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## DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

- Sun. 4<sup>th</sup> 9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour  
Mr. David & Mrs. Nikki Hooke  
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 8<sup>th</sup> 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club  
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sat. 10<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m. Decluttering Morning – Until 1pm.
- Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> 9.30 a.m. Prayer Meeting in Parlour  
Rev. Ruth Moriarty  
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship – All Age Service
- Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> 4.15 p.m. Rainbows (Tuesdays until break)  
5.45 p.m. Brownies ( “ “ “ )  
7.15 p.m. Guides ( “ “ “ )
- Wed. 14<sup>th</sup> 8.00 p.m. Premises Group Meeting
- Thurs. 15<sup>th</sup> 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 18<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ruth Moriarty  
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church
- Thurs. 22<sup>nd</sup> 2.00 p.m. Women’s Club  
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom
- Sun. 25<sup>th</sup> Rev. Ruth Moriarty  
Preacher – Rev. George Watt  
(Moderator URC Thames North)  
11.00 a.m. Morning Worship & Junior Church  
Followed by  
Coffee Morning in Aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
- Wed. 28<sup>th</sup> 8.00 p.m. Deacons Meeting via Zoom
- Thurs. 29<sup>th</sup> 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting via Zoom

## **OCTOBER 2022**

Sat. 1<sup>st</sup>            2.30 p.m. URC – 50<sup>th</sup> 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.urc.org.uk)

Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup>            9.00 a.m. TOAST – Prayer Meeting in Parlour  
                          Rev. Ruth Moriarty  
                          11.00 a.m. Morning Worship, Communion & Junior Church

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>                            HARVEST SERVICE

## **WOMEN'S CLUB**

If you would like to meet a friendly, joyous group of ladies then be with us when The Women's Club reopens on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 2pm in the Parlour. We meet bi-weekly.

We enjoy a happy afternoon with projects including art (for adults), craft, sewing, recycling greeting cards, games and so on. We close with cake, tea or coffee.

If you have any questions, please contact me on 07703 483791.

*Jane Gibbins*

## **PASTORAL LETTER**

Hello again Everyone, Dearest Friends,

We hope you have had a very good summer. My, it has been very hot! – in fact the hottest temperatures in London and the South East ever recorded. We seem to be experiencing more unprecedented events than ever before. First the Pandemic, then temperature rises, lack of rainfall, raging fires across a baking UK and Continent of Europe. But we have endured, on the whole, holding on to our Faith and Hope in Jesus.

We are being promised a continuing rise in the cost of living and heating bills look like they will be astronomical. Those raising children will be hardest hit and the elderly.

As a teacher for 45 years prior to my retirement I was always aware and fascinated by children's progress, particularly in those who had English as their second language. From Nursery teaching to young teenagers those particular children progress rapidly and often overtake their indigenous peers (that is unless they had special needs).

We all know children need a lovely family background but many do not experience this due to many varied events in their lives. Some children are unfortunate enough to be born to mothers and fathers who literally do not want them, or can't cope or treat them violently and cruelly. Some children lose a parent when young or a parent leaves the family. All those happenings have a dire effect on children, a sense of isolation, rejection, and anxiety may take hold.

One boy I knew from a "well-off" family began to paint black pictures and paintings. His parents had separated and it was all very bitter and acrimonious.

Another child was taken away from home to be fostered as a toddler. The family could not cope with the children they already had. That child missed his sisters so much that he could not talk till he was 5 years old. The foster parents were wonderful and he's a strapping charming young man now.

I've witnessed this sort of happening enough times to write a book!

It reminds me of St. Paul's letter Romans 8:38-39.

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love. No power in the sky above or in the earth below—indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord."

So please do not let us separate from our friends and families, and all our Church congregation. Do not make anyone feel isolated, we are one body of Christ's Church.

I think it is wonderful that we have friends at Church who have attended our Church for years AND now we are drawing ever closer to our new members. May God pour his Holy Spirit upon each and every one of us.

We have already begun decluttering, fasting and praying that Enfield Council will agree to the application which is going to be heard very soon regarding Grove Road development. Then if our prayers are answered we will be able to start on our development of a "new" Church Hall linking us from oldest to old Christ Church (The hall was "the Church", before the main Church was built).

How marvellous that will be! Our Church is growing and we will endure, we pray! Amen.

*Anthea Denham*

## **FAMILY NEWS**

We give thanks to all who have filled our pulpit in the absence of our Minister – we are exceedingly grateful.

As we head into Autumn, we think of all children returning to school and pray for them and their teachers and also our Junior Church teachers at this time.

We pray for all Members and Friends who are unwell at this time and whilst we think of them, we also think of those who may be alone – perhaps you can remember to phone someone to brighten their day.

Around the World there are many still suffering with Covid, trying to cope with flood, famine or war and we remember them in our prayers. You can send donations for both the Pakistan Floods Appeal and the Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal to the Disasters Emergency Committee at [www. dec.org.uk](http://www.dec.org.uk).

## **CHURCH MEETING - Held after service 24<sup>th</sup> July 2022**

Attending 11 members, 4 non-members, 1 apology. Also, a creche of 4. Minutes of previous meeting, published in June newsletter were agreed.

### **Matters Arising**

The visiting of prospective Church Member has not been done yet. Answers to finance questions from AGM will be reported in September meeting.

### **Preparation for Development**

Prospective Developer at Grove Road has submitted a further application as original was rejected at Christmas. A new application has now been made and a decision is now due in October 2022.

When Grove Road sells, we will give ample notice to hirers according to our development plans. In terms of timescale, whenever the sale is completed, we will then need to finalise the sale agreement, tender for the main site development and then schedule works.

Phone line comes into Church in kitchen as it was the Minister's vestry - This will need to be moved.

Disabled access during 'camp-out' phase was raised.

Ruth and Steve have made a plan re what needs doing and Ruth circulated a clear out plan to all present. What we can do now is Decluttering.

Along-side which we need people praying.

In our life time? We need to pray to make sure that this happens

Anthea to host Macmillan coffee morning after service on 25<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Roger asked about the rent on mast. There has been no change to this.

Meeting closed in prayer.

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Remember old paper £20 & £50 notes will no longer be legal tender and accepted in shops after the 30<sup>th</sup> September. Should you have any, you can, if you wish, put them in Church Collection before this date.

## **Prayer and Fasting Day**

Sunday 11 September 2022, prayer meeting 9.30am at church

## **Declutter Day**

Saturday 10 September, 10am-1pm

*Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.  
1 Thessalonians 5.16-18*

### **Pray**

The planning application for Grove Road Hall has now been resubmitted; the target decision date is 6 October 22, so it is time to pray! Paul (author of Thessalonians) reminds us to pray without ceasing, and especially for this challenge we need to pray to God for success of the application made by Beverley Homes to Enfield Council. Once the planning application is approved for Grove Road Hall, we can then tender for the builder for our main site redevelopment. We encourage all of us to pray as individuals and together over the summer that God's will would be done in regard to our development project.

### **Fast**

If you would like to fast on a prayer day as well, we encourage you to do so. Fasting is a biblical practice where a person prays and fasts from food for a period of time to help focus the mind of God. You can fast from all food, particular food (e.g. desserts or meat), or an activity (e.g. watching TV). You can fast for one meal, or a whole day as you wish. *Please do not fast from food if you have any health concerns regarding fasting.*

### **Declutter**

In preparation for the redevelopment, there are several areas of the church that need to be tidied or reorganised. We will organise declutter days at church to do this. There are a variety of jobs to be completed, not all involve heavy lifting. Please sign up if you can help.

## **MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING - Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Greetings to All! - Well early Autumn is upon us – how can it be nearly September? I've never known a year to go by so fast! Are we spinning on our axis even faster, I wonder sometimes, or is it a sign of ageing? A year felt enormously long when I was young.

In 2015 I was shocked to be told that I had breast cancer. I cannot fault the treatment, care and support I received from Macmillan Hospital in Huntley Street, which is part of University College London Hospital.

The staff are so compassionate, professional and dedicated to helping people survive cancer.

It's been a long time since we were able to have a Church Coffee Morning due to Covid.

We had a very successful Macmillan Coffee Morning before Covid. Prior to that Naomi, my Granddaughter, organized one when I had my second operation in 2016. She raised a lot of money at Christ Church.

This time we are planning to hold another Macmillan Coffee Morning after the service on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> September. Please put in your calendar.

As you know my mobility is very limited so I really need volunteers to help serve coffee, teas and refreshments. I hope you can help please?

I have ordered all the information packs in preparation for this event.

We also need people to make cakes or biscuits to sell to help raise money, always much needed for research and for all the Macmillan nurses who do tremendous work to help with people dying with cancer, in their homes. The staff also give advice, talks and specialist care for those who have lost their hair due to chemotherapy, or diet or general advice. Their work is phenomenal!

If you do bring cake, please leave something to advise us on whether Gluten Free or contains nut, milk etc. Please do come if you can.

Love from Anthea.

## **HARVEST FESTIVAL**

This is advance notice of our Harvest Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> October.

For many years we have supported HAB (Homeless Action in Barnet) at Harvest time. HAB is run by volunteers. They look after about 20 or so homeless people, many of whom are asylum seekers or refugees. The people go to the “house” in North Finchley where they can have drinks and breakfast, wash their clothes, have a shower, see a dentist or doctor on some days. Also, they are helped with housing etc.

Due to Covid they had to cut down severely with numbers of guests. They used to make dinner(lunch) for about a hundred every day of the week before that.

Our list of food for that changed last year, but it’s not that different now, due to threats of Covid and flu outbreaks which may arise. So, people are given easy cook and prepacked food to take with them instead of dinner.

Here is a list of food and other suitable items - Long Life Milk

Tea, Coffee, Chocolate drink, biscuits, chocolate bars, crisps.

Pot Noodles - Please note “No Pasta or Rice, only Uncle Bens Instant Rice.

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

Or other items including - Laundry Tablets, Shower gels and Shampoo, Shaving cream, razors, tooth brushes and paste (Mostly men guests).

If you have shoes for men (barely used), socks or jumpers and coats in excellent condition and no longer needed, then those are very welcome.

Or cash also helps HAB run the whole excellent service.

Please try to support homeless people who are in great need.

God Bless You, Anthea Denham

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Thank God for the great warm summer. I am not complaining about the sunshine but agree a bit of rain would have made it better still. What some of us must find disconcerting despite the pleasant weather, is the onslaught of unwelcome news about the economy. Inflation will not only keep rising but we may be heading towards a yearlong or more, recession. There is no doubt the price of everything is on the increase. We only need to compare what we paid three months ago for our groceries with what we now pay for lesser number of groceries. To compound this, having just turned the corner on Covid-19, we have now learnt there is a rare viral infection called monkey pox that is on the increase.

I guess it will be abnormal for one not to feel a little worried, but we should not forget God's benefits and help to us in the past. All these changes are part of our cyclical fallen world and better times are around the corner. We have the same Sovereign God, the Creator and Sustainer. He loved us deeply and tells us not to worry. Focus on the mighty power of Jesus. Keep on trusting and seeking Him. Sing the hymn below when worry raises its ugly head.

### **Verse 6 of 'Through all the changing scenes of life' (MP 702)**

*Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady*

Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight,  
He'll make your wants His care.

*Ola Lawal*

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

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