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**A letter from the Minister**

Dear Friends,

## **Beyond resistance**

Last week I was at the meeting of local preachers, worship leaders and ministers in the circuit and heard one of the ministers, Lynita, talk about resistance. Her words set me thinking ...

The Bible is full of resistance - whether that be the resistance to slavery in Egypt in Exodus or the voices of the prophets standing against injustice and unholy living. And of course, Jesus who lived the life of an activist, who was full of resistance and offered a new life and the way of God's kingdom.

But how does the Church and each of us engage with that today, in worship and in the world? For me, it is about honesty and trying to tell the truth however painful and costly it may be. But that begs another question – how do we tell the truth?

It can be relatively easy to protest against something – telling someone or anyone that you disagree. You often see the phrase or hear the hashtag “not in my name”. This is good, as by staying silent we are colluding with injustice. There is a lot of truth and wisdom in the saying ‘evil prospers when good people do nothing’.

But that's not the whole story. Surely as people of God and followers of Jesus, there is a need to offer hope. Just as Jesus offered the gospel (which literally means 'good news'), we should seek to do the same. It may not be about saying, it may be about doing, it may just be about living – offering others the opportunity to see a new and better way.

Look at the news, look at what is happening in your community, look at what may be happening with those around you.

And resist yes, protest yes, but also try and offer a different perspective, or new and better way.

To adapt a verse from John's Gospel (John 1:5) – seek to be the light that shines in the darkness, as with God the darkness will not overcome you. And let me know how you get on.

Rev Ken



# *Our churches' prayer pages*



**Countries – Governments – Communities – Churches - Families**

Any visitor coming from another galaxy and noting the current world-wide mess we are in would most likely get the impression that we human beings are currently hell-bent on self-destruction and one wonders whether they could be right.

Just now we are in the sixth month of this year – the month when we can enjoy the longest hours of daylight. We could be having a break right now from the everyday grind, or perhaps contemplating a holiday that is to come. This time a hymn/song (or rather words that are part of a hymn/song) are perhaps something that we could think about during our time of relaxation – it's no. 30. from Singing the Faith and is written by Graham Kendrick. We concentrate on the five words underscored in the chorus –

Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives,  
be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.

O Jesus, we love you, so we gather here,  
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

So to you we're gathering out of each and ev'ry land,  
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.

O Jesus, we love you, so we gather here,  
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;  
join us as one body as we worship you, our Head.

O Jesus, we love you, so we gather here,  
join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

# **... 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 who have suffered or still suffer and that we name below this month -**

**Amen**

**Jack Colley  
Sandra Harvey  
Valerie Kingston  
Bonnie and Shirley**

**John Howard  
Anna-Marie Endhammer  
Lynne Avery  
Eva Trowbridge**

**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*

**Listening God, you hear us when we cannot speak,  
when despair and turmoil leave us faint and weak.  
In love you call us back to you again  
and your grace reminds us how you feel our pain.**

*Marjorie Dobson*

# As it Was in the beginning, is Now and is to Come – world without end....

.... and today, if it is truly our desire to ensure that the Christian church, and in particular our Methodist church, has a future, those words spell out the urgent need to concentrate on an issue of far greater importance than looking back (as you will read we have done on page 28) or, dare I say it, Brexit.

The important issue to which we refer is

# MISSION

and, as words from Fred Pratt Green's famous hymn ask

*“What is our mission here?”*

New Year.

As we are all aware that's an ideal time to turn over a new leaf, to discard the old and begin to focus on fresh ideas: to get a stronger grip on reality – as a result we have a habit of making resolutions in the hope that we learn from past experiences and so endeavour to become better people.

Bearing that thought in mind, when we begin our new church year in September we plan to make adjustments to this magazine and its content and so ensure that it becomes not just a monthly read mostly about our own stuff, but a more positive instrument of mission for the church here and world-wide for the future.

Yes, of course, all those important messages from both Ken our Minister and from our Deacon Claire will remain just as at present. Also the regular three prayer pages, brief reports, finances and the diary etc., will be just the same, but a new added topic will be Mission and how it involves not just the church Leadership team at Hayes End and any others who head our various groups, but every member of the church family, young and old alike.

And in today's suffering and disjointed world it surely is the role of those who have faith and a belief in God to give voice to that faith and do whatever they can to make known that following the teachings of Jesus, even when life deals so many hurtful and unwelcome blows, is so important, valuable and necessary.

Proposed by Ken, and during the current weeks, we are asking an assortment of questions of an assortment of friends and when collated and, put together with the ideas/thoughts from our church leadership team, which John very clearly laid out in our June issue, we hope to discover just how to move on in the best way possible to advance God's kingdom. Our aim is to make sure that the message of his love for saint and sinner alike is spread everywhere.

Right now, with most Christian churches in obvious decline it is surely our role as believers to focus on growth and with a positive attitude before it's too late – an over-optimistic opinion that we will be all right as we are is quite unacceptable. If we want generations who follow us to know and learn of our Creator and his unfailing love we need to talk and act now.

So to all friends who read this magazine, this is the introduction to the route that we plan to take when we begin our new year, and how YOU will be able to be involved in the urgent process of building, not with bricks and mortar, but with actions and words as together we work and do as Jesus asked of all who follow him –

*“just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another” (John 13)*

*“follow me and I will make you fish for people” (Matthew 4)*

When we have a passion for a particular sport (especially football), when we find gardening or fishing is something we really enjoy or when we first fall in love we never stop talking about the objects of our affection, why then should we find it so difficult and be reluctant to talk about God and his son?

NB it goes without saying we will continue to welcome contributions from readers so please keep your offerings coming -and most especially if they have relevance to the faith we all share.

# **RESURRECTION**

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# **ASCENSION**

Over six weeks have passed since our churches celebrated Easter Day. And, so far as the church year is concerned, we remained in the season of Easter until we reached the Day of Ascension.

This year Ascension Day was on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> of May. Nine days after that date we celebrated the Day of Pentecost (*as you will read on pages 14 and 15*) and we are now in the section of the church year that is generally known as 'Ordinary Time'.

It is the Ascension back to heaven of Jesus to which we wish to draw attention.

Leading up to the birth of the Christ child each December we celebrate Advent in a variety of ways: carol singing, concerts, lots of parties and always have a Nativity Service: when we remember and reflect on his death we have Palm Sunday and several other services including Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper during Holy Week before arriving at the wonder of Easter Day and his resurrection.

Apart from the occasional service, why is it that we hardly ever make much of the time when Jesus finally left his earthly life behind and ascended to his heavenly home?

Should we not make more of that time when he left things in our hands, and trusted mankind (and womankind) to continue the work he began during his three years of ministry? Something to think on?

# *We will remember them ...*

This year two important events from the second World War have been remembered in many countries all over the planet - the first was in late May 1940 and the evacuation of 338,226 soldiers of the B.E.F. from the beaches in northern France and then D Day in June 1944, when British and American forces invaded those same beaches that finally led to the end of hostilities.

I have clear memories of both events and knew two people who were directly involved

The first is of the evacuation of members of the British Army from Dunkirk. One of my uncles who lived in Hammersmith was a small boat owner. He was a licensed Thames Waterman and boat-builder and had lived by the river Thames all his life. He had an excellent knowledge of both the Thames and the sea. In 1940 he ferried his little boat over the Channel to give aid in that rescue and in the tv documentary of that horrific event that was broadcast on tv earlier this year I caught a quick glimpse of him helping one of the soldiers.

My second recollection is of Major John Howard who, at 16 minutes past midnight on the morning of 6<sup>th</sup> June 1944 landed his glider near Pegasus Bridge. However, it was only after the war that I had the privilege of meeting John Howard. He was a lively young nephew of a much-loved Hayes End member Mrs Eva Trowbridge and he would often call to visit his Auntie. On two occasions when I was with Eva in her home in Wood End Green Road, he arrived unannounced with a bouquet of flowers and a bag of fish and chips that we all shared. He made no reference to the war and the role he had played; just mentioned how much he loved to go to France for a holiday whenever he could manage it. It was only after those two meetings that I learned from Eva and other members of her family about his reputation and, believe it or not, during one of the documentaries on D Day he featured in one of the many tributes paid during that day of remembering early this month.

Both men are long gone – my Uncle Jack died in March 1966 and it was in 1999 that John Howard finally went to meet his Maker and some of the men he had led so faithfully during that war and who sadly did not return to the UK. On both of those occasions we know that French beaches were smothered with the blood and mangled limbs of thousands of young soldiers.

I'd like to include here my own tribute to all those lost men - and women - and their traumatic suffering and the thousands of wasted young lives. It was written back in the summer of 2005 when I was on a Channel Ferry after Angela, Pat and I had been on holiday in France and were returning to the UK – I called it:

## *Ferry journey from Caen to Portsmouth*

The endless seas, raucous yet silent and deep, but never, never still – continually disturbed by the ghosts of so many of our lost children?

Then they all wore the freshness of youth; knowing only what was written in their history books. Innocence and ignorance with a great passion and an enthusiasm to *'do their bit'*.

They were only boys.

All gone now – gone.

Gone forever and in their going knew fear and terror beyond our wildest imaginings.

No match for nightmares.

This was hell at its very worse.

Shags and gulls swoop and scream – each one the call of a lost soul?

But – wait! Listen! Those gulls cry 'not lost', 'not lost', 'not lost'

Forever in the Father's care.

But why? Why?

Was pain and abject terror the only way to get back home?

It should have been between crisp linen sheets – friends and family at hand.

Young boys and men all – sobbing, some screaming for their mothers; others dumb and numb with terror, never again to enjoy a pint in the local with their mates on a Saturday night.

Some, roundly cursing –  
cursing their superior officers;  
cursing the enemy  
and cursing God.  
'Where the bloody hell is He in all this carnage?'

"Shut up mate – can't you see? He's right there beside you,  
trying to hold your head above water.  
Just look at His hands –  
they've been pierced with shot  
and his head is bloody too"

The Cross is the answer – pure unadulterated love suffering for them  
and for all the world.

He knew,  
He knew their fears, all their dread and heartbreak.  
He felt the intense pain of half-severed limbs and eyes blinded by fire –  
all flesh laid bare – bodily fluids all oozing;  
guts floating in a bloodied sea (*they do say salt is a preservative*)

And those thousands of hands with sand-filled nails,  
clawing, writhing and crawling in wretched agony –  
it's just too much to contemplate.

But He knew –  
He always knows and asks why?

But our ears were closed.  
We didn't listen.  
We never paid attention.  
We turned away –  
not learning the lessons that He taught us –

***why?***

**We must never forget**

# YOUTH CHILL SESSIONS

Unfortunately, the Summer Chill session had to be cancelled on the day due to low attendance. This initiative really needs your prayers and help in promoting the sessions to young people in the area. Each event runs from 6 to 9pm on the Friday of half term with the aim of providing a place of fun and relaxation for those of secondary school age – a break from homework and revision where they can mix with others. Each session involves various activities and games (which sometimes include Wii tournaments) followed by a meal which could be pizza, MacDonaldis, KFC etc. These chill Sessions will run for another year to see if numbers improve and then we'll review the situation again. **BUT** this can only work if more than a few leaders are involved. We need all of you to help. So please spread the word, pray for the youngsters to come and that we provide a worthwhile session where they can 'chill'.

Nicola Mercer

thankfully, there was that extra special celebration on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> June –

## It was the 2019<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Christian Church!

I pondered how long it might take to blow out so many candles on a celebratory cake ... but having silly thoughts is something I often indulge in! In every sense of the word this was truly a birthday celebration, most especially as members and friends from our three church families gathered to celebrate that important day. It was good to be together and worship God as one family unit - it brought to mind the saying '*united we stand, divided we fall*'.

Proceedings began at 10.00 a.m. when a good number of friends gathered to share a Breakfast Brunch. A delightful selection of eats and tea/coffee were on offer – I hear that the bacon buns were especially tasty! And our church had most lovingly and tastefully been transformed, as befits a birthday and left us in no doubt that we were celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit. There were beautiful red and golden flames adorning the worship area, all enhanced by flights of doves. And the extra addition of orange and yellow balloons fixed to seats on either side of the aisles also contributed to the welcome to that special event.

By 11.00 a.m. more friends had joined us and then our Minister Ken began morning service. We made a joyful noise to the Lord to open worship and that was followed by prayers and a most meaningful time of reflection and peaceful calm.

Then everyone shared in a 'busy' service as members of the congregation were invited to come forward and, as an expression of their own faith and witness, to take part in a variety of projects – lighting a candle to give thanks for someone, washing our hands as an act of cleansing, creating a picture to depict belief and writing a prayer on a white dove. All the latter were attached to the Communion rail so giving further enhancement to that annual Pentecost celebration.

Not least that morning Mrs Nicola Mercer – our valued Circuit Administrator and a member at Hayes End – finally received her official recognition as a Circuit Worship Leader. Ken posed Nicky many searching questions to which she replied (*despite the usual nerves*) with friendly and most obvious confidence: this was so well-deserved as Nicky had worked for not weeks, but years to reach this goal. Ken gave her the important certificate of recognition and our longest serving Hayes End member John presented her with a Methodist worship book as a token of our love and congratulations. And to all of that we give our thanks and prayers, knowing that God's message is in a pair of very good capable hands and a discerning mind.

Pentecost Sunday worship concluded as, led by Ken, we shared the bread and wine of Holy Communion, asking that the Spirit will enable us all, in our many and varied ways, in big things and in small, to spread the Good News.

Thanks as always go to everyone who contributed to that day – the caterers, the decorators, those involved in any way in the service and not to forget all the friends who were there to give thanks to God for sending the Spirit, just as Jesus had promised. It's now up to us to be his hands, feet and voices as we are individually enabled to tell the Story of the Word.

NB –  
there was another  
birthday that day –  
Janet P. had her  
umpteenth event,  
so our love and  
blessings to you  
too Janet. Keep  
well and keep going.



# The Methodist Church



## No.3: CIRCUIT STEWARDS

Circuit Stewards are responsible with the Superintendent and the Ministers, Deacons and Probationers appointed to the Circuit for the spiritual and material well-being of the Circuit, and for up-holding and acting upon the decisions of The Circuit Meeting. Because of the size of our Circuit we have 8 Circuit Stewards, and all are allocated specific roles within The Leadership Team of the Circuit.

The Circuit Stewards stand at the cutting edge of the Circuit. The challenges of inviting the right Presbyters, managing Circuit finances, the upkeep of the Circuit Manses and supporting local churches as they face a multitude of challenges, are all on the Circuit Stewards' agenda.

The pastoral skills of the Circuit Stewards are also needed to care for all the paid Circuit Staff and their families and to enable their development. Most important of all, a Circuit Steward has the challenge and the opportunity to share leadership in the life of the Circuit with the Superintendent Minister and other members of the Circuit Leadership Team.

Any guide to Christian Service must begin with an appeal to wait upon God. The inner life of prayer of The Circuit Steward must be nourished by corporate worship and private devotions. The demands of the job need the refreshment of prayer.

Being a Circuit Steward does bring increased responsibilities to a voluntary worker however the satisfaction of the job is great and it is a privilege to be part of a responsible group taking forward the work of The Circuit and its Churches.





## **Hayes Community Family Fun Day Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July Barrahall Park 11am to 4pm**

Our Church and Brigades have historically supported the Hayes Carnival, which now without a Carnival Procession has become The Hayes Community Family Fun Day. In the past on our stall we have centred our activities on Fund Raising, but this year is different - we are concentrating our efforts in conjunction with our friends from our Sister Church in Hayes on providing a 'Child Friendly' area where children can participate in all sorts of fun activities.

This will also give us the opportunity to talk to Parents about the vital work of our two churches as well as giving out leaflets about our various groups. This event provides us with a great outreach opportunity and I do hope you will feel able to help us on the day in the Park, even if for only one hour.

The 'Staff Rota List' for the day, split into one hour slots, is displayed on the Vestry door opposite the kitchen. To help us maximize our efforts at this major event please add your name to the list.

John Chamberlain





## **THE FUTURE**

In our Church we must always have a clear vision of the Way Forward. No nostalgic look back, rather the more difficult task of plotting the way forward and this involves all aspects of our work. Though today it is obvious that the challenges we face are far more difficult and complex than in the past, but that mustn't lessen our resolve and purpose and we are definitely up for the challenge, aren't we?

So firstly we have the Hayes End Action Plan for Mission, just completed which considered the work of our Church from the following perspectives: 1. Worship, 2. Children & Young People, 3. Pastoral, 4. Mission & Outreach, 5. Resources & Publicity. Copies of the full plan are available in the Church Porch, but it must be noted that this an ACTION PLAN, already being actioned, not just another document to gather dust on a shelf.

Secondly one of our greatest resources is our premises and we can't sit back now that the second phase of the Modernisation project has been completed. Future plans include:-

1. Worship Area TV screens installed (This Summer).
2. Re-landscape the Church Garden (This Summer).
3. Integrated Fire Alarm System installed next Summer.
4. Ladies & Gents Toilet's upgraded (2020 & 2021)
5. Re tarmac Front Church Car Park (2022).



# Mark Your Calendar

## >> UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon. 8<sup>th</sup> July  
Wed. 11<sup>th</sup> July

7.30pm Church Council  
11am Communion Service at Aston House.  
Angel Lane.

Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> July

Barbecue in Car Park following 11am Service



## **THE CHURCH MODERNISATION PROJECT**

You may think that the Project is now completed, but that's not the case, we are now in the 'Snagging Phase'. This is the period when part of the cost is retained by ourselves in case any problems arise which still need to be resolved. We have 4 issues which need to be addressed for which we are in communication with the head Contractor and they are:-

1. Problem with wall in the Bay Window Area.
2. Inadequacy of water Heater in the toilet.
3. Problems with wall in the toilet.
4. Wiring for wall heater in Toilet.

# **Deacon Claire's Summer message**

## **Holiday at Home**

**During the period July/August many people take holidays, or as I am now reliably informed by the Circuit Office is termed 'annual leave'.**

**I think back to my childhood when I was getting near to the end of term and couldn't wait for the 6 week holidays to start, not that we were going anywhere, but it meant that I didn't have to go to school, which I was never a big fan of.**

**It was ok not going away for holidays, coming from a town where nobody had much money there wasn't the competition there is now to brag about who was going to the most exotic place. I think in the 70's in Yorkshire the most exotic place we could think of was Scarborough! And if we were very lucky we might go on a Wallace Arnold Bus Trip, leaving very early in the morning, travelling for 2 or 3 hours and returning very late at night, with the 3 hours you got to spend there most of it was taken up with ice creams, donkey rides, 2p slot machines and crazy golf if we had time.**

**When my sister and I got a bit older we did use to go to Girls' Brigade Camp, where we stayed in Schools on air beds in classrooms and travelled to even further afield to Mablethorpe and Filey.**

**When I look back the 6 weeks holidays were not really about where you went, but who you were with. Friends, parents, grandparents all suddenly had time to spend with each other, to build dens, play marbles and ride bikes. Now don't get me wrong, it wasn't idyllic. By week 2 me and my sister were practically about to strangle each other and were desperate for an ice-cream, but there was more of a sense of entertaining yourself, finding things to do, keeping ourselves busy and out of mischief.**

That's why I would recommend that all of us during July/August have a Holiday at Home, it costs nothing, but allows us to make some space in our lives to spend with those we are sometimes too busy to see.

Or, go and try something new, take up a new hobby, knitting, scrabble, choose every Tuesday to bake, join a local library or a book club. And of course, Church never closes! Maybe even try going to another church in the circuit or even another denomination – I usually find that a break from the norm helps me appreciate the things I have and often take for granted. As someone said to me recently even God took a Day off, 'on the seventh day he rested'. So I pray that when I hopefully see you all in September, ready and refreshed for the new connexional year, you will all have enjoyed some form of holiday, and that maybe even next year we could hold a holiday at home at our church over the summer.

Claire



# ***Comments on Deacon Claire's June item –***

I am definitely of the opinion that had Deacon Claire's role in life been to follow either the carpentry or building trades she would have never failed to hit nails right on the head! So once more our thanks to Claire for her offering as again that very action with nails applies to all the remarks and advice as a worker for Christ which she offered last month concerning Pentecost. – and beyond. And it's without doubt that the 'beyond' bit is something on which all efforts must now be focussed and concentrated. It was very scary to read that unless action is taken to halt the decline of the Methodist church it will cease to exist in twenty years' time, and for those among us of more advanced years twenty years can pass in a flash.

So yes, we must now take time to answer the question Claire has posed:

***“What would be lost if there were no Methodist church  
In this country in this city and in Hayes End?”***

Yes, it surely was a great day that first Pentecost, and never should it be forgotten, but with the passing of over two thousand years things and ways of living have changed quite beyond recognition

***Change is vital.*** No one today would like to dress as did the Victorians; to engage in sport in long dresses and trousers; decorate houses as was the fashion then and have no transport, apart from Shank's pony! And with no telephone, wireless or television in sight: and horror of horrors no Ipads to keep us occupied non-stop.

We are living In the 21<sup>st</sup> century and so the church too needs to live in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. Under no circumstances should we ever water down or deny our mission to spread the good news of the love of God, but there is now an urgent need to discover fresh ways in which to broadcast that message - ways that will appeal to people in the here and now with all today's gadgetry and other diversions.

Hope you have already read and absorbed what has been written concerning the Mission of our church and how we are planning to tackle its undoubted decline.

Please forgive this indulgence, but for the writer singing hymns and thinking about the words of those hymns can often give a message – even as I write, words have come into my head: written by Ted Smith it is -

“There’s a quiet understanding, when we’re gathered in the Spirit ..”

read the rest – it’s in both Songs of Fellowship and Singing the Faith. Bearing in mind the celebration of Pentecost earlier this month it would be great if we could encourage others to join us and ‘gather in His name’. That’s enough waffle.

Now we would like to thank all those friends who have already completed and returned the questionnaire posed by Ken, and also give a reminder that it would be good to receive any others no later than 12<sup>th</sup> July As stated, our plan is to combine these results with the thoughts and ideas already published from our Leadership team trusting it will lead to some positive new mission action as we start our next church year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of September.



*Hope these July dates are in your diaries ...*

## **Hayes Community Family Fun Day**

This year plans are well in place as together members and friends from both Hayes End and Hayes churches will make their presence felt in this locality. We will be sharing a plot in the Town Hall Park and offer a warm invitation to all families and friends to come along to support our efforts towards spreading the good news of Jesus, and at the same time raising some welcome funds for both churches.

### **It’s on the 6<sup>th</sup> July**

And, even now it’s not too late to make an offer to lend a hand for a while during that always busy day. Have a word with John C. at Hayes End or Anne Hensman at Hayes if you could spare an hour or two.

And the next weekend at Hayes End there's another 'special', so please know you and your families are again very welcome – this is from our Worship Leader Nicky ....



# HATS!

Our youth asked for something different in worship and in May the Junior Church Anniversary Service was based around songs from the film the Greatest Showman.

Now someone has suggested a 'Hat Service'! Since in our church action plan it states that we are going to try different styles and types of worship - I therefore invite you to come to worship on

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July

wearing a hat that in some way might show your personality or represent who you are

If anyone feels inspired and would like a particular type of service that's different from our usual worship, or would like a particular theme addressed, please pass on your requests and we'll see what we can do!

Nicola Mercer

As already stated, after that service there will be a Family Barbecue so forget about the usual Sunday Roast – it will be good to share burgers or sausages or whatever with other friends in our church family. Why not bring your friends and neighbours on the 14<sup>th</sup> – especially those who like to have a good sing together - and then invite them to stay to share some good food and good chatter, wearing a hat too!

# Before it's too late!

Some members of our church family receive regular communications from the world-wide and well-known Christian Conservativists, A Rocha who have their offices in Southall, and hold the responsibility for Wolf Fields, among countless other sites all over the planet. Wolf Fields is the name that is now given to the local Wild-life Park, that was originally known as the Minet Country Park. Over the years since its beginning many of us have visited that park on various occasions – including two or three Easter Sunday dawn services.

A Rocha's current issue certainly emphasises the urgent need and the great importance of working as hard as we possibly can to preserve God's planet where we live and have our being. If we continue as we are, not only will the church as we know it now cease to exist in twenty years, but due to global warming the earth, and all its wonderful resources will deteriorate at an increasingly and more rapid rate.

We feel we cannot do better than quote an extract from A Rocha's latest report which we would be wise to study. Okay, there are thankfully lots of places on earth where people are working hard to preserve our natural resources and with some success, and which do give hope for the future, but so much more needs to be done, and done before it really is too late. We should all keep thinking what little it is that we can do as our contribution to preservation. God gave us this incredible gift: we should cherish it at all costs. We quote –

## *“Is there a future for the Planet?”*

*Andy Lester, Head of Conservation, looks at the recent UN paper, unpacks what this means for the planet and suggests how we can respond as Christians. On 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018, a summary of the Global Assessment Report on Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services was released. In the report, which is expected to be published in its entirety later this year, 145 leading scientists from 50 countries share their findings on the rapid decline in biodiversity. The paper makes for stark reading. Of the 8.5 million species on this planet, 1 million could be lost in our lifetimes. There are indications that an unparalleled extinction of species is already upon us, and collective action is required at every level to avert a catastrophe of truly Biblical proportions”.*

With the approach of some hot summer days thoughts turn to the necessity of using sun-blocks to protect our skin. Here's something positive that A Rocha have suggested in their report that we could do – it's just a small contribution towards taking care of God's earth...

*"it might soon be time to get your sunscreen out, if you haven't already.  
25% of the sunscreen we apply ends up in the water, and most sun- screens contain chemicals that are harmful to marine life.  
Consider switching to a mineral-based sunscreen over a chemical one this summer, as they're non-toxic –  
better for the skin, better for the planet!"*

From the many television programmes we see these days it really is quite impossible to express ignorance of the fact that we humans are destroying this wonderful world and destroying it at an alarming rate.

So far as we are aware none of us has any recognisable authority to re-arrange any world-wide activities, but we all have authority right where we are in our own homes and that is where we are able to make our own small, but nonetheless quite valuable contribution towards saving God's planet.

We have the preservation of water as possibly the number one priority. Why on earth do we pay pounds to buy large quantities of overpriced water in large plastic containers from money-making supermarkets when each one of us has a tap at our disposal where, so long as we pay our water rates, we have non-stop water at any time of day or night? We who have the dubious honour of being members of the COPD Club always fill our containers from any available tap and so far none of us have suffered any internal bodily upsets as a result.

Could we all resolve to get a washable container of some sort and then keep refilling it with water that is already provided for us in our own kitchens and, in doing so give thought to the thousands who would love to have a tap that they could use, let alone a kitchen.

To serve as reinforcement to the present world-wide situation we take the liberty of quoting part of an item that was included in this magazine no less than eleven years ago in 2009 that clearly indicates the speed at which time passes and points to the urgency to do what is possible to halt the demise of the church and the destruction of God's amazing creation

*'many churches, including the Methodists, are losing members and having to close'* a view expressed at a recent gathering that, as some may feel, may not be too far from the truth – at least in this country. Happily there are other places in the world where the reverse is the situation. Churches are steadily growing and expanding – but only a few in these islands.

So to ensure this does not happen where we are, what are we going to do about it? What could we do to prevent this situation here? What plans could we put in hand before we find ourselves standing outside our own buildings studying a 'For Sale' sign – by then it will be too late.

Now is the time for action.

Perhaps we need to be a little more radical – after all both Jesus and Wesley were radical and political in their views – and I don't mean from a politician's standpoint. Both wanted everyone to have a simple-to-understand and clear route to God and salvation, with none of the clutter with which we have surrounded ourselves for centuries. God, through Jesus, is available to all, and not solely for the 'chosen ones' – we are invited to call him 'Abba', as did Jesus. There is too much baggage and perhaps we should take a serious look at what needs to be discarded.

Some are of the opinion that we must move into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century so that would seem to pose the question – how to go about it? To begin with perhaps we need to have an objective – a goal to which to aim – not merely praying about it but getting up and doing something about it.

We know God always answer prayers, but at the same time we should play our part to ensure He is able to do so - not just sit back and wait for results. Could we not follow the example of the first disciples – could we not look beyond our walls and see what's on the outside.

And, yes, of course I am well aware that we need to, and indeed we must, maintain a place where we can unite together, where, as Christians, we can feed from one another and give our batteries a regular and necessary boost. This is right and proper and as it should be, BUT .... “

**Time really is of the essence - right now.**

# MEMORIES — your input please

As with all families there are good and not-so-good times, and our Hayes End family is no exception. As this is the last issue in this church year might it be an idea to start our new year with some memories. Any reader like to offer an item? **Not long please or anything about your personal life but memories that have directly involved our Hayes End church** We need them by the closing date which is **14<sup>th</sup> August**. As an example and for starters, here's a random selection of fifty years from the Editor -

**A soggy Easter morning as we shared Holy Communion at 5.30 a.m. on Stockley Park hill and, at the end, a rainbow appearing in the sky following rain and reminding us of God's promise.**

**Digging in the sand with a delightful three-year-old on the beach at Littlehampton during a church family outing in 2007**

**A time of worship when the Minister took on the role of a tree, and another service when another Minister told us that God has no Plan B**

**The tangible sadness at the funeral of a twenty-one-year old who had been part of our church family since she was a little child**

**The wonderful structural transformation of our church in 2008 and the celebratory service as we sang "All are welcome in this place"**

**Our Centenary year celebrations in 1991 that began on 6<sup>th</sup> January with Sunday Roast for 127 ending on 29<sup>th</sup> December with a Family Supper and many other assorted events each month that year**

**Wonderful holidays shared with church friends – especially to the Holy Land, Iceland, France, Scotland, Ireland, Cornwall and Sussex.**

**Our church hosting the 'Share Jesus' Team in 2000 and the Watoto Children's Choir visit in 2015**

**Our involvement in the Millennium Concert "All Together Now" at the Beck Theatre in 2000, hired for £1,000.00,**

**Carol singing in a Supermarket raising funds for Action for Children**

**In 2000 the privilege of offering the eulogy at the funeral of  
one of our church 'saints' dear Miss Cath Smith**

**Lots of fun Brigade Displays from youngsters and staff members**

**Laughter and happy times of pantos and other productions**

**Bible study sessions being afforded opportunity to express views  
and an awareness of how much more there is to learn**

**Many wonderful Flower Festivals – especially those preparation  
days when we shared fish & chips in church**

**Coffee mornings when, on returning from a football match, our  
junior boys were so delighted to have lost the game 17-2:  
usually they failed to score anything!**

**When on steward duty suddenly remembering I'd not put water  
in the font and the baptismal service had already begun**

**Watching nesting cranes in Little Britain while eating cream doughnuts**

**Involvement in several protest rallies, especially in Edinburgh  
and the amazing all-night vigil in Westminster in 2005**

**A minister dancing in the middle of a Dorset road en route to  
Spring Harvest, entertaining people in their cars when  
everyone was caught in a massive traffic jam**

**The unspoken care I received when my husband died in 1997 and when  
I nearly popped my clocks in 2000 – and its continuance**

**The kind welcome I had in 1968 and the reason why I stayed**

**I've lots more. Look forward to  
receiving some of yours!**

*Here's more from 'Don', the unsung poet who we know is very far from well, and who frequently uses his little dog Midge to relate his story – read his latest offering and then take time to have a think about it – I feel it speaks volumes. It's entitled*

## **My Carer**

*Can I trust him to get things right/  
There's been occasions when he caused me fright.  
Is he reliable?  
Will he be there when I'm ill and need his care?  
Will he remember which pills I take?  
Always be there when I awake?  
Have good road manners, drive with care?  
Keep me safe till we get there?  
I'm pretty sure none of these can be  
because that silly dope is – Me!*

## **And this is all about time –**

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

# ... and on friendship

It's sharing your greatest joys and deepest hurts.  
It's revealing your wildest dreams and secrets of the soul.  
It's expressing yourself with heartfelt words  
and understood silences.  
It's counting on each other when times are tough  
and decisions are difficult.  
It's sharing the stories of your past and  
your hopes for tomorrow.  
It's experiencing the tears, the laughter, and  
the craziness of life with someone who really understands,  
and it means so very much to share it with someone –  
that's friendship.

## *Points to ponder.....*

*If quitters never win, and winners never quit,  
what fool came up with "Quit while you're ahead?"*

*How much deeper would oceans  
be if sponges didn't live there?*

**Do Lipton employees take coffee breaks?**

*If a man says something in the woods, and  
there are no women there, is he still wrong?*

**Ever wondered what the speed of lightning  
would be if it didn't zig-zag?**

*If olive oil comes from olives, where  
does baby oil come from?*

*If you're sending someone some  
Styrofoam, what do you pack it in?*

**How come 'abbreviated' is such a  
long word?**

**We like this one –**

**the Washington Post ran a contest in which readers were asked to take any word from a dictionary and alter it by adding, subtracting or changing one letter to supply a new definition – here are some of the results:**

***Intaxication* –**

**Euphoria at getting a tax refund, which lasts until you realize it was your money to start with.**

***Giraffiti* –**

**Vandalism spray-painted very, very high**

***Archasm* –**

**The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.**

***Inoculatte* –**

**to take coffee intravenously when you are running late.**

***Decafalon* –**

**the gruelling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.**

***Glibido* –**

**all talk and no action**

***Arachnoleptic Fit* –**

**the frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider's web.**

***Beelzebug* –**

**Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.**

***Caterpallor* –**

**the colour you turn after finding half a worm in the fruit you're eating.**

**We'd like to bring this last issue of our church year to a close with an offering from Eva, written by Eileen Pratt from the Hanwell Methodist church – it's entitled**

## **The Visitor**

**One day as I dozed in my garden, surrounded by beauty sublime, a stranger appeared at my elbow who smiled and said "Is it lunch time?" I invited him in for some soup and fresh bread which it seemed he'd not tasted before, and he told me a really odd story which I definitely could not ignore.**

**He said he'd arrived on this planet only a moment ago, but he didn't know quite how he got here and whether he'd meet friend or foe. And he marvelled at cornfields in sunshine and the green of the grass all around as he listened to wood pigeons cooing – a strange, unfamiliar sound. He wondered why poppies were dancing under a blue cloudless sky and why cattle looked so contented and what made the bumblebees fly**

**And so I explained how our Father had taught us to love all around and how he'd created this wonderful world where beauty and caring abound. He sent his own son here to teach us that we're all in God's safe, tender care and that we must love one another despite all the burdens we bear.**

**I told my new friend of the seasons, of miraculous buds on the trees - of roses, sweet scented and perfect, of snow when our fingertips freeze. I asked my companion to join us for we really have so much to share, then he smiled as he said very softly "I'm delighted to see that you care.**

**I must tell you I know of your Father, of love that will ever abide as he watches and guides you all daily and how he sent Jesus who died. And as you've shown trust and affection to one who was lost and alone, one day you will dwell in his garden and sit by the side of his throne".**



The closing date for items in our September Magazine

**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> August**

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 July, August and  
September 2019**



**July**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 1.30 - 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters
- 4<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Handicraft Group meet at Hayes End
- 6<sup>th</sup> **All Day – Hayes Family Fun Day in Town Hall Park**  
 12.00 p.m. TableTop Sale at Hayes  
 3.00 p.m. ‘Young at Heart’ Club at North Hillingdon
- 7<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Service at North Hillingdon  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes  
 11.00 a.m. Children’s Praise Service at Hayes End
- 8<sup>th</sup> 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End  
 7.30 p.m. Hayes End Church Council
- 10<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters  
 11.00 a.m. United Holy Communion at Aston House
- 11<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. United Allsorts Group meet at Hayes End  
 CLT meeting at Ruislip
- 14<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, followed by family Barbecue
- 17<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters
- 18<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Handicraft Group meet at Hayes End
- 21<sup>st</sup> 9.30 a.m. Service at North Hillingdon  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes End
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.30 p.m. United Bright Hour at Hayes End
- 24<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 3.00 p.m. North Hillingdon Crafters
- 25<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. United Allsorts Group meet at Hayes End

- 28<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
- 29<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Circuit Stewards meet at Ruislip Manor
- 31<sup>st</sup> 7.30 p.m. United Allsorts Group meet at Hayes End

## **August**

- 4<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<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Pastoral Training at Hayes End
- 11<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
- 14<sup>th</sup> **Last date for items for September magazine**
- 18<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
- 25<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

## **September**

- 1<sup>st</sup> 9.30 a.m. Service at North Hillingdon  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes End
- 7<sup>th</sup> Fun Day in the Hayes End Park
- 8<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
- 10<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Circuit meeting at Ruislip Manor
- 12<sup>th</sup> 7,30 p.m. Finance & Property meeting at Hayes End
- 14<sup>th</sup> Synod at Westminster Central Hall

- 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
- 17<sup>th</sup> 7.30 p.m. Hayes End Church Council
- 18<sup>th</sup> **Last date for items for October magazine**
- 22<sup>nd</sup> 9.30 a.m. Service at North Hillingdon  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes  
 11.00 a.m. Harvest Parade Service at Hayes End followed by  
 Foods of the World' meal
- 28<sup>th</sup> North Hillingdon Church Harvest Supper  
 Hayes End community Day
- 29<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Harvest Service at North Hillingdon  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes  
 11.00 a.m. Service at Hayes End

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**all dates listed are as known at time of going to press  
 but not included are any regular Brigades' meetings**

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

- SUNDAY:** 11.00 - Morning Worship & Junior Church  
18.00 - Evening Services - monthly at North Hillingdon
- 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  
19.30 p.m. Insight Bible Study Group A (Alt. weeks)  
(Contact: David 0208-581-9594)
- TUESDAY:** 19.30 p.m. Insight Bible Study Group B (Alt. weeks)  
Contact: Ajayi – Tel. see above
- WEDNESDAY:** 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)  
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- 581-9594



# Lectionary Readings for July and August 2019

7 <sup>th</sup> July	Isaiah 66:10-14 Psalm 66:1-9 Galatians 6: (1-6)7-16 Luke 10:1-11,16-20	14 <sup>th</sup> July	Deuteronomy30:9-14 Psalm 25:1-10 Colossians 1:1-14 Luke 10:25-37
21 <sup>st</sup> July	Genesis 18:1-10a Psalm 15 Colossians 1:15-28 Luke 10:38-42	28 <sup>th</sup> July	Genesis 18:20-32 Psalm 138 Colossians2:6-15(16-19) Luke 11:1-13
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Ecclesiastes 1:2,12-14 2:18-23 Psalm 49:1-12 Colossians 3:1-11 Luke 12:13-21	11 <sup>th</sup> August	Genesis 15:1-6 Psalm 33:12-22 Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 Luke 12:32-40
18 <sup>th</sup> August	Jeremiah 23:23-29 Psalm 82 Hebrews 11:29-12:2 Luke 12:49-56	25 <sup>th</sup> August	Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 103:1-8 Hebrews 12:18-29 Luke 13:10-17

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