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Remembrance Day
Sunday 11th November

DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2018

- Thurs. 1st 2.00 pm. Women's Club – Jar decorating
5.20 pm. Beavers (every Thurs. until break)
6.15 pm. Cub Scouts (“ “ “ “)
7.00 pm. Scouts (“ “ “ “)
- Sun. 4th 11.00 am. Rev. Ruth Moriarty
Morning Worship, Junior Church
& Youth Group
6.30 pm. LBA District Service at Enfield Baptist Church
- Tues. 6th 2.00 pm. Friendship Club
4.15 pm. Rainbows (every Tues. until break)
5.15 pm. Brownies (“ “ “ “)
7.15 pm. Guides (“ “ “ “)
- Wed. 7th 7.45 pm. Grapevine
- Thurs. 8th 8.00 pm. Connect – Bible Study & Prayer Group
- Sat. 10th 10.30 am. Coffee Morning
- Sun. 11th REMEMBRANCE SERVICE
Rev. Ruth Moriarty
10.45 am. Morning Worship & Parade
(Please arrive early as the service starts sharp at 10.45 am. ahead of the two minutes silence)
- Tues. 13th 8.00 pm. Fabric & Finance Meeting
- Wed. 14th 8.00 pm. Deacons Meeting
- Thurs. 15th 2.00 pm. Women's Club – Christmas cards
- Sun. 18th 11.00 am. Rev. Ruth Moriarty
Morning Worship, Communion, Junior Church
& Youth Group
- Tues. 20th 8.00 pm. Development meeting – in the parlour

Wed. 21st 7.45 pm. Grapevine
 Thurs. 22nd 8.00 pm. Connect – Bible Study & Prayer Group
 Fri. 23rd Set up sanctuary for the Bazaar (time tba)
 Sat. 24th 11.30 am. CHRISTMAS BAZAAR (11.30 am – 2.30 pm.)
 Sun. 25th Mr Peter Griffiths
 11.00 am. Morning Worship & Junior Church
 12.15 pm. Church Meeting
 Thurs. 29th 2.00 pm. Women’s Club – Table decorations

DECEMBER

Sun. 2nd Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 11.00 am. Morning Worship, Junior Church
 & Youth Group
 Tues. 4th 2.00 pm. Friendship Club
 5.15 pm. Brownies & Guides Show - at GRCC
 Sun. 9th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
 11.00 am. Toy / Nativity Service

The next meeting of the Newsletter Committee
 will be held at 39 The Ridgeway, London N11
 at 8pm. on Monday 19th November 2018.

Please let us have your material for the December Newsletter
 by Sunday 18th November.

Will all those who wish their names to be included in the Christmas
 Greetings List to be printed in the December Newsletter please inform
 the Committee accordingly. We can only include you if we have your
 written consent. Ed.
 (email. arthurtownsend@aol.com)

PASTORAL LETTER

Dear Friends,

Where had the time gone? The last time I wrote a pastoral letter was in April. I told you about how hard but enjoyable my TLS Gateway into Worship was. We were also about to celebrate Easter. It's November and we're beginning to think of Christmas celebrations if not planning for it already. Thank you all for your prayers. God answered them. I have successfully completed the TLS GiW training and have started my third and last year which is on Mentor Reflective Practice. The good thing about this year is I only need to be away from church one Sunday a month. This is because I need to preach monthly in three to four different churches during the year. Please continue to keep me in your prayers for this final year.

The URC had replaced TLS (Training for Learning and Service) with 'Stepwise'. To celebrate the end of TLS, the URC had a thanksgiving event in June at Birmingham called 'Transforming Faith, Transforming Life'. A number of old and current students were invited to play different parts in the service. I was one of the four people invited to give a brief testimony on 'how the Lord has worked in your life through TLS.' I was the third person on the testimony list. The first person did TLS over twenty years ago and has just been appointed a minister to a Church which was well beyond his expectations. The second person completed TLS about twelve years ago and had a lot of story to tell about how God had helped her ministry over the years. As the only student, I had no major story to tell. I thanked God for helping me so far and confirmed I have learnt a lot from the numerous recommended books, the tutorials and workshops. However, I mentioned what God had really helped me to see was its application on a daily basis through the actions and deeds of every member of staff I came across. One could say they lived their Christianity. They were selfless, kind, patient, generous, calm, helpful, joyful and encouraging. I could see God's love in action through them.

We ask God to grant us the fruits of the Holy Spirit but do we really put them into action and bless others with them?

Let us try to bless everyone with these fruits by our Christian living. Call that person whom you know needs encouragement. Offer practical help to that person who is not coping for one reason or the other. Talk to that lonely person. Be kind to that person others perceive as difficult. Include everyone interested, not just those you feel comfortable with in Church activities. Try not to be judgmental but be tolerant and compassionate. Be forgiving and merciful to others. Ephesians 5: 1-2 says, *'Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God'*. Living our Christianity can only make us a stronger community of God and promote the building of the Kingdom of God on Earth.

Shalom.

Ola Lawal

FAMILY NEWS

Whilst a number of people have been suffering with various illnesses it has been good to see others return to Church. We pray for all members and friends who have been unwell.

The Sunday services during September had a theme about "Money" and "Giving" which are referred to on a number of occasions throughout the Bible. There are of course many types of "Giving".

At the Parade service on Harvest Sunday Val Oram was thanked for her 40 years' service and dedication to the Guiding Movement, in particular the Brownies. Well done Val.

There are other people mentioned in articles in this Newsletter for whom we must give thanks for all their various efforts. You can give time and use your talents, you can be a doer and also by just being a listener, offering a shoulder to lean on, or by providing those few important words. We give thanks for all givers.

We give thanks also for all who have contributed by providing articles for the Newsletter.

CHURCH GIVING

For those who are unaware regular weekly giving can be placed in Donation Envelopes available for this purpose (speak to Gladys Townsend if you would like to have some). You may also wish to consider making a regular payment into the Church Bank account by direct debit.

Also, if you are giving regularly the Church can benefit by claiming back from HMRC the amount of 25p every time an individual donates £1. The donor must have paid the same amount or more in Income Tax or Capital Gains Tax in that tax year and completed a Gift Aid Declaration.

If you would like to complete a “Gift Aid Form” which will allow the Church to benefit by claiming back from HMRC then again please speak to Gladys Townsend.

We should regularly re-assess the level of our giving and ensure we give in the most efficient manner e.g. when placing any notes in the offertory plate please only use small denominations i.e. £20 or less, as tax can be claimed back as these are classed as Small Gifts. Thank you.

FRIENDSHIP CLUB

On the 2nd October we met and held our own “Harvest Afternoon”, which included an Alphabet Quiz of fruit and vegetables. (If you can think of any fruit or vegetable beginning with “x” or “z”, let us know, because we just couldn’t think of anything!).

We also looked at pictures and read poems of Autumn and Harvest Time. As we were so busy chatting we nearly forgot our cup of tea!!

Our next meeting will be at 2pm. on November 6th, in the Parlour when we will have our “Remembrance” afternoon. Do join with us if you can.

Gladys Townsend

WOMEN'S CLUB

We enjoyed the cool bright sunshine in October with more craft afternoons. On 5th October we created our own earrings, bracelets, necklaces with the help of Val. We welcomed a new member when we met on 18th October with a sewing project of a key fob with coloured silks producing a personal pattern.

The Women's Club meet again at 2.00 pm on 1st November to begin our run up to Christmas with frosted Christmas jars embellished with black silhouetted street scene and electric tea light inside to display on a chimney breast or cabinet. We create Christmas Cards on 15th November.

Each of our sessions end with a reading and prayer before enjoying some cakes and tea. Do come and enjoy our company as the days draw in.

Jane Gibbins

HARVEST WEEKEND, 6th/7th OCTOBER

On the morning of Saturday 6th October Diana Bensted arranged the stunning flower arrangement in the Sanctuary, meanwhile Sara Skinner Jane Gibbins and others decorated the windows with baskets of fruit, vegetables, fish, and all things harvested, for our pleasure and to decorate the Church suitably. So lovely!

We had a great Harvest Weekend. Later at 5pm. on Saturday we had a Fish & Chip Supper (or pie or sausage!). Every place was taken up as we just about fitted in the Parlour. Anne Petts, Sara Skinner, Val Oram and Lynda Eade (The FACC committee) organized it all and Roger compared in his own inimitable way!

We had a great quiz on each table and a bit of competition! Anne did well composing it.

I thought the fish & chips were delicious and I'm sure enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Anne for organizing and ordering the food. Afterwards we had a choice of gateaux for sweet course with tea or coffee to follow.

It was fun and great company. For me a highlight was having my "Turkish" family there. Naomi and Elizabeth were very engaged in the quiz! Thank you all very much.

Anthea Denham

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Having enjoyed a wonderful fish n chip supper with some of the church community on Saturday evening, Harvest Sunday, 7th October, began early in our house. Naomi was preparing for junior church with 14 children, including the uniform groups, that day. The theme was God's wonderful creation, so I assisted my daughter with the fun job of making play-dough and gathering resources for plate animal masks for the children. The play-dough theme continued in the church too as all the children enjoyed arranging seeds decoratively in giant play-dough letters spelling out Harvest.

Ruth Moriarty led the wonderful morning service, the overarching theme remained "May we share your harvest as a blessing to others". The church looked beautiful with Autumnal colours in flowers and displays. The hymns and Christian songs included were uplifting and much enjoyed. A newly revised hymn to the familiar and favourite tune of Love Divine, was poignantly thought provoking "God who meets us in our need...Gave a world for all to share ..and yet ..?!"

Gifts of food tins and less traditional produce, like toothbrushes, socks and soap, were donated by the congregation for HAB (Housing Action in Barnet). Having the opportunity to take, along with others, the many boxes collected to the HAB centre the following day and to see the many people who had gathered to use these services provided, brought home a strong realisation of the many needs to be met, even in our most local community.

My mother, Anthea, made an honest and brave testimony, when she spoke of her own very real debt crisis that she had faced and remained a fight for 15 years; the hours of work, the suffering, the fear, the shame but how God remained constant throughout. As did the church family who remain by her side, like her holy sister, Pennie Bongomin and Doris Smart, who sat with her week after week and had said "This too shall pass". There were miracles of a kind too but life is difficult, however, Anthea's message was reach out, let Jesus remain your friend, God will protect and through a poem, still stuck on the kitchen cupboard, sent from her own dad, remember, "Don't Quit!!" I am very proud of my Mum, she is stoic, stubborn, hard-working, full of faith and so very kind. Amen.

Tanya Forward

MISSION GROUP

On Sunday 7th October we all brought gifts of tins of food and packets of rice and so forth for HAB (Homeless Action in Barnet). To celebrate our Harvest Festival weekend. These items were of a wide range according to the list of items sent to us by Ian McCormack, the Service Manager at HAB and had been collected up over a number of weeks.

There was also a large varied amount of much needed toiletries for HAB as well as shoes and clothes suitable for the clients who visit HAB. The manager and his team were delighted when Tanya, Ola, Chenika and myself took the gifts to HAB on Monday 8th October. As we waited to sign the book of who and where we were from we noticed boxes of socks on the counter where people could choose a pair. At least 50 people were there already at 10.30am!

Another day we took the £95.31 to HAB which you wonderful, generous people of our congregation donated via envelopes at our Harvest service. That will be useful for the running of HAB, all run by volunteers.

As Ola said, "Gracious God we trust in you and continue to give generously to God and to those less fortunate than ourselves", in grateful thanks for all we have.

Anthea Denham

MISSION COFFEE MORNING

On Saturday 13th October we had about 18 people at our Coffee Morning. Quite a large number of people were unable to be there for many reasons but we had a very sociable time. Many helpers from the Mission Committee, Diana, Pennie, Tanya and I and also Sara Skinner and Jane Gibbins bringing sausage rolls and yummy Danish pastries, maybe too tempting, plus milk etc. Thank you all so much!

We collected donations for the DEC (Disasters Emergency Committee) for the relief work for survivors of the devastating Tsunami in Indonesia. As we had cakes left over we set the remaining cakes out for the end of Sunday's service on the 14th. which was led by Ola and sold a few more cakes. Our total was a staggering £79 for Indonesia which will be delivered by a number of charities involved in this relief effort.

Ola's service on the 14th October was on God's Creation of the World. How beautiful God's creation is with all its variety, as was seen in the lovely video we watched.

We all know we must look after our precious planet as we are the custodians. Thank you, Lord Jesus for your marvellous creation.

Anthea Denham

MEGA (MIDDLESEX EAST GET AWAY) WEEKEND AT A PGL IN SWINDON 12-14th OCTOBER

At long last the big day had arrived after months of form filling and paying the money in three lots plus measuring each girl for their lovely purple tops which they wore while away. The leaders also had to wear these tops as well – so when we were altogether we looked like a lot of grapes.

There were 4 coaches which left The Green on Friday full of Brownies, Guides & Rangers plus the leaders. After all the luggage was stowed away we were off and the journey was quite good except our coach ran into a spot of slow-moving traffic and made us late arriving.

Directly on arrival we were shown into the dining hall for soup and rolls with different fillings. Most of our girls left them as they had eaten a packed tea on board the coach which unfortunately caused 2 to be sick!! The girls went to bed and so did the Guiders as we had to be up very early the next morning.

The plan for the girls was that the PGL staff took their groups to different places such as Zip Wire; Trapeze; Swinging chair; etc and a Guider would accompany them to make sure the girls were happy and safe and generally look out for them.

The grounds were huge and we spent most of our time moving from one place to another, but it was great fun for the girls.

Lunch was again a rush to get there on time as we all had slots and you must not miss them.

While all the fun was going on most of our Guiders had to attend some training such as our New Programme plus Safe Guarding and First Aid.

On Saturday night the girls had a disco in a barn and we Guiders had a get together with Cheese & Wine.

Again, another early night as our group had to be at breakfast by 7am and the day dawned with the rain pouring down, but in good guiding fashion we kept going and making sure that all the girls were well protected from the rain off they went.

They had a most amazing time and they were absolutely full of it when they returned and we had other guiders come up to us to say that all our girls were well behaved and polite, which is lovely.

Home time came all too soon and we all boarded the coach for a quiet journey home as most of the Guides fell asleep. Although all the Guiders were tired we all enjoyed it very much.

Val Oram & Lynda Eade

FELLOWSHIP AT CHRIST CHURCH

Just another reminder that the Bazaar (Saturday 24th November) is not too far away and up to now we have not had any response from people to run stalls.

Each group should try and run a stall. If you cannot think of what your group could do please let us know, we have a few ideas for you. Come on let's make it a good Christmas Bazaar.

The FACC Committee

GANG AWARENESS EVENT

Stoke Newington Baptist Church and Frampton Park Baptist Church are jointly hosting an event to help parents and carers become more aware of gang related issues.

The evening will cover topics such as:

What is risky behaviour and in what form does this appear

Understanding risky behaviour

Boundaries

Unconscious bias toward authorities

Spotting the signs regarding gang affiliation

Hackney gangs unit talk

The evening is being run by 'The Crib' a social inclusion charity working with young people in and around Hackney.

The event will take place on Monday 12th November - refreshments served from 6.30pm - venue Frampton Park Baptist Church, Frampton Park Road, E9 7PQ

For further information and to reserve a place please email: info@framptonpark.org.uk

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

We all go through difficult and trying times. I have been through a few myself and know how testing such times could be.

At such times doubts about the omnipotence of our Lord God creeps in and our faith is sorely tested. It could be due to a stubborn illness affecting us or our loved one. It could be the difficult, life-changing situation that you feel is drowning you. The passage below is a good one to fall back on at such times. I personally find it helpful.

Isaiah 46: 3-4

“Listen to me, (Fill in your name) ----
you whom I have upheld since your birth,
and have carried since you were born.
4 Even to your old age and grey hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.

Ola Lawal

FINANCE FROM APRIL to 21st OCTOBER 2018

Cash	£2294.69
Envelopes	<u>£4250.10</u>
	£6544.79

TRUE OR FALSE?

My brain is like the Bermuda Triangle. - Information goes in and then it's never found again!!