthy Church Property Consent process, as well as tying up all the other loose ends re the financial aspects of the project.

We also have two major fund-raising efforts on the horizon for which we seek your support.:

1. Our 'Loose Change Appeal'. Please collect an empty jam jar and return filled by the end of July.
2. The Hayes Carnival is on Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> July and we will have a Stall at the Carnival and your donations of items to sell on the stall will be gratefully received.

John Chamberlain



## **WORKDAY AT THE CHURCH**

This Summer we are going to arrange two Work Party events at the Church. There is a whole list of jobs to be done, suitable for all capabilities. But we do need **YOUR** help. The Work Parties will be held on **SATURDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** from 10 am to 12 Noon and also on **FRIDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JULY** 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Please book these dates in your diary and help to tidy, clean, renovate our Premises. All offers of help will be gratefully received.

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One of our key area of concern at Hayes End relates to creating Powerpoint Services and operating the PA system and the Powerpoint.

### ***CAN YOU HELP?***

If interested in finding out more, please speak to Phil Pindai.



**SPECIAL**

**FORTHCOMING EVENTS**

**SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – The morning worship led by Revd. Andrew Pottage will include the Annual General Meeting– but also please note after the service we will have a barbecue in the Car Park.

**WEDNESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – 7pm The Brigades Annual Prize Giving Evening. Please join us to support the vital work of our Brigade Companies.

**SATURDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – The Hayes Carnival. There are major changes this year with its emphasis to a Family Fun Day. We will have a joint Church & Brigades Stall in the Park.

**SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – 4pm Team & Farewell Service at Love Lane Pinner Methodist Church for the Revd. Sue Male.

**SUNDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** – 11am Morning Service. Final Service for Revd. Andrew Pottage. It we also hope to be able to hold an Barbecue in the Car Park on this special occasion, but this will be dependent on the situation with The Modernisation project.

**FRIDAY 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST** – 7.30pm Circuit Welcome Service for our new Minister, Revd. Ken Kingston and his family will be held at Ruislip Methodist Church in Ickenham Road.

**SUNDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> SEPTEMBER** – 6pm Joint Sector Welcome Service for Ken and his family will be held at North Hillingdon Church.



Ever thought of Membership, Confirmation, Baptism or just a refresher on what we believe and what it means to be a Methodist?

**Then the Compass Course is for YOU !**

This course of Sessions will be held at  
**HAYES END METHODIST CHURCH**  
12.30 to 13.30 on the following dates

- SUNDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JUNE** – How do we picture God? and  
What do we know about Jesus?
- SUNDAY 24<sup>TH</sup> JUNE** – Who is Jesus and What does the Holy Spirit do?
- SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – What is Church? and Why do we have the Bible?
- SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY** – Our Faith Journeys
- SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST** – What is God calling you to do?

**All are welcome. Just turn up and give it a try!**

Sessions will be led by Deacon Clare Gill  
with the support of Revd Andrew Pottage.

# ***And what lies ahead ...***

For everyone who is involved, our local Annual Festival can be both the most tiring day of some very hard graft, yet at the same time a truly rewarding and enjoyable activity – we refer of course to the annual

## ***Hayes Carnival Day – this year it's on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July***

This popular family day for all people in Hayes and its environs dates back many, many years – to my knowledge it must be well over 50 years and, come rain or shine, happens every July – usually the second Saturday, but this year has been brought forward one week. We've been together on our stalls in Town Hall Park in non-stop teeming rain, gales that blew stuff away from our display tables and in such hot conditions that we needed sun hats, sun cream and glasses and endless drinks to ensure we survived!

But this day is not only one of the main fund-raisers for our church and both Brigades, but most importantly is a day when we do our best to broadcast the fact that we are followers of Jesus and that our churches are open and welcome to everyone.

So, if you have not already done so, how about lending a hand to ensure this year's Hayes Carnival is secure once again in our church's calendar.

Many of our 'old' hands are beginning to feel their age and although still willing, the flesh is becoming weak – please speak to John Chamberlain to make an offer – or to any member of our Leadership Team if you can help on the 7<sup>th</sup> – even if you can spare only a couple of hours it would be so much appreciated – and we thank you in advance for your kind offers!

**From poet Don, via Pat, we do hope you  
enjoy the following discourse on  
our favourite topic of conversation!**

If living in the U.K. you have to move quite fast,  
'cos if we get good weather you know that it won't last.  
The sun may shine quite brightly, the swimming things come out -  
before you reach the water the flippin' things gone out.  
A cool wind now is blowing, a cardigan you need.  
Now sitting nice and comfy "just let me rest" you plead.  
But not for long, I'm sorry, you're on the move again,  
I'm certain that I just felt a little spot of rain.  
If you're like your Granddad you would not face despair.  
because if he was British his umbrella would be there.



# ***About change!***

In 1943 when I was a member of the GTC (*prelude to joining the army*) our drill sergeant would yell “about turn” and there was an immediate reaction as we all followed his command.

Have no fear, however, in no way am I insinuating that our Minister Andrew (or any other minister for that matter) bears the slightest resemblance to our sergeant back then – apart from just one thing – both have given necessary and vitally essential advice. The sergeant’s instructions prevented us from marching into a solid brick wall, and Andrew ‘s kindly and most positive instruction has shown us all how to improve our way of living the life of better Christians.

In a recent service the main thrust of Andrew’s message was to love one another as we are all loved by God and to go and ***‘gossip the gospel’*** so spreading the good news. He used the passage from John’s gospel (9-14) when, just prior to his arrest and crucifixion, Jesus was talking to his disciples and said that if they always remembered to keep his commandments they would remain in his love, and their joy would be complete. He gave them a new Commandment that they love one another. He said no longer were they his servants; they were his friends and as we know the value of friends is beyond price.

Back at that time of Pentecost it obviously came as a great shock to the Jews to discover that God’s love is for everyone, even the gentiles and that His love has no boundaries – peasant or king, rich or poor, all are the same with God.

So, bearing this in mind our challenge today is to continue – as did the followers back then - to broadcast God’s love. To miss no opportunity to speak about our faith to those who profess to have none and to remember that - forgive me if I now quote words from another famous hymn by Fred Pratt Green -

***“we have no mission but to serve  
in full obedience to our Lord:  
to care for all, without reserve,  
and spread his liberating Word”***

# ***Let me tell you a story .....***

This year the dominant theme of the Spring issue of the Methodist Church publication 'The Connexion' is Testimony, and it emphasises the value and importance of sharing the tale of our journey of life with one another.

This serves to remind us that almost without exception, whenever Jesus was teaching his crowds of followers, he would preach the word of God and his love by telling them stories - it is with stories from the Bible that most of us, when we were children, first learned of God and Jesus.

Be it exciting or boring, happy or sad, good or bad each one of us has a story to tell of how we have come to our belief in God and today are a part of the church family – during a time of worship or while sharing a meal and telling our individual tale is a long-established Methodist tradition.

However, it must be appreciated that the majority of the church family are not born orators, and despite the depth and sincerity of our faith, the very last thing we could possibly do is to stand up before a gathering of friends and tell our tale.

But stories, although often best verbalised, are also of value when they are written down - can you now see where this is going? Could we use this magazine as a means of giving our individual testimonies by writing them for inclusion in future publications, so there would be no need to speak aloud to tell our tales? It's just a thought and, bearing in mind our current aim is to grow our church, might this be an encouragement to anyone who reads our stories want to join us to discover what faith and belief in God is all about? They could discover that none of us is without fault and, apart from our faith in God, we are a group of pretty normal and reasonable human beings, with all the usual foibles and failings!

## ***An idea? Or not?***

***Please be kind enough to  
respond one way or another***

## ***It pays to advertise!***

Well, yes, but it's best to check the wording you use – here are some examples from my store of odd bits and pieces to give readers a giggle -

**FOR SALE.**

**Bull dog. Will eat anything.  
Loves children.**

**Man wanted to work in dynamite factory.  
Must be willing to travel.**

**Four-poster bed, 101 years old.  
Perfect for antique lover.**

**The county's only full-sized community newspaper!  
Disturbing to over 18,000 households per week!**

And then there's this –

**Once he'd past the point of no return,  
there was no going back.**

*Something to share –  
the following great prose is from the pen of Gerard Kelly –*

# Make us one

Though the skins that are stretched over us  
have shades enough to mark a path from coal to snow  
in micron increments  
we are one.

Though the fine lines of our features are freehand enough  
that even smiles are signatures of difference  
we are one.

Though the cultures that encode us are cryptic enough  
to make each one of us a mystery to the other  
we are one.

Though the polarities that plague us can have power enough  
to make sparks fly every time we come together  
we are one.

Though the stories that have shaped us are self-penned enough  
to fill a library with the secrets we each hide  
and though the route maps we rely on may be rough enough to  
make finding common ground a roller coaster ride  
though the distinctives that define us may be deep enough  
to aggravate and irritate and painfully divide  
and though the languages we vocalise are localised enough  
to keep a truckload of translators tongue-tied  
We are one.

Many; but one  
Different; but one  
Awkward: but one  
Reluctant: but one  
Taught: to be one  
Bar none  
May our maker  
Make us one

## Why?

Wisdom is not knowing every answer to all daily problems.  
Knowing why this has happened to me - not someone else.

Not soaking up all the knowledge the world offers; but  
knowing that behind the whole of life, for now and evermore  
God is sovereign and, though we may not understand,  
he is working to make us all according to his plan –  
if we ask there is an answer to each problem,  
even though it may not be the one we want to hear.



Take time to think – it is the source of power

Take time to play – it is the secret of perpetual youth.

Take time to read – it is the fountain of wisdom.

Take time to pray – it is the greatest power on earth!

Take time to love and be loved – it is a God-given privilege

Take time to be friendly – it is the road to happiness.

Take time to laugh – it is the music of the soul.

Take time to give – it is too short a day to be selfish

**More Bible emergency numbers from Daya ...**

**When you leave home for labour or travel, call Psalm 121**

**When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call Psalm 67**

**When you want courage for a task, call Joshua 1**

**When you think of investments/returns, call Mark 10**

**How to get along with fellowmen, Romans 12**

**For great invention/opportunity, Isaiah 55**

**For Paul's secret to happiness, Col 3:12-17**

**For idea of Christianity, call 2 Cor 5:15-19**

**When you are depressed. Psalm 27**

**When you want to be fruitful, John 15**

**If your pocketbook is empty, call Psalm 37**

**When you lose confidence in people, 1 Cor 13**

**When people seem unkind, call John 15**

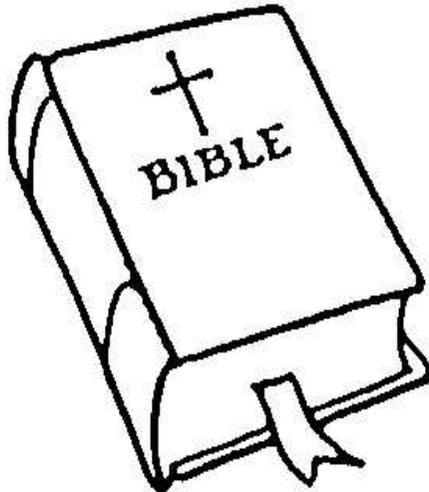
**When you are discouraged about your work, Psalm 126**

**If you find the world growing small and you great, call Psalm 19.**

**Thanks, Daya**

## ***Make a choice –***

They lie on a table, side by side  
The holy Bible and the TV guide.  
One is well worn and cherished with pride –  
no, not the Bible, but the TV guide.  
One is used daily to help folks decide –  
no, not the Bible, but the TV guide.  
As the pages are turned, what shall they see?  
Oh, what does it matter, turn on the TV.  
So they open the book in which they confide  
(No, not the Bible, but the TV Guide)  
The Word of God is seldom read –  
maybe a verse before falling in bed.  
Exhausted and sleepy and tired as can be –  
not from reading the Bible - from watching TV.  
So then back to the table, side by side,  
lie the holy Bible and the TV guide  
No time for prayer, no time for the Word.  
The plan for Salvation is seldom heard.  
But forgiveness of sin, so full and free  
can be found in the Bible, not on TV.



# ***All about angels***

**Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers  
for by doing that some have entertained angels  
without knowing it. Hebrews 13:2**

**God made humans a little less perfect than angels  
so we would have something to live up to.**

**In times of trouble, we can turn to the loving arms of  
angels sent by God as messengers of comfort  
and bearers of hope and courage.**

**The unlikeliest of people harbour halos beneath their hats.**

**It's said that angels come from heaven,  
but I have met a fair share of them  
right here on earth**

# ***Do you know any?***

## ***“I told you so ...”***

A small boy had been misbehaving very badly and as a punishment his mother told him he would be going without his favourite vegetable.

Later that day he sat down for his meal and his mother served him some carrots and corn on the cob. “It’s no use you waiting for more Johnny” said his mother “I did tell you that there’s no peas for the wicked”

While my friend and I once worked in a men’s clothing store a customer asked my friend to help her pick out a tie that would make her husband’s bright blue eyes stand out.

“Madam” he told her “any tie will make eyes of any colour stand out if you tie it tight enough”

Why is it that when you tell someone that there are 400 billion stars in the universe they believe you, but when you tell them there is wet paint they have to touch it to make sure?”

## ***and how about this one -***

It’s good to know that you cannot always judge a book by its cover, nor can you judge a man (of the cloth) by his serious sermons! a local vicar once told this story against himself:

Noticing a workman climbing to the roof of his church one day he enquired about the problem in a very penetrating voice. Quick as a flash came the answer from the man on the ladder:

“Well guv, you see, it’s like this – I’ve been told there’s a big drip in the pulpit”



The closing date for items in our July/August Magazine

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

Please write or type your article and hand to Enid Thomas -  
you can also send items by email to

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[www.hemc.org.uk](http://www.hemc.org.uk) is the web site address for Hayes End Methodist Church and <http://northhillingdonchurch.org.uk> is the web site for North Hillingdon Methodist Church.

[www.hayesmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.hayesmethodistchurch.org.uk) is the web site for the Hayes Methodist Church (If you have access to the internet, please remember to use these sites when you need to check what's happening in your Church)

Other web sites of interest:

The Circuit Website is [www.hah.org.uk](http://www.hah.org.uk)

London District Website is [www.methodistlondon.org.uk](http://www.methodistlondon.org.uk)

***Worship dates and other events  
in our church and Circuit during  
the months of June and July***



**June**

- 2nd 12.00 p.m. Table Top sale at Hayes  
North Hillingdon "Young at heart"
- 3rd 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End
- 4th 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group A meet
- 5th 7.30 p.m. Insight Group C meet
- 6th 12.00 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group D meet
- 7th 7.30 p.m. united Allsorts group at Hayes End
- 10th 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End  
6.00 p.m. Praise service at North Hillingdon
- 11th 8.00 p.m. Circuit Meeting at Ruislip Methodist church
- 13th 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Aston House  
12.00 - 300 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
Closing date for items for the July/August magazine
- 14th 10.30 a.m. Insight Group B meet
- 16th 7.30 p.m. celebration of Laura & Andrew's wedding at N. Hillingdon
- 17th 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon with General Church meeting  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End
- 18th 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group A meet
- 19th 7.30 p.m. Insight Group C meet
- 20th 10.30 a.m. Insight Group E meet  
12.00 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group D meet
- 21st 7.30 p.m. united Allsorts group at Hayes End
- 24th 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes
- 24th 11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End with General Church Meeting  
followed by sale of home-made cakes and a family Barbecue
- 27th 7.00 p.m. Joint Brigades Annual Prize Giving
- 28th 10.30 a.m. Insight Group B meet

30<sup>th</sup> Circuit Quiet Day at Ruislip Methodist church

## July

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30 a.m. Parade service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes with Holy Communion  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End
- 2<sup>nd</sup> 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group A meet
- 3<sup>rd</sup> 7.30 p.m. Insight Group C meet
- 4<sup>th</sup> 12.00 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group D meet
- 5<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. united Allsorts group at Hayes End
- 7<sup>th</sup> 12.00 p.m. Table Top sale at Hayes  
North Hillingdon “Young at heart”  
All day – Annual Hayes Carnival
- 8<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. Anniversary service at Hayes with General Church Meeting  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End  
6.00 p.m. Praise service at North Hillingdon
- 9<sup>th</sup> Leadership meet at Ruislip Methodist church
- 11<sup>th</sup> 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Aston House  
12.00 - 300 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group D meet
- 12<sup>th</sup> 10.30 a.m. Insight Group B meet
- 15<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End  
6.00 p.m. Farewell service for Revd Sue Male at Pinner M.C.
- 16<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group A meet
- 18<sup>th</sup> 12.00 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
10.30 a.m. Insight Group E meet  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group D meet
- 19<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. united Allsorts group at Hayes End
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End
- 25<sup>th</sup> 12.00 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
10.30 a.m. Insight Group B meet
- 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. service at North Hillingdon  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes  
11.00 a.m. service at Hayes End with Holy Communion
- 30<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End  
7.30 p.m. Insight Group A meet

all dates as known at time of going to press



# **DURING THE WEEK IN HAYES END CHURCH**

## **SUNDAY:**

11.00 - Morning Worship & Junior Church  
Evening Services - Held at various locations  
for details please check the Church Web Site

## **MONDAY:**

10.00 – Ramblers Club (meet in Car Park)  
Contact: Ajayi - Tel: 07738-709595  
10.00 – The Parent & Toddlers’ Group  
Contact: Janette - Tel: 0208-845-3485  
14.30 – The Bright Hour (Alt. weeks)  
Contact: Eva - Tel: 0208-581-5853  
7.30 p.m. Insight Bible Study A – Choir room (Alt. weeks)  
(Contact: David 0208-581-9594

## **TUESDAY:**

7.30 p.m. Insight Bible Study Group B - Church porch  
(Alt. weeks) Contact: Ajayi – Tel. see above

## **WEDNESDAY:**

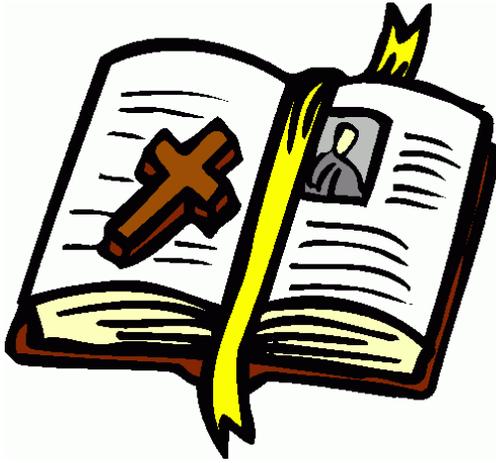
10.30 a.m. Insight Bible Study Group C - Church porch  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Wed, monthly Contact): Edna – Tel: 0208-573-8564  
11.00 – Holy Communion (2<sup>nd</sup> Wed. Monthly)  
held at Aston House Care Home  
Contact: Anne - Tel: 0208- 573-5602  
18.00 – The Girls’ Brigade  
Contact: Colleen - Tel: 07928-231254

## **THURSDAY:**

10.00 a.m. – The Parent & Toddlers’ Group  
Contact: Janette – Tel. see above  
19.30- The Craft Group (Alt. weeks –  
*currently the group is full*)  
Contact: Pat - Tel: 0208-561-3134  
19.30 – All Sorts Club (Alt weeks)  
Contact: John - Tel: 0208-573-3607

## **FRIDAY:**

17.30 – The Boys’ Brigade  
Contact: David - Tel 0208- 581-959



# Lectionary Readings for June 2018

**3<sup>rd</sup> June**

**Deuteronomy 5:12-15  
2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6  
Psalm 81:1-10**

**10<sup>th</sup> May**

**Genesis 3:8-15  
2 Corinthians 4:13-55:1  
Mark 3:20-35  
Psalm 130**

**17<sup>th</sup> June**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24  
2 Corinthians 5:6-10(11-13)14-17  
Mark 4:26-34  
Psalm 92:1-4. 12-15**

**20<sup>th</sup> June**

**Job 38:1-11  
2 Corinthians 6:1-13  
Mark 4:35-41  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32**

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