



# CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

Cnr Church Hill Road and Chatsworth Road,  
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## NEWSLETTER

### MAY/JUNE 2018

**Lay Pastor:** Mr John Dawson 020 8644 2331 [john@nonsuchcottage.me.uk](mailto:john@nonsuchcottage.me.uk)

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

<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Service</i>
6 May	Mrs Lucy Brown	Easter 6
13 May	Rev Gill Long	Easter 7 Holy Communion
20 May	Mrs Nellie Showers	Pentecost
27 May	Mr John Dawson	Trinity Sunday
3 June	Mr Alan Jameson	Ordinary 4
10 June	Rev Barnabas Alexander	Ordinary 5 Holy Communion
17 June	Mrs Val Imms	Ordinary 6
24 June	Mr John Dawson	Ordinary 7

**Hall Bookings:** Audrey Saunderson – 020 8644 6911

[www.cheammethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.cheammethodistchurch.org.uk)

**Church Charity Number:** SI 2655/2007

#### A MESSAGE FROM REVD GILL LONG

“Where does night go in the morning?” I have 3 grown-up children and five grandchildren, and one of them asked that question – but I’m ashamed to say I can’t remember which one! But it sprung to mind the other day as I was trying to explain time to a 3-year old; I can’t believe where this year has gone, “Where does April go, now it’s May”?

Easter is past, Pentecost is coming; yet it only seems like yesterday that I “ruined” Christmas. How was your Easter this year? Did it seem like a second Christmas, with the shops full of wreaths for the door (albeit with eggs and chicks instead of holly and ivy); cards and even Easter crackers – I kid you not! Did it seem as if Easter has lost its meaning too – become nothing but a commercial enterprise?

“The Easter story is nothing but a myth,” Jimmy’s science teacher announced to his class a few days before the Easter holidays. “Jesus not only didn’t rise from the grave,” he continued, “but there’s no God in heaven who would allow his son to be crucified in the first place”.

“Sir, I believe in God,” Jimmy protested. “And I believe in the resurrection!”

“Jimmy, you can believe what you wish to, of course,” the teacher replied. “However, the real world excludes the possibility of miraculous events such as the resurrection. The resurrection is a scientific impossibility. No one who believes in miracles can also respect science”.

“God isn’t limited by science,” Jimmy responded. “He created science”!

Engaged by Jimmy’s outspoken faith, the teacher proposed a scientific experiment. Reaching into the fridge, he produced a raw egg and held it up. “I’m going to drop this egg on the floor”, he stated. “Gravity will pull it toward the floor with such force that the egg will most certainly break.” Fixing Jimmy with a challenging look, he concluded his proposal. “Now Jimmy, I want you to pray a prayer right now and ask your God to keep this egg from breaking when it hits the floor. If he can do that, then you’ll prove your point, and I’ll have to admit there’s a God”.

Jimmy thought for a few moments. Then he slowly stood to pray. “Heavenly Father,” he began. “I pray that when my teacher drops the egg ... *it will break into a hundred pieces!* And also, Lord, I pray that when the egg *does* break, *my teacher will have a heart attack and die!* Amen”.

After an audible gasp, the stunned class sat in silent expectation.

For a moment the teacher did nothing. At last he looked at Jimmy and then at the egg. Without a word he carefully put the egg back into the fridge. “Class dismissed,” the teacher said.

The teacher apparently believed in God more than he thought he did. Many people are like that teacher, denying God exists, running away from him, attacking the Christian faith whenever they get the chance. Jimmy knew God wouldn’t strike his teacher dead, but he also knew that his teacher wouldn’t bet his life on it.

Fifty days after Easter we celebrate Pentecost. The disciples were celebrating a Jewish harvest festival called Shavuot when the Holy Spirit descended on them and transformed their lives. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the beginning of its mission to the world.

Time is slipping by. What would you bet your life on? Easter bunnies and chocolate eggs, or the power of the risen Christ? Join us on Sunday 20th May to celebrate Pentecost and the gift of the Holy Spirit. We also celebrate the church anniversary in May .... Where have the years gone?

NB: Story, “Don’t drop the egg” taken from ‘Hot illustrations for youth talks’ by Wayne Rice.

## FAMILY CIRCLE

Firstly, many congratulations to Chris and Corinna Kingswood on the birth of their lovely daughter Evelyn Carlesso on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 9.01am weighing 7lb. Also congratulations to proud grandparents, Brian and Margaret, who were able to spend time with Evelyn who was born in Italy. Both mother and daughter are doing well and it was lovely to see the photographs of baby Evelyn.

Good to see Jeanette back at church on 22<sup>nd</sup> April recovering so well following her knee operation.

Prayers for Eric Randall who has been recovering from a chest infection but also suffering with painful knees.

Prayers for Joyce Mealing now living in Orchard House Nursing Home and not very mobile, and also for Bert who is still at home though has carers looking after him. Continued prayers for any others who are unwell, particularly for Frank Kemp who is unable to worship with us and to anyone who has been bereaved recently.

I recently heard from David Palmer of Carshalton Methodist Church that Rev. Brian Skinner, who was our minister at Cheam in the 1990s, had died on the 19<sup>th</sup> April. His wife Barbara died last May and he had been in poor health for sometime. They lived in Carshalton for some years and Brian took many of the funerals locally. As his daughter is due a serious operation next week and will need a month's recovery, Brian's funeral may be many weeks away.

We have been blessed at Cheam with all our ministers and Brian's ministry amongst us was also a blessing for this Church. We send our condolences to his daughter and family and close friends. May God comfort them and give them His peace.

Continued prayers for our Lay Pastor John and Gill our Eucharist Minister for their ministry to us and help and support when needed. God bless them both. Pray also for our Leadership Team, all members of this church and community who help to spread the love of God to all they meet. Pray for continued guidance from God in the way we should go amongst our neighbourhood.

On 4<sup>th</sup> March, the Marsden March took place and I wish to thank all Church friends who donated to my son John's walk in memory of his sister Helen. He raised £415 and Helen's friends also took part - Sophie raising over £1.000 and Hayley and Lara £400 between them. They called themselves 'Helen's Angels'. Bob and I met them in Nonsuch Park to thank them and spur them on to the Sutton Marsden, where entertainment and well earned refreshments were served. All the money raised goes to help with the care of those suffering from cancer. I know they took excellent care of Helen. Many thanks again.

**Mary Freeman**

## FAMILY PRIDE

David Kingswood, Margaret and Brian's son, works for the charity 'Home for Good'. His wife Carly, is running 10km at Chew Valley on 10<sup>th</sup> June 2018, along with their children, Noah and Hope, who are running 1km each to help raise funds for this worthy cause.

If you feel able to give, there is a 'Just Giving' website

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/homeforgoodbanes>

**Home for Good** is a Christian charity that focuses on making sure every child who needs a home finds one. 'Home for Good' champions the Church to raise the profile of fostering and adoption and comes alongside those who foster and adopt. It also works to help the Church to understand their mandate to care for vulnerable children, to have a deeper understanding of the theology of adoption, hospitality and caring for the vulnerable, and to take action. For more information...

<https://www.homeforgood.org.uk/about-us/vision-and-values>

**Margaret & Brian Kingswood**

'Good news from the Blake family, grandson Josh has spent the winter in Australia playing cricket. He found a club to play for in Sydney and finished the season as their top batsman and wicket keeper. He won five awards at the Annual Club dinner on 7th April including Best Batsman, Top Run Scorer, Highest Individual Score (157 not out) and Player of the Season. He is due home at the end of April.'

**Sue & Colin Blake**

A Wasbrough football trebble! Sam who plays for Panthers in the Carshalton Little League was in the winning team who won the CLL under 12's cup final (2 – 0) on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> April and a week later his brother Joseph's team, St Helier under 10's, won the Surrey Cup final 3 – 0. Their dad Gareth, who manages the Panthers, also won a cup!!

**Jane Wasbrough**

## CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

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The May Fair, organised and run by the Friends of Ryelands' group, will be held on Saturday 12th May from 2.00-4.00pm and it is hoped that as usual, there will be plenty of support from Cheam. If anyone has any plants suitable to sell at the Fair, they would greatly appreciate as CMC will be running the plant stall. Refreshments will be available and all the usual stalls will be there. Programmes are on sale at the back of the church at £1 each, which includes a cup of tea or coffee. Thank you for your continuing support of our local Methodist care home.

**Jenny Delafond**

Our Messy Church at Easter was very well supported with several new faces as well as some of our regular 'messy' congregation. The logo of Messy Church is the Splat (see above) and people are invited to place any loose change the Splat to send to Messy Church Headquarters to continue their important work. A total of £31.66 has been forwarded so far ( Messy Christmas - £13.65 and Messy Easter - £18 46). Thank you to all who support and offer help.



At the recent AGM, all officers of our church agreed to continue in their roles for another year and Gem Wason offered to 'upgrade' from Vestry Steward B to Steward A. It was also noted that it would be useful to have an extra communion steward so if you feel you could fulfil this role, please speak to John Dawson or one of the Leadership Team.

## WHO'S WHO

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**Eucharist Minister** Revd Gill Long

### **Church Leadership Team**

Church members elect the leadership team to be responsible for the day-to-day running of the church and to help develop policy. Supporting John and Gill are David Worthington (8644 5160), Brian Kingswood (8641 0016), Jane Wasbrough (8641 4304), Mary Freeman (8644 3999), Audrey Saunderson (8644 6911), and Charles Ponnuthurai (8644 3367).

**Hall bookings** Audrey Saunderson 020 8644 6911

### **The Newsletter Editorial Team**

The content in the *Newsletter* is the responsibility of the Church Leadership Team. Articles, news, ideas and comments can be emailed to Jane Wasbrough on [jane.wasbrough@btinternet.com](mailto:jane.wasbrough@btinternet.com)

## FEATURES

### **Professor Stephen Hawking**



The 76-year-old theoretical physicist, one of science's most famous luminaries died on March 14, also known as [National Pi Day](#) — an annual day for scientists and mathematicians around the world to celebrate the value of pi

The date of Hawking's death — 3/14 — is significant because 3.14 are the first three digits of pi, a bedrock of geometry. Specifically, it's the ratio of a circle's circumference to its diameter.

Stephen Hawking died on March 14th aged 76. Albert Einstein was born on March 14th & died also aged 76.

## SHELTERBOX

**We deliver the essentials people need to begin rebuilding their lives in the aftermath of a disaster.**

The aid we supply comes in the form of ShelterBoxes and ShelterKits. Our sturdy green ShelterBoxes contain family-sized tents specially designed to withstand the elements and provide people with temporary shelter until they are able to start the process of rebuilding a home. Our ShelterKits contain all of the essential tools people need to start repairing and rebuilding homes straight away.

That's not all. We know that a home is much more than bricks and mortar or tarpaulin and tent pegs. Our kits and boxes contain the items that help transform shelter into a home, like cooking sets, solar lights and activity sets for children.

We test and evaluate all of the aid we provide by talking to, and learning from, the families who use it. This fuels us to be innovative and to continue evolving.



Our sturdy green ShelterBoxes are designed to help people who have lost everything. They are filled with practical tools and utensils that help to create the framework for everyday life. Each contains a family-sized tent that protects people from the elements and provides a safe space in which people can start to recover from physical and emotional trauma.

The contents differ depending on the disaster and the climate, but items such as solar lights, water storage and purification equipment, thermal blankets and cooking utensils help start the process of creating a home.

*Creating a home is a process that takes time and we support families to continue on that journey.*

Dave Ray, ShelterBox Operations Coordinator

To donate or find out more.....

[www.shelterbox.org](http://www.shelterbox.org)

## Cruse Bereavement Care

Cruse Bereavement Care is the leading national charity for bereaved people in England, Wales and Northern Ireland. We offer support, advice and information to children, young people and adults when someone dies and work to enhance society's care of bereaved people. Rev Dr David Dickinson is working to establish the Cruse Bereavement Service in Sutton and is looking to recruit an enthusiastic and dynamic Area Coordinator to establish, co-ordinate and play a lead role in the delivery of Cruse Bereavement Care services in Sutton.

Cruse Bereavement Care Sutton Job Purpose:

- Provide coordinating and administrative support to Cruse Bereavement Care Sutton.
- Work with the Operations Manager and Client Services Committee, to be responsible for the referrals, volunteer client allocation, monitoring and evaluation of Cruse services.
- Ensure the efficient administration of the Cruse Sutton office.

15 hours per Week Salary £19,614 plus £1,768 outer London weighting (pro rata)

For a job description and application form please visit our website at <https://www.cruse.org.uk/jobs> Please return completed applications to [Alison.Wakefield@cruse.org.uk](mailto:Alison.Wakefield@cruse.org.uk) Closing date for completed applications is 5pm on Tuesday 24th April 2018 Interviews will be held on Thursday 3rd May 2018 Cruse Bereavement Care is an Equal Opportunities Employer Successful Applicants will have to undergo an Enhanced DBS check (formally CRB)

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# Garden Fair

Saturday 2nd June 2pm

shrubs  
bedding plants  
tools  
planted pots  
gifts  
hanging baskets  
tombola  
bric a brac  
toys & games  
raffle

Cream teas & cakes



**CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 13-19 MAY 2018**



## **“WHAT ARE THE AIMS OF CHRISTIAN AID?”**

We stand together. For dignity. For equality. For justice.

Everyone is equal in the sight of God. Yet we live in a world where poverty still persists.

Poverty is an outrage against humanity. It robs people of their dignity and lets injustice thrive. But together we have the power to transform lives.

For over 70 years, we've been standing with the poorest of our neighbours. We work in 37 countries, with people of all faiths and none, to stand up for dignity, equality and justice”

## **HOW CAN WE HELP CHRISTIAN AID TOWARDS ACHIEVING THIS GOAL?**

In addition to our own personal donation please take an additional envelope for a further donation by another likeminded person like you. By these donations, as Archbishop Justin Welby states

“ Together we raise funds to help our poorest brothers and sisters around the globe to thrive abundantly, because we believe in life before death. This work brings the kingdom close.”

**Charles Ponnuthurai**

<b>SUNDAY SERVICES IN MARCH AND APRIL</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.

**25<sup>th</sup> February** Mr John Dawson

- **4<sup>th</sup> March:** Revd Dr Mark Wakelin  
Readings: Psalm 19  
Exodus 20: 1 - 17  
John 2:13 – 22

*THE TEMPLE:* - *the Holy of Holies housing the Tabernacle and the Ark of the Covenant*  
- *the promise of God's presence*  
- *central to the Jewish faith*  
- *where psalms were written for the people*

*DID JESUS FEEL THAT THE TEMPLE*

- *had become a spectacle?*
- *was not a place for trading and money changing?*
- *was where the poor had become exploited?*
- *had become hypocritical?*

*Jesus was so angry because of where all this was taking place.*

- 11th March: Revd Gill Long  
Readings: 1 Samuel 1: 20 – 28  
2 Corinthians 1: 3 – 7  
John 19: 25 - 27

*The fifth commandment – Honour your father and mother. Jesus loved Mary and gave her a future. By choosing John, Jesus shows how significant the body of Christ is. He said to Mary... ‘don't look at me as your son, look at me as your Lord.’*

- 18<sup>th</sup> March Mr George Chew  
Readings: John 12: 20 – 33  
Psalm 119: 9 – 16  
1 Corinthians 13: 1 – 3

*Love is the ultimate expression of God. 1 Corinthians 13 has become the often quoted Love Chapter.*

*AGAPE love is selfless, sacrificial, unconditional love.*

- 25<sup>th</sup> March Mr John Dawson  
Readings: Mark 11: 1 – 11  
Philippians 2: 5 – 11

*Which part of the story in Mark's gospel do we identify with?...Jesus?... a disciple?... the colt?... the cloak layers?... the chanting crowd?... the city of Jerusalem?*

*Why is it called Good Friday? What's good about Jesus being crucified? If someone was crucified instead of you, wouldn't that be good?*

- 1<sup>st</sup> April Revd Gill Long

### *Easter Day*

Readings: Acts 10: 34 – 43

Mark 16: 1 – 8

*'It was the worst of days and the best of days.*

*Faith does what it can but God does more.*

*The resurrection - do you 'get it?'*



- 8<sup>th</sup> April Revd Gill Long

Readings: 1 John 1: 1-2:3

John 20: 19 – 31

*After his doubt, Thomas finally called Jesus 'My Lord and my God'.*

*What doubts do we carry with us? Can we help others with their doubts?*

- 15<sup>th</sup> April Mr John Dawson

Readings: Acts 3:12-19

1 John 3:1-7

*'Worship AND Mission AND Kingdom AND Service. How can we reach these aims of the Circuit Development Plan?'*

*'Sunday morning worship is like a pit stop to enhance our worship during the rest of the week.'*

- 22<sup>nd</sup> April Mr John Dawson

Readings: 1 John 3: 16 – 24

John 10: 11 - 18

*'The greatest commandment – Love God and love your neighbour. Showing love in action shows God at work in us. God's love is proved by Jesus dying for us.'*

## PRAYER TOPICS FOR MAY AND JUNE

Pray for...

- Christian Aid Week
- the Circuit Development Plan

- and give thanks for the blessings we received at Easter
- progress in the North and South Korea summit
- for those fighting for justice
- the harrowing increase in knife and gun crime in London
- and give thanks for the new royal prince

<b>SUNDAY COLLECTIONS</b>
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Feb	25 <sup>th</sup>	£227.95			
March	4 <sup>th</sup>	£189.60	April	1 <sup>st</sup>	£187.50
	11 <sup>th</sup>	£196.14		8 <sup>th</sup>	£200.50
	18 <sup>th</sup>	£104.20		15 <sup>th</sup>	£186.40
	25 <sup>th</sup>	£218.70		22 <sup>nd</sup>	£371.00

<b>CHURCH FLOWERS</b>
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Flower donations:

<u>March</u>	4 <sup>th</sup>	Esther & Eric Randall
	11 <sup>th</sup>	Margaret & Brian Kingswood IMO their granddaughter Isabella
	18 <sup>th</sup>	Mike & Penny Ball's 45 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
	25 <sup>th</sup>	Donation
<u>April</u>	1 <sup>st</sup>	Easter Lilies Mary and Bob Freeman IMO their daughter Helen
	8 <sup>th</sup>	Glyn Alpe for Alison
	15 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Cleall
	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Pauline Cleall
	29 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Baldwin IMO her daughter

Thank you Pauline (Cleall) for the kind donations that you send to go towards the flowers put in the church each Sunday and we look forward to seeing you and Eddie the next time you visit Cheam

Thank you also to all who wrote messages in the Book of Remembrance and for the donations given towards the Easter lilies.

### Easter Flowers

Following the service led by Gill on Easter Sunday, the congregation were invited, if they wished, to make a donation and take some flowers from the Easter display. Donations in memory of Grace Hine received in response to this totalled £90.00 and a cheque for this amount has been sent to Grace's family. All donations will be divided between their chosen charities - Friends of the Elderly and St Raphael's Hospice.

Jenny Delafond

## SUTTON SCHOOLSWORK

On February 26th, at Epsom playhouse, more than 100 young people across Sutton were recognised and for their incredible achievements with a Jack Petchey Achievement Award. these amazing young people was our very Hubbard who received a Jack Petchey outstanding Leadership alongside one teacher.

Cat was nominated by the Head of at Stanley Park for outstanding services to people.

"She always manages to capture students' her thought provoking presentations have helped young people to shape their beliefs and form positive opinions".

If you want to know more about the great Jack Petchey you can google him. Amazing man.



from schools  
celebrated

Alongside  
own Cat  
Award for  
other

Performance  
young

attention and

## Easter Experience 2018

The Trinity Easter Experience cast did an amazing job despite a couple of performances having to cancel due to the snow.

What a great week we had welcoming over 700 children to EE at Carshalton Methodist church.

The final week at North Cheam Baptist church produced many searching questions from the children.

## NEWS FROM SEEABILITY



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### May

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|------------------------|----------------------|---|
| Tues 1 <sup>st</sup>   | 10-11.30am<br>2.30pm | Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group<br>Women's Friendly Hour<br>Members Afternoon & Preparation for Rally         |
| Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup>    | 8.00pm               | House Group at Audrey Saunderson's home<br>105 Abbots Road, Cheam   |
| Thurs 3 <sup>rd</sup>  |                      | Hall used for Local Election all day  |
| Tues 8 <sup>th</sup>   | 10-11.30am<br>2.30pm | Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group<br>Women's Friendly Hour Rally – Sutton Street<br>Pastors and Nonsuch Ringers |
| Sat 12 <sup>th</sup>   | 2-4.00pm             | Ryelands May Fair   |
| Sun 13 <sup>th</sup>   | 9.45pm               | Prayer Meeting  |
| Tues 15 <sup>th</sup>  | 10-11.30am<br>2.30pm | Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group<br>Women's Friendly Hour<br>Margaret McAllister – Chair Exercises             |
| Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup>  | 10-11.30am<br>2.30pm | Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group<br>Women's Friendly Hour<br>Outing to Denbies                                 |
| Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> | 7.30 for 8.00pm      | Circuit Meeting at Carshalton   |
| Fri 25 <sup>th</sup>   | 8.00pm               | House Group at Mary Freeman's home<br>14 Priory Avenue, Cheam   |

- Sun 27<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Church Anniversary followed by a faith lunch  
**June**
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> 2-4.00pm Church Garden Fair (See inside)
- Mon 4<sup>th</sup> 7.00pm Sutton Schoolswork Prayer Meeting at Cheam
- Tues 5<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group  
 2.30pm. Women's Friendly Hour – Sarah Stephenson,  
 Royal British Legion, 'History and Poppies'
- Wed 6<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group at Audrey Saunderson's home  
 105 Abbots Road, Cheam
- Sun 10<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Prayer Meeting
- Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group  
 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour  
 Local Preacher - Mr. Alan Jameson  
 8.00pm Leadership Team meeting
- Tues 19<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group  
 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour  
 Mr. Colin Blake – A Musical Afternoon  
 with CDs
- Tues 26<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots parent/carer and toddler group  
 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour – Members Afternoon
- Fri 29<sup>th</sup> 8.00pm House Group at Mary Freeman's home  
 14 Priory Avenue, Cheam

## **July**

- Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am SeeAbility group summer visit

**All events at Cheam Methodist Church unless otherwise stated.**

**The deadline for July/August Newsletter is Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June**