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DIARY FOR MARCH 2019

- Sun. 3rd PETER GRIFFITHS
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church
- Tues. 5th 2.00 p.m. Friendship Club
4.15 p.m. Rainbows (until break)
5.15 p.m. Brownies (“ “)
7.15 p.m. Guides (“ “)
- Wed. 6th 7.45 p.m. Grapevine
- Thurs. 7th 5.20 p.m. Beavers (until break)
6.15 p.m. Cub Scouts (“ “)
7.00 p.m. Scouts (“ “)
- Sat. 9th 10.30 a.m. Coffee Morning – Friendship Club
- Sun. 10th MRS OLA LAWAL
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – All Age Service
- Tues. 12th 8.00 p.m. Fabric & Finance – in the Parlour
- Thurs. 14th 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club – Sun Catchers
- Sun. 17th PETER GRIFFITHS
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Wed. 20th 7.45 p.m. Grapevine
- Sun. 24th MRS PENNIE BONGOMIN
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church
12.15 p.m. Church Meeting
- Thurs. 28th 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club – Bird Feeders
- Sun. 31st MOTHERING SUNDAY
REV. RUTH MORIARTY
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Parade – All Age Service

APRIL

- Tues. 2nd 2.00 p.m. Friendship Club
- Wed. 3rd 8.00 p.m. Deacons Meeting

PASTORAL LETTER

As we approach the start of Lent are you not astonished as I am how early Easter Eggs appear each year. We hardly seem to have finished celebrating Christmas.

Many people will be thinking of making an effort to abstain from alcohol, chocolate or cakes during Lent but these denials were probably needed directly after Christmas following all the festive food and drink.

To seek to pray and study the Holy Bible during Lent seems a more appropriate and gainful way of using our efforts. Over the past few weeks in our church service we have been looking at the book of Nehemiah.

Many Christians have suffered ridicule and sarcasm, felt intimidation and exhaustion but with faith and constant prayer we can recover our courage to continue the work set for us by Christ to spread His love and generosity.

In the service led by Mrs Diana Bensted a quote of John Bunyan was read: “You can do more than pray, after you have prayed, but you cannot do more than pray until you have prayed. Pray often, for prayer is a shield to the soul, a sacrifice to God, and a scourge to Satan.”

So, as a church with projects such as the hall to be rebuilt and work to carry God’s message out into the community; let us remember Nehemiah, his faith in God and his determination to complete the task of rebuilding the wall of Jerusalem to honour God and bring His people home.

Sue Rogers

The next meeting of the Newsletter Committee
will be held at 39 The Ridgeway, London N11
at 8pm. on Monday 18th March 2019.

Please let us have your material for the April Newsletter
by Sunday 17th March.

FAMILY NEWS

We are pleased to report that Lynda Eade is now back at home from hospital following her accident over Christmas. It is also good that she has managed (with help) to get along to Church on Sunday 17th and 24th February. We pray for her continued good progress in the weeks ahead. After his short spell in hospital it was lovely to hear that Tony Fensome is also back home and we hope it won't be too long before he will be able to be back in Church and we pray for his continued improvement.

Following the service on February 24th a small group of people joined together in the Parlour for a short Meeting of Prayer.

We continue to think of those in need at this time and also a number of friends, young and young at heart, who have been unwell and we pray for them and the Church in the months ahead.

MISSION GROUP

This year for a number of reasons, this year's Mission Boxes came in very slowly. Thank you for bringing them to Church. The result is CWM, £10.20 (only one box returned) and BMS, £92.09, some very large donations to that. A discussion will take place once Ruth returns from her Sabbatical about Mission Box issues.

By the way I have 4 new Home Mission Boxes. If you would like one please let me know, either by phone or in Church if you want one. Please try to return your boxes on the 2nd Sunday in July, Mission Sunday.

We had planned a Mission weekend on the 9th and 10th February. We had about 20 of us plus 2 small children, which was fun. There was a lovely atmosphere, all very warm and cosy. We collected £41.60 towards our Home Mission collection. Diana served the special coffee and tea and she also made a delicious coffee and walnut cake, not to mention the very Moorish blue berry muffins, Jane's sausage rolls went down a treat and Tanya amused us all showing her wares from her, "decluttering" efforts. I gained a hat, very warm plonked on my head by Tanya and adjusted by Astrid.

On the 10th we had Home Mission Sunday. As we had Pastor Chris Gallimore taking the service and no Robert, we decided to watch the Home Mission DVD “Just Imagine” the following Sunday.

When introducing myself to Chris Gallimore he told me that his Church in Mill Hill had received a grant from BMS Home Mission to fund his work running a coffee shop as he is the Community Pastor for that Baptist Church. He was running this very successfully and reaching out to many people, especially ones in real need, who attend it. This is a good example of what “Home Mission” funds and does.

He was pleased that it was a Home Mission Sunday for us. Meanwhile Ruth was taking the service at Mill Hill. Chris told us about how he came from Bolton and is the son of a Baptist Minister.

Chris had already told us that he wished to attend the Church Lunch following the service. Diana and Clare prepared the Church Lunch for about 30 people but in the end, there were only 8 of us. We had a delicious lunch followed by fruit and pastries and had a really good conversation sitting around one table together. I think it fair to say we enjoyed the company.

I've recently banked £169.60 from your very generous donations in the Home Mission envelopes and that plus the coffee morning money made up the total.

On Sunday 16th February Peter Griffiths led our service and agreed for us to watch the Home mission DVD “Just Imagine”, showing various ways that the funds are distributed to Churches with a vision of doing their best to see God's Kingdom grow through Church Planting, coffee mornings, shops or running projects in Urban and Rural settings where people may feel isolated.

Peter Griffiths himself had supported Home Mission when he was a Minister in a Baptist Church for many years in his beloved Wales.

Thank you all for supporting this Mission.

Anthea Denham

CHRISTIAN AID

Our team of 8 volunteers from our Church went along to do our best at the Christian Aid Quiz in St. John's Parish Hall on the 2nd February. We were really squashed in with roughly 80 people from different Churches in the area (a Churches Together event). Robert Wright, Christian Aid chairman for our group, did a marvellous job co-ordinating it.

We began with a meal; chilli con carne with rice and salad with yoghurt and cheese and plenty of it too. Our table was between All Saint's members from Whetstone and St. Paul's New Southgate team.

There were numerous rounds. The first general knowledge question ("let's begin with a simple one", the quizmaster said), left us floored! On Sunday following the quiz, Ruth said, "we knew all was lost after that first question!"

We had huge fun, working out table quizzes, and consulting each other. We thought we'd done quite well, but I'm afraid to say we were last!! However, we still won a small box of Celebration chocolates each! The winners, All Saints, received a big box each! I also won a raffle prize, a penguin mug full of Penguin biscuits! Robert Wright said there were not many points between first and last. The sweet course, late on, was fresh fruit and gluten free cookies.

It was the first time, we, as a Church, have ever had a full team at this event. Next year I think we could easily form a table of 8 or even two of eight! The amount made for Christian Aid was £756.59.

The annual Christian Aid street collection is from 12th May to 18th May. Watch this space for details!

Anthea Denham

FINANCE FROM APRIL 2018 to FEBRUARY 2019

Cash	£3507.54
Envelopes	<u>£6816.20</u>
	£10323.74

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

Where have the weeks gone? Already the Spring flowers are beginning to show their faces with crocuses and daffodils appearing in the Church garden. It doesn't seem possible that we are entering March and it's time for the Friendship Club to meet again.

Back on the 5th February we enjoyed an afternoon together, catching up on all our news. One lady told us that she needed to get a new fridge-freezer and that she had been to several shops before deciding on one which was to be delivered on the Saturday after our meeting.

We hope it arrived and that everything went according to plan. No doubt we will hear all about it at our next meeting in the Parlour at 2pm. on the 5th March.

We are also due to host the Coffee Morning on Saturday 9th March between 10.30am. and 12 noon. Please join with us if you can. It will be good to see you all.

Gladys Townsend

WOMEN'S CLUB

On 31st January we came together for an Art Afternoon. The options were a freelance painting, a choice from an Adult paint book, or abstract using paint pots and sponge. As always there were some amazing results.

We met again on the 14th February for a Sewing Afternoon. Val had kindly cut out the felt red hearts and small pink hearts to be stitched together, filled with foam and the edge decorated with small beads and finished off with a crocheted hanging loop. As well as the strong love couples have shown through history to overcome obstacles, we were reminded this day of God's love which never fails us. That we must let God know that we love him. That He is always with us during good times or bad.

We meet again on 28th February for a Craft Afternoon where we will recycle glass jars. They will be decorated with chunky wool or lace to make them into pencil pots or a jar to store small items of string, rubber bands etc. At our March session on the 14th we will be making a Sun Catcher.

Everyone is welcome. We start at 2pm in the parlour and finish with tea and cakes.

Jane Gibbins

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I was speaking to a lady the other day, who told me ‘I struggle to get out of bed as every day is the same old grind’. She then went on to talk about her various issues. I suggested prayers but she said ‘I don’t believe in any of that.’ Which is sad, as Jesus Christ is the only friend that can truly help us.

Thank you, God, for calling us friends. Are you tired of working all hours with no real result or equivalent reward; tired of job-hunting; fed up with that depression or ill-health; lumbered by past failures and mistakes; or worried for your children? Take whatever your issue or heavy load may be to Lord Jesus in diligent prayer during this Lent season. He is the only one who can lighten our load and grant us rest as quoted below.

Matthew 11:28-30 (GNT)

²⁸ “Come to me, all of you who are tired from carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

²⁹ Take my yoke and put it on you, and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit; and you will find rest.

³⁰ For the yoke I will give you is easy, and the load I will put on you is light.”

Ola Lawal

Please remember that British Summer Time begins on the 31st March and that clocks go forward 1 hour overnight on the 30th.