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NEWSLETTER

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DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2022

- Sat. 1st **SADLY THE URC HAVE POSTPONED THESE
EVENTS DUE TO PROPOSED RAIL STRIKES.**
2.30 p.m. URC – 50th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE OF
THANKSGIVING AND CELEBRATION
at Methodist Central Hall Westminster – see web site for booking info.
for free tickets and morning events at Church House(www.urb.org.uk)
- Sun. 2nd 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Tues. 4th 4.15 p.m. Rainbows (Tuesdays until break)
5.45 p.m. Brownies (“ “ “)
7.15 p.m. Guides (“ “ “)
- Thurs. 6th 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 9th HARVEST THANKSGIVING
Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Parade – All Age Service
- Wed. 12th 8.00 p.m. Premises Group Meeting at Manse
- Thurs. 13th 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 16th Rev. Ruth Moriarty
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 20th 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 23rd Rev. Ruth Moriarty
Preacher – To be Confirmed
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church
Followed by Church Meeting

Wed. 26th 8.00 p.m. Deacons Meeting via Zoom

Thurs. 27th 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

Sun. 30th Mrs. Diana Bensted
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – All Age Service

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Thurs. 3rd 2.00 p.m. Women's Club
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

Sun. 6th 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

On Sunday 24th September we held this event in the Hall, after the Service. We were delighted by the number of people who came and there was lots of chatting and a great atmosphere.

There were a huge variety of cakes, scones and sausage rolls. It was amazing! Everybody helped; some to help set up the tables and prepare the hall; some served the tea and coffee; some sliced the cakes.

The cash in the collecting box was £252 and together with a cheque the total of £302 has now been banked.

When I rang Macmillan, they told me that when the cash goes through after about 28 days, they will calculate the amount given via the QR Code and add the two together for a final result. They will let me know. The QR Codes were dotted around on tablecloths, here and there and a number of people donated that way. Also, Ruth had given us a scenario to open up conversations about how to welcome people and help them.

Thanks to those who could not come but still sent cakes and donations. I can't thank everyone enough for all the Help! Phenomenal!

Blessings to you all.

Anthea Denham

PASTORAL LETTER

As I write this letter, I am preparing for Swingboat to premier and we wait for Grove Road to sell. I was not sure which to write about and then I realised there is a connection – no – really – bear with me on this.

“Swingboat” is a brand new musical written by Paul Wardrop-Day and David Peston which the Life & Mission Choir will be premiering on the first weekend of October. It is a re-telling of the story of Noah. During one of the rehearsals trying to work out staging and tech stuff, which took 4 hours and the choir was not involved much, we were sat around a LOT - So that is waiting.

I realised one bit of the flood story suits our situation at the moment. The rain lasted 40 days and nights but then they all had to wait for the land to dry and that took longer.

Genesis 7

²⁴ The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.

The thing that I noticed was that this is near 4 times as long as it rained. That must have felt even longer.

You see the other thing I was going to write about was how we are nearing the end of our period of waiting and that we would know a decision on Grove Road and therefore the speed of our development soon. I even wrote a paragraph saying that, but I have had to delete that.

Now we find that there is a further delay. The developer and Enfield Council are going to take more time before a decision is made on the development of Grove Road. This is very hard to take. There seems to be delay after delay and it feels like an ever-disappearing goal. This can be very disheartening.

However, we must not lose sight of our goal – to give glory to God in our community here. We must focus on developing an active, functioning, attractive community of people who strive to be the Light of Christ in our area.

Clare Jenkins

HARVEST THANKSGIVING – SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER

“We plough the fields and scatter

The Good seeds on the land

For all is fed and watered

By God’s Almighty hand”.

Just a reminder that it is our Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday 9th October at 11 a.m.

We do not ask for freshly grown fruit and vegetables to be brought to Church BUT very different items for HAB (Homeless Action in Barnet). This is run in our very local “house” close to North Finchley.

They require the following items for homeless people and asylum seekers:

Long Life Milk, Tea, Coffee, Chocolate drink, biscuits, chocolate bars, crisps, Pot Noodles, Uncle Ben’s type Instant rice (Not other rice or Pasta – Thank you)

Tins of vegetables, baked beans, spaghetti, fish in tins, tins of fruit or anything tinned.

Laundry tablets, shower gels, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, tooth brushes and tooth paste.

Men’s (barely used) shoes, socks, jumpers or coats.

Or a cash donation.

HAB is run solely by volunteers so cash is always useful for buying items needed.

God Bless, Thank you.

Anthea Denham

FAMILY NEWS

As we head into Autumn, we think of the many people running in the London Marathon and raising much valued funds for many deserving charities. In November it will be BBC Children in Need once again.

We think of our own up and coming events, starting with our Harvest Thanksgiving Service when we will collect for HAB (Homeless Action in Barnet) and look forward to joining together on this and other occasions as we progress toward another year end and of course Christmas once again.

We think of all Members and Friends who are coping with various issues in their day to day lives and particularly remember all who are unwell and managing so many different problems.

There are some friends in, or attending Hospital and also, we must not forget those living in Care Homes. Please remember all friends due to have an Autumn Covid-19 Booster or Flu vaccination.

Ongoing health concerns, e.g. things like Parkinson's, various dementia problems, walking difficulties and many other situations cause daily issues for many and we pray for them at this time.

All those who are bereaved remain in our prayers as they mourn.

How very sad it was to learn that Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II had died on the 8th September. The period of mourning ensued and her State Funeral took place on Monday 19th September. A day of great sadness but with much spectacle and celebration, as we remembered her life.

We think of all members of the Military and the many others, including numerous volunteers, who were involved on that Monday and throughout the preceding days, particularly with the Lying in State.

Also, we remember and give thanks for her long life of duty and service to, not only, our country but many others. Whilst praying for Her Majesty, we also pray for King Charles III and all Members of the Royal Family, at this time.

Gracious God,

We thank you for the life of your servant Elizabeth;
for her faithfulness to your gospel
through her words, example and humble service.

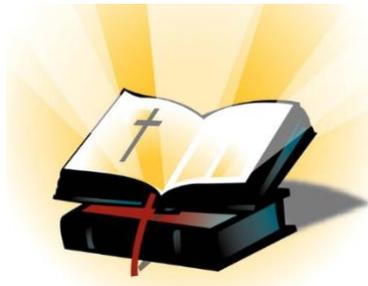
We remember with gratitude her gentle diplomacy,
her wise leadership and guidance in a changing world,
and the glimpses into her sense of humour.

She has been a gracious and godly Queen,
and so we commend her back to you:
May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

We pray too for the Royal Family
as they grieve over the loss of a mother, grandmother, great
grandmother,
especially for Charles as he becomes King,
and we lift up to you all in this country and across the commonwealth
in this time of national mourning and change.

Bless us with your peace, we pray,
today and always,
Amen.

Lynn Green
General Secretary of our Baptist Union



WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

I recently read Acts 9 and was amazed at how focussed Apostle Paul was, on telling everyone Jesus is the Messiah despite opposition and death threats by the Jews and the Hellenists (ancient Greeks). He refused to get distracted and remained contented that God's grace was enough for him and would keep him safe. For someone who was recently persecuting Christians, Paul's conviction and concentration on his mission was incredible and made possible by the power of the Holy Spirit.

As followers of Jesus there is lot to emulate in the story of Apostle Paul. Let us ask for the Holy Spirit to fill us afresh. In the power of the Holy Spirit to be, contented and focussed on the mission to spread the gospel instead of on worldly distractions which does not prosper our souls. We are in the world but not of the world. John 17:16. By so doing our church too will have peace, be built up as we live in the fear of the Lord only and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 9:31 NRSVUE

Meanwhile the church throughout Judea, Galilee, and Samaria had peace and was built up. Living in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

Ola Lawal

To join our Thursday Evening Prayer Meeting on Zoom, go to -
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/5408158881?pwd=ank5UmJGRGVMMVXJWWFRSL1IPSVBnZz09>

Meeting ID: 540 815 8881

Passcode: ccnsfb

Please Note that our Remembrance Service on Sunday 13th November starts at the earlier time of 10.45am.