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NEWSLETTER

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DIARY FOR JUNE 2023 – Please see STOP PRESS below

- Thurs. 1st 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 4th 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Tues. 6th 4.15 p.m. Rainbows (Tuesdays until break)
5.45 p.m. Brownies (“ “ “)
7.15 p.m. Guides (“ “ “)
- Thurs. 8th 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club in Parlour
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 11th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship - All Age Service
- Wed. 14th 8.00 p.m. Premises Group Meeting
- Thurs. 15th 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 18th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 22nd 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club in Parlour
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 25th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church
Followed by Church Meeting and
Annual General Meeting
- Wed. 28th 8.00 p.m. Deacons Meeting via Zoom
- Thurs. 29th 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

JULY

- Sun. 2nd 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 6th 2.00 p.m. Women's Club in Parlour
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

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Please note that although shown in the diary information above the Thursday evening Prayer Meetings on Zoom will not be held. The Deacons are reassessing this meeting and will offer a new format for prayer and bible study in the Autumn.

Sunday Church Services usually take place in person at 11am. and are also available online and on our YouTube Channel – see our web site for further info. (www.christchurchnsfb.org). A paper copy of the service is available to download or can be sent by post (please contact the Minister or Church Secretary).

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The coronation of King Charles III and Queen Camilla was quite a fete. The opulence and the colourful pageantry were amazing. The beautifully attired invited celebrities, numerous world, and religious leaders was impressive. I found the service profoundly moving. The organist and orchestra were magnificent. I liked the hymns, the two bible readings, and the short sermon on serving given by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

The oaths taken by the king made one realise the coronation was not all pomp but a great responsibility to serve God and country. I was also astonished at the number of meaningful items of regalia, given to the king. The Bible, orb, sceptre, jewelled sword, ring, glove, before the jewelled crown was placed on his head.

However, the religious meaning behind the anointing of King Charles III, and Queen Camilla, was what made the biggest impression on me. It dated back to the time of Zadok the Priest anointing King Solomon with the anointing oil. At the anointing, Zadok prayed for God to impart His Spirit on Solomon to help him serve God and the people. Although the anointing was not shown to the public, the Archbishop of Canterbury who anointed King Charles III, would have said the same prayer for him.

Our God is an everlasting God indeed. He is the Creator of all things. The eternal King of kings, and Ruler of all.

We may have our faults and change like chameleons; our God is the same yesterday, today, tomorrow, and forever. He is faithful, dependable, worthy of our awe and worship. The church had evolved over the years and will continue to evolve but one thing that will never change is God. The Three in One, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit remains the same.

Our church keeps evolving too but the key thing is to try and remain true to Jesus Christ whom we worship. To keep on doing our bit for the church. To be kind, genuine in our love of one another, generous, selfless, and forthcoming. 'Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead,' James 2:17.

The King has promised to serve God and the people to the best of his ability. Let us try our best to keep on serving the King of kings, our church and community to the best of our ability, in the power of the Holy Spirit. There is also the hope that a greater crown awaits all who serve Him until the end.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **Amen.**

Ola Lawal

FAMILY NEWS

At this time, we remember all those taking exams. We also think of anyone who is moving home and pray for them all.

A number of Members and friends are or have been unwell and others have suffered injuries which all take time to heal, with or without additional surgery. We remember them all in our prayers, especially those confined at home at the present time.

There are sadly, friends and family members who mourn a loved one and all who are bereaved remain in our prayers.

We reported the recent sad passing of Dick Lacey in the last issue. A service celebrating his life was held on the 18th May including tributes from his son, daughter and grandsons, all lovingly remembering Dick.

Richard William Lacey, a devoted husband, a much-loved father, grandfather and friend, and always a “son of Islington”.

In his early life Dick was a scout and he appeared in the “Gang Show” at The London Palladium in 1957. The song “The Angel“, written by Ralph Reader, was played at the start of the service and “Strollin“, again written by Ralph Reader, on closing.

Dick got much enjoyment out of his allotment and tried to arrange his working day to ensure he could spend his time there whenever possible.

As mentioned in our May edition Dick was greatly involved here at Christ Church but was always volunteering. He was, as a parent, involved at St. John’s C of E Primary School, particularly at the time when their swimming pool was built.

Dick and his late wife Peg supported the Surrey Air Ambulance and donations in memory of Dick can be made to The Kent, Surrey and Sussex Air Ambulance Trust at memorygiving.com/dicklacey (until 13th June) or at aakss.org.uk.

CHURCH MEETING

Held in the Parlour, after service on Sunday 28th May 2023.

Attendees: - 18; 6 non-members.

Matters arising from previous minutes printed in newsletter – none.

Development

Sale of the Grove Road Christian Centre is taking time – Beverley Homes who are buying the Hall have lodged a complaint with the Secretary of State, that Enfield are being too slow with the legal aspects. Expect to hear by Sept.

Planning permission for the Church site, awarded March 2020. We need to do small enabling works in the Hall fire exit. This will be enough to keep our planning permission current.

We are tendering, had 6 expressions of interest, 4 moving forward.

Live stream policy – presented by Diana

The policy, prepared by the Baptist Union, was circulated by email, prior to the meeting. Thelma responded by email saying that it's well written in plain English and in line with relevant legal legislative provisions.

Relevant parts of policy are:

We already have been assessing risk and are careful about children on video. If reading, or on dais have permission from parents.

We have posters/signs saying where people can be seen on screen.

Wide shot includes to columns.

Lectern close – when people are speaking.

Songs – PowerPoints are shown on video.

3 people were watching today during service; we have people who watch later.

The policy is a “Live document”, and as such is always under review

Thanks were given to Diana for providing our first online service at the beginning of the pandemic.

Developing and helping children learn and be part of AV team at back of church.

Monkey puzzle tree – required an outdoor walk to view.

Doris Smart planted this tree at the front of the Hall many years ago.

Following a complaint from neighbour re “loss of light”, 3 quotes have been obtained to remove it - around £984.

Not prunable – gets more spiky, if dies.

(Payback team previously stopped someone working under the tree).

Meeting closed in prayer by the tree.

CHRISTIAN AID

Just to let you know that at the time of writing £437.50 has now been collected for Christian Aid. There may be an increase from people who have not yet given to this long-established charity and a final total will be advised in due course. Thank you to all who gave so generously.

There was a well-attended lunch in the hall following the Christian Aid service with a wide variety of food. I was so sorry to have missed it. Many grateful thanks to Anne and Mary, Val and Roger and Lynda for helping Sara to set up the hall.

Sara Skinner is now the official representative for Christian Aid for our Church. She has been working with me for many years and has now taken over the role. She has been amazing! (as always).

Anthea Denham

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I could be impatient. I do not enjoy waiting in queues. I try to avoid roads with hold-ups. The motoring apps have also encouraged my impatience. At the onset of a journey, the App may say the journey will take one hour for example, and that I am on the fastest route. Twenty minutes into the journey, it will then say, 'you can save five minutes by changing the route'. Why would one want to change route because of saving five minutes? I guess it is because the App knows most of us are impatient. I am learning to ignore the App and trying to be a bit more patient in the power of the Holy Spirit.

It is not easy to exercise patience when we are in a hurry to hear from God. When what we pray for and expect to happen is taking months to be answered if at all. God answers us according to what is best for us and not necessarily as expected. Be more patient in the power of the Holy Spirit. Stay with Jesus.

Psalm 27:14 (NIV)

Wait for the LORD;
be strong and take heart
and wait for the LORD.

Ola Lawal

