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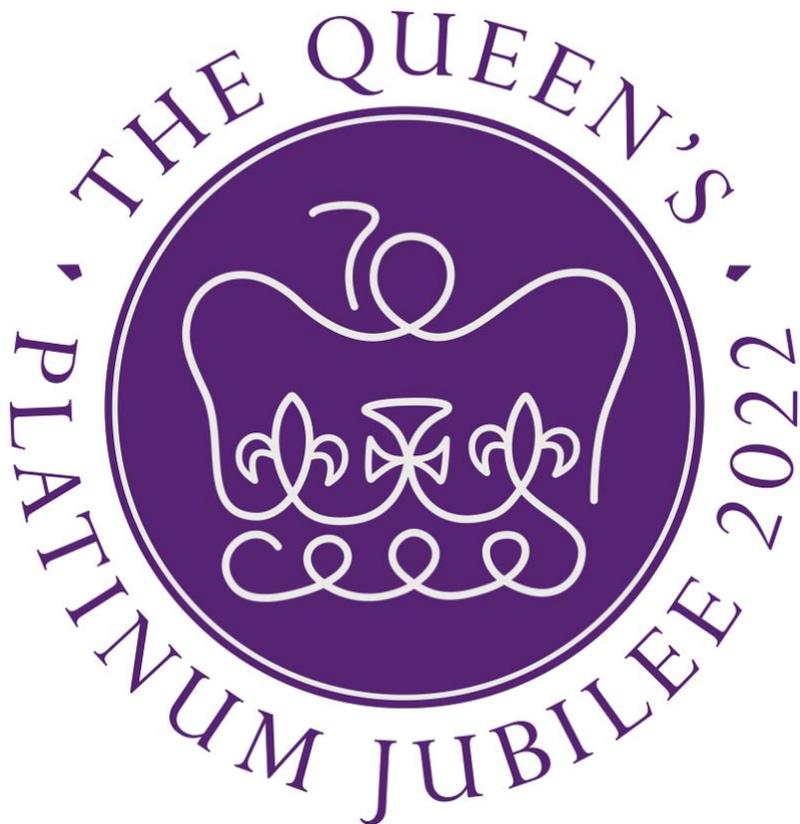
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DIARY FOR JUNE 2022

- Thur. 2nd 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 5th 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Tues. 7th 4.15 p.m. Rainbows (Tuesdays until break)
5.45 p.m. Brownies (“ “ “)
7.15 p.m. Guides (“ “ “)
- Wed. 8th 8.00 p.m. Premises Group Meeting
- Thurs. 9th 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club in Parlour
6.00 p.m. Beavers & Cub Scouts
At St. Paul’s Hall (Thursdays until break)
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 12th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – All Age Service
- Thurs. 16th 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 19th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Wed. 22nd 8.00 p.m. Deacon’s Meeting via Zoom
- Thurs. 23rd 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club in Parlour
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sat. 25th 10.30 a.m. CHRIST CHURCH NSFB RETREAT
to 2.00 p.m. St. Margaret’s URC, Finchley
- Sun. 26th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
Preacher – Mrs. Ola Lawal
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church
Followed by Church “Annual General Meeting”

Thurs. 30th 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

JULY 2022

Sun. 3rd 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
Rev. Ruth Moriarty

11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church

To join our Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting on Zoom go to -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5408158881?pwd=ank5UmJGRGVMVXJWWFRSL1IPSVBnZz09>

Meeting ID: 540 815 8881

Passcode: ccnsfb

PASTORAL LETTER.

Dear Brothers & Sisters,

Summer is here again, and we can start to think of taking proper holidays with no restrictions. Praise God for His mercies. I am hoping we will see visitors on holiday in the church, just as the churches in the areas you visit will see you in exchange.

I love travelling and one of the things I try doing on holidays is to visit the local church. It is interesting that the core of the worship in the churches in Europe and North America I visited is the same. I may not understand the language. The worship may be sombre or loud, but all their worship included prayer, bible reading and singing/chanting. Many of the churches served communion but not to everyone. The Catholic church I visited did not serve me communion as I belong to a different denomination.

Then there are countries where there is hardly any church in sight just mosques, as observed in the middle east, or Buddhist temples as observed in the Southeast Asian countries.

My observations gave me two lightbulb moments. One, it is better to find a church, despite the language barrier or no communion than not at all. Two, it made three bible passages clearer. Ephesians 4:5, 'There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism;' Romans 12:5, 'so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another'; and Matthew 18:20, 'Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in the midst of them'. The key is to see ourselves as part of the body of Christ, one Church.

These to me are especially important where a church is in Local Ecumenical Partnership (LEP) of two or more churches like ours. In my visits as a Lay Preacher some of the LEP churches continue to use both denominations' liturgy and hymnbooks. There is nothing wrong with remembering one's roots. However, such churches can easily start to focus more on denominational practices which may result in disunity. Our focus as one church is to live and to share out the good news of Jesus Christ. I am proud that our church has tried to operate as one since becoming an LEP. We should continue to strive to be one church. Trying to be one church should help to increase our unity and the love for one another to wax stronger. It should also help God's light to shine brightly amongst us.

Our church's vivid welcoming light and love will be noticed by our visitors, which may help to draw them closer to Jesus Christ. The gospel we proclaim will feel more real. It may also help them not just to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour but to start spreading the good news further afield than we could ever imagine. Meaning I may yet visit those places with hardly any churches one day, and find one to visit.

Interestingly, denomination was not one of the descriptions of the great multitudes in Revelations 7:9, It simply said they were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. I pray for God to grant us all we need to endure until the end and to be part of these eternal great multitude in the Kingdom of heaven. Amen.

Ola Lawal

FAMILY NEWS

It is with much sadness that we report that Dorothy Brown passed away on the 18th May after spending her final days in her local Hospital. Our dear and much-loved friend Dorothy had suffered a large and very serious stroke and having been looked after and kept comfortable passed away peacefully in Hospital. She would have been 99 years in early June.

Dorothy, had been a long-standing Church Member and Elder at Christ Church before moving to Lindfield, W. Sussex some years ago but always remained interested and concerned in everything going on here at Christ Church.

Our sympathy goes to her daughter and 2 sons, and their families at this time.

There will be a family only Committal service on the morning of Friday 17th June and in the afternoon a Service of Celebration of Dorothy's life at 2.15pm at Lindfield United Reformed Church for those able to attend. Family flowers only but donations in memory of Dorothy can be made to the charity SENSE at www.sense.org.uk or via the undertakers.

Back in June'20 we reported the sad passing of Kenneth John Saunders on the 6th May'20, but due to Covid restrictions the family were unable to hold a Thanksgiving Service. They have now arranged this for Saturday 18th June'22 at 2pm at Tenterden Methodist Church, his former Church. The "Saunders" family were involved at Christ Church many years ago with Ken a member of the 94th N. London Scout Troop. For those who may wish to attend we can provide an email address to advise the family that you will be present but if not then you will no doubt wish to remember him at that time.

All who mourn remain in our prayers as do those who are unwell, including any still suffering from Covid or Long Covid.

We remember the life and service of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth 11 and pray for her at this special time of her Platinum Jubilee.

DOROTHY BROWN

Our friend Dorothy Brown will be much missed by many.

Dorothy, a former nurse and her late husband Arthur had been involved here at Christ Church for many years before moving from Finchley to Lindfield, W. Sussex to be nearer family. She often said how lovely it was there and would regularly put food out to feed the many birds in her garden.

They were valued members of this Church with Dorothy belonging to the Friendship Club whilst Arthur was again a long serving member of the Men's Club.

Dorothy fulfilled many roles within the Church having been a much-loved Sunday School Teacher, an active member of, and for some time leader of the Friendship Club and was an Elder for many years.

For some time, she acted as Minute Secretary producing immaculate hand written Church Meeting minutes (a large book with an index where anything of importance could be easily found when needed).

Although attending her local church in Lindfield, she has always remained interested and concerned about Christ Church since moving away and received a copy of our monthly Newsletter. We have discussed many issues over the years and shared many memories together in numerous phone conversations right up to a few weeks ago. On many occasions she would send me articles to read and discuss at the Friendship Club and has provided us with a number of wonderful poems she had written which have been included in our Newsletter.

Having known her and her family for such a long time I shall greatly miss our chats about Christ Church, our memories and each other's families, throughout this time.

Much loved and remembered with happiness. Our condolences and love go to her daughter Avril, sons Peter and Colin and their families.

Gladys Townsend

Christ Church NSFB Retreat

Saturday 25 June 2022 from 10.30am-2pm

St Margaret's URC, Victoria Av, Finchley, N3 1BD

Come and be refreshed by God with prayer, scripture, worship and time to dream together about the future of our church with speaker Rev. Eddie Boon.

Bring and share lunch

St Margaret's URC will host us in their newly refurbished church. Parking is available but please use public transport if possible. Take 382 from Christ Church to Finchley Central (northern line) and walk (200m).

Speaker: Eddie Boon, URC Thames North Synod Discipleship Enabler.



Eddie grew up in Bournemouth, started following Jesus at 16 and has been in pastoral ministry for 35 years. He loves football, swimming, cycling and walking, films and art.

Book your free ticket today with Clare - christchurchnsfb.sec@gmail.com

CHURCH MEETING NOTES

Held straight after service in the sanctuary on Sunday 22nd May 2022.

Ruth started meeting by describing the fact that we are a church run by the Church Members. We have a members' meeting that happens every month, on the 4th Sunday. The aim of the meeting is to discuss what is going on in the church.

Our treasurer, Peter Griffiths has moved to Wales. This left us with a difficulty as finding treasurers is hard. However, Mary Adjei has become a Deacon and the Deacons have nominated her to be our new treasurer. Mary was presented to the meeting and Ruth prayed for her.

We have a Church Retreat on Saturday, 25th June 10.30am – 2pm at St Margaret's URC, Finchley.

The meeting closed with Ruth saying the grace for our church lunch in the Hall, which was held in aid of Christian Aid.

CHRISTIAN AID

Dear Friends,

Our Christian Aid service, led by Ruth, was wonderful, with great hymns and prayers and we watched a Christian Aid video together. We then had a quiz afterwards, working out the answers from what we had seen on screen! Robert Mapara scored 9/9 – well done Robert!

Christian Aid supports the poorest of the poor in various countries. They are enabling people, especially women, who may have lost their partners to find and equip them with new ideas and skills to help them survive. Christian Aid is not only for Christians but those of any faith, ethnicity or race. Also, they are keen on justice and campaigning for relief from climate change.

Instead of a street collection Sara thought of a new idea. As you know we encouraged people to take 5 Christian Aid envelopes and try to invite neighbours and friends to come for a meal or a coffee morning or afternoon tea. They were to be told that we hoped that each guest would give a donation in the envelopes.

A number of us did that and we also had a Church collection. So far, we have raised £613.20 plus over £100 in Gift Aid! There is still time to give as we await documents from Christian Aid in order to bank the money direct to Christian Aid. We hope to have a little more added to this fund on Sunday and during the week after. Thank you all for your great generosity.

Diana gave the sermon, as Ruth went out with the children. She talked about “Decluttering”. She said she blamed her clutter on being a Primary School teacher. I nodded in agreement as anything, paper, material, etc. could be useful in the classroom, as I was a Primary School teacher too, plus being a war baby!

She went on to explain we could try decluttering our behaviour to save time, like getting into Facebook or twitter for hours on end or whatever, fitting in time to pray and read the Bible instead. Diana’s prayers of intercession were excellent and far reaching. She closed with the blessing, as Ruth had returned to the sanctuary.

Afterwards we all went to the hall and shared food and ate together. There were many people who had not joined in a shared meal at church before. We had a wide variety of delicious dishes from around the world, English fare, drinks and a range of tasty cakes and fruit. It was a lovely atmosphere, there.

Thanks go to all who prepared food and set up the hall and those who washed up and cleared away!

May God Bless you all.

Anthea Denham & Sara Skinner

WOMEN'S CLUB

How quickly time does go and June is upon us.

Our last few meetings before we close for our Summer break are on Thursdays 9th and 23rd June at 2pm in the parlour.

At each session we have an activity, e.g. sewing, art, game of UNO, decoupage and so on taking 1 ¼ hrs. An excuse for a good natter and a laugh finished with cake and tea. If you would like to enjoy a social hour or so and make new friends, please join us.

Jane Gibbins

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Many people tend to give to charity especially at Christmas, Easter, or special charity promotions like Christian Aid week. The problem, however, is the charitable organisation are in constant need and continually send us begging letters. I also heard that the leaflets and letters so written, as to tug at our hearts. This I learn work especially well with older women. Then there are the beggars on the streets who spend the money on the wrong things and should not be given money.

I guess the decision to give or not to give our money or time is a personal one. All I know was Jesus loved everyone deeply and went about doing good. While 1 John 2:6 says, 'Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did'. The wonderful thing is God in Isaiah 58, written below, promises us His goodness if we never tire of giving.

Isaiah 58:10-11 (GNT)

If you give food to the hungry and satisfy those who are in need, then the darkness around you will turn to the brightness of noon. And I will always guide you and satisfy you with good things. I will keep you strong and well. You will be like a garden that has plenty of water, like a spring of water that never goes dry.

Ola Lawal



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