

# CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER JULY/AUGUST 2019

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### SERVICES AT CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH (10.30am)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Service</i>
7 July	Mrs Lucy Brown	Ordinary 14
14 July	Revd Gill Long & Revd Nick Oborski	Church Anniversary + HC
21 July	Mrs Judith Wakelin	Ordinary 16
28 July	Mr John Dawson	Ordinary 17
4 Aug	Mrs Hannah Chun	Ordinary 18
11 Aug	Revd Gill Long	Ordinary 19 + HC
18 Aug	Revd Dr Philip Richter	Ordinary 20
25 Aug	Mr John Dawson	Ordinary 21

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## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN DAWSON



July brings our church anniversary. 84 years since Cheam Methodist Church was founded. The Woman's Friendly Hour are proud to tell you that they started meeting just before the church although they are also insistent that none of the current members were at the original meeting. I often wonder what is the point of anniversaries. I find there are two groups of people who are very keen to let you know how old they are; the young and the old. Kids love to tell people exactly how old they are, "I am 7 and ¼", one will say. At the other end of the spectrum, "I am 97 you know", a more senior person will tell you. Age seems to be important when someone is new and something to be proud of when someone has been around for a long time. I don't know whether 84 is young or old for a local church.

In the 4<sup>th</sup> chapter of the book of Joshua just before the Israelites cross the Jordan we read, "Joshua summoned the twelve men from the Israelites, ... , one from each tribe. Joshua said to them, 'Pass on before the ark of the LORD your God into the middle of the Jordan, and each of you take up a stone on his shoulder, one for each of the tribes of the Israelites, so that this may be a sign among you. When your children ask in time to come, "What do those stones mean to you?" then you shall tell them that the waters of the Jordan were cut off in front of the ark of the covenant of the LORD. ... so these stones shall be to the Israelites a memorial for ever.'

Memorial stones are important. When my Dad was 5 he handed flowers to the mayor of Settle and his older brother and sister laid the ceremonial foundation stone of the new building of Settle Methodist church in North Yorkshire. My Dad still remembers that day and likes to tell the story of the day to his children and grandchildren. My aunt, who died last year, kept on her bedside table the ceremonial hammer that was used to place the stone in the right place. She daily was reminded of the day. My Dad, despite being 86, wants to return to see

the stone and refresh the memories of that day once again so he can keep retelling the story.

What memories do you have of God acting in Cheam Methodist Church? What pile of stones should we have? What would you like us to remember and not just remember but also tell the next generation? As Joshua and the Israelites journeyed on taking possession of the Promised Land, on a number of occasions they set up a heap of stones or a single stone to remember particular things God had done for them. They were set up to remind people and for people to tell and retell the story of God's provision for the people of God. I would love to hear people's memories of God's faithfulness to this church. Stones or buildings without people remembering why they are there are just stones. But buildings with memories that people hold dear and pass on are living buildings. Please do tell me your memories of God at work at Cheam Methodist Church. Maybe we could have a display of people's memories and give thanks to God for them in a service. And happy 84<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

*John*

## FAMILY CIRCLE

Our grandson Conor has been taking his G.C.S.E.s and hopefully the results will be in the next Newsletter. Poppy is finishing at the Primary School in Kenley and has her new uniform for the high school where she will join her brother and sister.

Congratulations to Carolynne and Richard Fairchild ( Penny & Mick's daughter and son-in-law) on the birth of their third child, Samuel James born on 16<sup>th</sup> April.

We thank God for the good weather and great support we had for our Garden Fair raising over £1,000. For all the local neighbourhood, who came and enjoyed a cream tea. Thanks to all who worked so hard to achieve this result.

Let us remember in our prayers, all young people, those starting school, those changing from primary to senior, those going in universities. We pray that all these changes through their lives, are supported by their friends, family and teachers. Some may be going to college or taking on an apprenticeship.

Pray for our minister Gill, Lay Pastor John, and all members and friends.

Please let Jane know your news for the next Newsletter, as we would love to hear from you.

**Mary Freeman**

## FAMILY PRIDE

*If anyone in your family, young, old or anywhere in between, has achieved something you are proud to share, we will be pleased to hear about it.*

Our granddaughter, Chloe, has had her hair cut off to support two charities. The Little Princess Trust provides real hair to make wigs for children with hair loss and funding for vital research into childhood cancer. Sponsorship also raised over £400 (to date) for PlayWise, a non profit making, newly formed organisation supporting children, aged 0- 8years, with additional needs and disabilities and their families.

Play Wise has high fundraising ambitions and the current focus is to provide paediatric first aid training and specialist sensory table equipment. Chloe has raised enough money for a light sensory table. See her photo and other information on the notice board.

Two more of our grandchildren, Ella (7) and Ben (5), have also been fundraising. They held a cake sale in aid of Myeloma UK and raised £160. Their other granny is a patient and they wanted to help her and other people with the same condition.

**Mick & Penny Ball**

## CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

### WOMEN'S FRIENDLY HOUR 84<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May members, regular speakers, visitors from other local church groups and several CMC members attended our celebrations. Guest speaker, Mr Colin Brown, accompanied by his wife, gave a very interesting talk about the history of the RNLI. He showed us several videos of the new boats and the conditions the volunteers worked in. Some of the scenes were quite noisy and frightening bringing home to us how dangerous their tasks can be.



The Nonsuch Ringers then entertained us on their handbells and the afternoon concluded in the traditional WFH manner with tea and cakes.

The collection raised £220 for the RNLI and more was raised from the sale of RNLI goods. Some of us even bought some beautiful Christmas cards – in May!

Thanks to our Lay Pastor, John, for leading prayers, Jane for accompanying on the piano and all who attended the rally and made donations.

**Christine Rippon**

### GARDEN FAIR

Well we did it! For the first time we broke through the £1,000 barrier for our Garden Fair. The weather behaved itself during the afternoon and we were able to enjoy a wonderfully supported time together. It means, however that we will now have a higher target to beat next year. A breakdown of amounts raised on each stall are on the board at the back of the church.

### MESSY CHURCH - SUMMER

After cancelling the last Messy Summer because of the possibility of England reaching the final of the 2018 Football World Cup which would clash with the date planned, we are back on track for July 7<sup>th</sup>. Please encourage your family, friends and neighbours to come along to enjoy an afternoon of crafts and challenges followed by a short service. Remember that Messy Church is for all ages.



AND... our catchphrase – there will be cake!

## TRANSEPT DECORATION

Thanks to the team who have been busy transforming the transept following the removal of the floor and cupboards. There is still some decorating to do before the task is complete. The property room will be the next project to tackle.

## NEWS FROM SEEABILITY

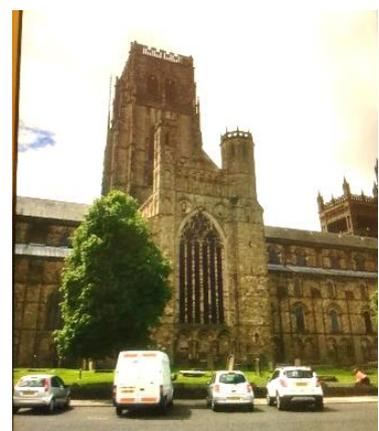
It was good to have some members of the Community Awareness Group at SeeAbility to visit us on Monday 24 June, and especially good that John was able to join us too. The time spent chatting over coffee and refreshments went very quickly and afterwards we all enjoyed the usual sing-song with Jane at the piano and Mary leading the singing. We were fortunate this time that three of our SeeAbility friends chose to sing solos, all of which were excellent and very entertaining! Paul Whittingham, one of the soloists, gave a vote of thanks on behalf of the group and a 'thank you' card which is now displayed at the back of the church, along with some photos of the visit, so do take a look.

The latest production by the Wild Cats' Dramatic Society, The Hound of the Baskervilles, was performed in June. Once again, it was excellent and greatly enjoyed by both audiences. Well done to all the cast and also to Hannah, the writer and director. Many thanks to those from CMC who went to support the Wild Cats.

**Jenny Delafond**

## FEATURES

I am sure many of our members and friends have been on holiday and enjoyed cruises or have been visiting friends or relations. Bob and I motored up to Derby where one of Bob's colleagues from work invited us to their party celebrating Diane becoming a Doctor of History. She had been studying for 12 years after her retirement and obtained a Master's and beyond. Her subject was the Jews and the Holocaust. With this knowledge she will be able to give lectures etc. We enjoyed meeting all her friends and family and took advantage of visiting Durham Cathedral while we were there.



Durham Cathedral has been a place of worship, welcome and hospitality for almost a millennium. At the heart of the Durham UNESCO World Heritage Site, the Cathedral is cherished for its magnificent Romanesque architecture and is as famous as the Shrine of St. Cuthbert and the resting place of the Venerable Bede.



The next day we visited one of the National Trust Properties called Gibside a Georgian garden forged in an industrial past, the estate covers 600 acres of gardens, woodlands and countryside. The estate was commissioned by coal baron George Bowes. We visited the impressive chapel and took a photo of this magnificent pulpit as it reminded us of the first Methodist Chapels.

**Mary Freeman**



I have just returned from Salzburg and Munich where I saw this sign over many houses, churches and buildings. Having visited Germany many times over the last 20 years I was surprised that I hadn't seen them before. Apparently, Catholics mark their homes to ask for a blessing on them for the coming year. It is thought that C.M.B are the initials of the three wise men and each year the date is changed.

**Wendy Green**

### Home For Good

David Kingswood (Margaret and Brian's son) is a project worker for 'Homes for Good' and recently met with Jacob Rees-Mogg MP who subsequently wrote the following article in the Somerset Guardian.

*This national initiative is led by the Genesis Trust and works to aid fostering and adoption. Mr Kingswood speaks to groups, churches and interested parties to promote the organisation and offer support to carers and families who decide to foster or adopt.*

*According to 'Home for Good', every fifteen minutes in the UK a child will go into care. Many will have suffered neglect or abuse, all will have experienced trauma and loss. The cornerstone is that each child deserves a home where they will be loved, nurtured and enabled to thrive whether it is via short-term foster care, a long-term foster placement or with a new adoptive family.*

*The connexion with the church is fundamental to the organisation. It's work in 'spiritual pacesetting' is central because faith is the core of what it does, enabling*

*churches to recognise their biblical mandate so that they can have a deeper appreciation of the theology of fostering and adoption.*

*Regrettably, there is currently a shortage of Christian foster parents – the statistics are devastating. I assured Mr Kingswood that I would use this opportunity to raise awareness of the situation. Anyone considering fostering or adoption can visit [www.homeforgood.org.uk](http://www.homeforgood.org.uk)*

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Whilst finally clearing out his office Eric Randal discovered this old gem...

### The Vicious Circle.

The OFFICE BOY, a misanthrope, addressed and licked an envelope;  
With anxious thoughts his brow was dark, he wished he were the junior clerk.  
Blessed with the privilege and joy of bullying the office boy.

The JUNIOR CLERK with pen in hand had just received a reprimand,  
And wished as he went up and down his columns, with a bitter frown,  
That he could "laud it" like that grim old senior clerk who bullied him.

The SENIOR CLERK, in wrathful gloom, came from the managerial room;  
And muttered as his visage flamed, "A scapegoat. I am always blamed  
And bullied when mistakes occur; I wish I were the manager."

The MANAGER sat ill at ease, with his responsibilities.  
"I am a salaried serf," said he; "None of the profits come to me,  
But all the worry. How I yearn to be the head of this concern."

The HEAD OF THE CONCERN came in, his brow was black, his face was thin.  
He moaned: "Life is a weary blight: to keep on top, I work all night.  
Ah, youth's the time of peace and joy: I wish I were an office boy."

*Anon.*

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| <b>SUNDAY SERVICES IN MAY/JUNE</b> |
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The aim of this item is to help us reflect on the services of the previous months. It will include details of the readings, and some brief notes from each service.

**28<sup>th</sup> April Mr John Dawson**

Readings: John 20: 19 – 20 & 24 - 30

Acts 5: 27 – 32

*'We usually remember Thomas as the doubter but it was Thomas who asked crucial questions...*

*Peter was known as The Rock, John was known as the beloved disciple but I'm known as Doubting Thomas.*

*How important is it to believe the right thing or how important is it to do the right thing?*

*Faith not accompanied by action is dead.*

*Thomas was recorded as the first person to call Jesus 'God'. He went to India and founded the church there – he acted upon his faith.'*

**5<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Nellie Showers**

Readings: Acts 9: 1 – 6

John 21: 1 – 19

*'The disciples didn't know what they were waiting for after Jesus' resurrection. Should they return to their previous lives?*

*What do we do when life is confusing and without direction?*

*Peter's response is to go fishing with the other disciples and Jesus met them on the shore with no condemnation or rebuke.*

*After Peter denied Jesus in the courtyard He restored his confidence on the beach. Notice that these events are set sitting around a fire.*

*The three times Jesus asked Peter 'Do you love me?', mirror the three times Peter denied Him before the crucifixion.*

*Peter moved from 'willfulness' to 'willingness'.*

**12<sup>th</sup> May Revd Gill Long**

Readings: Acts 9: 36 – 43

John 10: 22 – 30

*'The account of Tabitha's raising to life by Peter is a mirror scenario with the raising of Jairus' daughter by Jesus.*

*Peter was personally commissioned by Jesus and death fled at his word. He knew that he was being used by God for a purpose.*

*But how do we think Tabitha must have felt?*

*Be bold in letting God perform miracles through us.'*

**19<sup>th</sup> May Mrs Hannah Chun**

Readings: Acts 11: 1 – 18

John 13: 31 – 35

*'Peter is shown the key component which divides Jews and Gentiles – food. He dined with Gentiles who were considered unclean.*

*Unity, love and acceptance do not come easily – there are protective walls, divisions and barriers. Love spills over walls and barriers so how do we build bridges instead and offer hope?*

*Love knows nothing of order (Becks Baxter)'*



**26<sup>th</sup> May Mr John Dawson**

Readings: Acts 16: 9 – 15

John 14: 23 – 29

*'The main exam technique is to answer the question!*

*Jesus corrected a pre supposition in the question from the Acts reading – 'Lord, how can it be that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?' He replied that He will be revealed to the world by His death on the cross.*

Today we should...

1. realize that the Good News shows that we can have a relationship with Jesus Christ empowered by the Spirit.
2. that we are open to listening to what God is trying to say to us as individuals and as a church

So, how do we share the love of Christ as a church?'

**2<sup>nd</sup> June Mrs Lucy Brown**

Readings: Isaiah 58: 9 – 14

Luke 13: 10 – 17

*'The law shouldn't override common sense and God's will.*

*Every little deed shows God's love.*

*The light will rise in the darkness. The light that shines out of us is God's love.*

*Would we know God if we didn't have scripture?*

*Lord, lay your hands upon our lives and release us from our bonds.'*

**9<sup>th</sup> June Revd Gill Long ( Pentecost Sunday)**

Readings: Acts 2: 1 –

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John 14: 8 – 17

Many read scripture without understanding because they lack faith. We were given the Holy Spirit to help us understand what we study in the Bible with an open heart. The coming of the Holy Spirit marks the birth of the church and its pouring out on all people. It was the first time the disciples had the complete message and they became the body of the church.

**16<sup>th</sup> June Mr Ernest Tsui**

Reading: 1 John 1: 5 – 6

*HDTV - High Definition of Truth and Vision.*

*'Light gives everything definition. Jesus is our light and whoever walks with Him will never walk in darkness.*

*He has already given us the definition and has defined the path for us to the way, the truth and the life. We don't often invite Jesus to be part of the planning of our lives but His light is always with us though we don't always realise it's there.'*

**23<sup>rd</sup> June Mr John Dawson**

Readings: Joshua 4: 1 – 7

Psalm 42: 1 – 8

Luke 8: 26 – 39

*'Crossing the Jordan was both an ending (of slavery for the Israelites in Egypt) and a beginning (of the struggle to take the land).*

*There are times when we are aware of God's presence with moments of joy and when He seems far off, usually in problematical times.*

*So what advice can we give those experiencing problems?*

1. Don't try to give advice! Look after any physical needs.
2. Talk to God about the situation, even blaming Him is OK. He can take it.
3. Remember the good times.

4. Quote from the film, *The Best Exotic Marigold Hotel* "Everything will be all right in the end.... if it's not all right then it's not yet the end."

*God's plan may take us on difficult roads. Hope is our trust in God through the Holy Spirit speaking to us and for us.'*

### PRAYER TOPICS FOR JULY/AUGUST

Pray for.....

- understanding and humanity from the new Prime Minister
- and give thanks for the beautiful weather in May
- those taking holidays during the summer that they will be relaxed and refreshed
- local preacher, Lucy Brown, following her recent surgery
- those who are anxious lonely or depressed
- vulnerable children awaiting adoption or placements with foster parents



For further daily prayers look in the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2018/19 and on our website.

### CHURCH FLOWERS

The latest donations for the Church's floral displays have been.....

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| May  | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | Women's Friendly Hour for their Anniversary                                           |
|      | 12 <sup>th</sup> | Glyn Alpe IMO his son Simon                                                           |
|      | 19 <sup>th</sup> | Donations                                                                             |
|      | 26 <sup>th</sup> | Donations                                                                             |
| June | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | Margaret and Brian Kingswood for their Wedding Anniversary                            |
|      | 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Glyn Alpe for Alison                                                                  |
|      | 16 <sup>th</sup> | John Dawson for his wife Lisa's birthday                                              |
|      | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | Gem Wason IMO her husband Donald<br>Alberta Brown for her 2 granddaughters' birthdays |
|      | 30 <sup>th</sup> | Audrey Saunderson IMO her husband Len                                                 |

A flower calendar is available on the notice board at the back of the church so if you would like to donate money towards flowers on a particular date, please enter your name against the date and give the money to Audrey. Any other donations for the flower fund would be very much appreciated, so if you would like to contribute, you will find the flower basket on the table at the back of the church – alternatively, please give your donation directly to Audrey.

If you know of anyone who would appreciate receiving flowers previously displayed in church, please let Mary Freeman or Jenny Delafond know.

### SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR MAY/JUNE

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|-------|------------------|---------|------|-----------------|---------|
| April | 28 <sup>th</sup> | £230.10 | June | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | £142.10 |
| May   | 5 <sup>th</sup>  | £178.75 |      | 9 <sup>th</sup> | £203.60 |

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| 12 <sup>th</sup> | £188.50 | 16 <sup>th</sup> | £206.50 |
| 19 <sup>th</sup> | £134.75 | 23 <sup>rd</sup> | £203.20 |
| 26 <sup>th</sup> | £157.60 |                  |         |

### METHODIST HOMES COLLECTING BOXES

A request for holders of MH collecting boxes to return them to me for emptying by the end of August if possible, please.

Jenny Delafond

| DATES FOR YOUR DIARY |
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#### JULY

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| Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 10.00-11.30am.  | Cheam Tots                                                                                 |
| Tues. 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2.30pm.         | Women's Friendly Hour<br>A talk by Alan Rigby                                              |
| Sun. 7 <sup>th</sup> 3.00pm.          | Messy Summer                                                                               |
| Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30am . | Cheam Tots                                                                                 |
| Tues. 9 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm.         | Women's Friendly Hour – A Talk by Doris Richards on<br>Palestine, Power Point Presentation |
| Wed. 10 <sup>th</sup> 10.00am.        | Circuit Away Day for Senior Stewards and Leadership<br>Team at the Holiday Inn, Sutton     |
| Sat. 13 <sup>th</sup> 5.30pm.         | Church Anniversary Barbeque                                                                |
| Sun. 14 <sup>th</sup> 10.30pm.        | Church 84 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service                                                |
| Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> 10.00-11.30am. | Cheam Tots – Last Meeting                                                                  |
| Tues. 16 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm.        | Women's Friendly Hour – Members Afternoon                                                  |
| Wed. 17 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm.         | House Group at Audrey Saunderson's home                                                    |
| Thurs. 18 <sup>th</sup> 12-2.00pm.    | Hall used by Sutton Schoolswork – Tea and Cakes                                            |
| Tues. 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm.        | Women's Friendly Hour – Garden Party at Mary<br>Freeman's home                             |
| Fri 26 <sup>th</sup>                  | Please note there will <u>not</u> be a house group.                                        |

**During August there are no meetings of Cheam Tots, Women's Friendly Hour or House groups.**

#### SEPTEMBER

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|----------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Tues. 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2.30 | Women's Friendly Hour – Speaker Lay Pastor John<br>Dawson |
| Tues. 10th 10-11.30am.     | Cheam Tots resumes                                        |

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**The deadline for the September/October Newsletter is Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August**

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