



# CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

Cnr Church Hill Road and Chatsworth Road,  
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## NEWSLETTER

## SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2017

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

### SERVICES AT CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Service</i>
3 Sept	10.30am	Mrs Hannah Chun	22 Ordinary
10 Sept	10.30am	Revd Gill Long (HC)	23 Ordinary
17 Sept	10.30am	Revd Dr Philip Richter	24 Ordinary
24 Sept	10.30am	Mr John Dawson	25 Ordinary
1 Oct	10.30am	Mr Keith Halstead	26 Ordinary
8 Oct	10.30am	Revd Gill Long (HC)	27 Ordinary
15 Oct	10.30am	Mrs Val Imms	28 Ordinary
22 Oct	10.30am	Mr John Dawson	29 Ordinary
29 Oct	10.30am	Revd Mark Wakelin	30 Ordinary

### INTRODUCING....

#### Revd Gill Long

Gill is currently Chaplain at HMP Downview in Sutton Lane. She will be taking our monthly communion services but due to her work commitments at the prison is not usually available during the week.

#### Mr John Dawson



Let me introduce myself.

I am a local boy. I was born in St Helier Hospital and grew up in Sutton. As a child I attended Trinity Church in Sutton and Bandon Hill in Wallington. I went to Whitgift School in Croydon. I married a Nonsuch girl Lisa, our first date was my 18<sup>th</sup> birthday. We have two children, Keir and Rose. They are 15 year old twins, born on different days!

After school, I worked for London City Mission for 18 months and then pursued a career in Computing and Banking. I took a break from that between 1994-97 to read a degree in Theology at London Bible College (now London School of Theology). In 2001, I had a serious motorbike accident leaving me with a head injury and a visual impairment meaning I have not been able to return to my job in the City. As well as starting here at Cheam Methodist as Lay Pastor this month, I am starting a Master's degree in Theology and Religious Studies at Roehampton University. I enjoy following rugby and cricket.

## Revd Nik Wooller's final service at Cheam

It was an emotional occasion when we said farewell to Nik Wooller, our Minister for the past six years, at her last service with us on Sunday 16 July. Nik is off to Scotland to take up a new outreach challenge for the Methodist Church and to work with the church in Dundee where she'll be based.

In her message to the large congregation Nik said how grateful she had been to Cheam for the loving support she had received during what was her first nervous appointment, especially in some of her more difficult personal times. She showed a montage of photographs of church members taken during her time with us. Nik's son Joe added his own spontaneous thanks for everyone's support to him and his Mum.

The service, led by our Worship Leaders, also included a contribution from Cat Hubbard of Sutton Schools Work. She recalled how Nik had helped her, and described the occasion when Nik had stepped in to answer the challenging questions from a group of students asking about the times when Christians disagree on such issues as homosexuality and gay marriage.

Christine Rippon described Nik's regular contributions at Women's Friendly Hour, right from the start of her time at Cheam, often involving members in craft work.

Jane Wasbrough spoke of Nik's involvement with other groups and organisations including, SeeAbility during their regular visits and Churches Together in Sutton. Jane also described Nik's substantial support for, involvement in, and continuations to Cheam Tots and Messy Church, both of which she had taken on with great enthusiasm.

During the service Nik was presented with a beautiful piece of calligraphy by Tess Cooling which had been commissioned for Nik by



members as a reminder of her time in Cheam. In addition she was given a 'farewell tree' of personal messages by friends and members. It was made up of cards which can be compiled into a book for her to keep. Joe was also presented with a gift in recognition of all of his varied contributions to the church over the years.

The service was attended by many of the people who had come to know Nik through her various activities and who wanted to take the opportunity to add their own farewells. Afterwards most of those who attended the service were able to stay for a splendid luncheon prepared as usual by Mick and Penny Ball with the support of others.

The Circuit's farewell service for Nik held the following week at Epsom also attracted a large congregation, including many from Cheam. But for our Church the opportunity to say our own personal farewell to Nik at her last service in Cheam was extra special. And as she said at the end of her message to us: Good bye originates from God Bless You. And those were her final words to us - Good Bye and God Bless You.

**Tony Brett Young**

Several people have asked for the poem that Christine composed and read at the service, bearing in mind Nik's love of a cuppa....

*'Nik, you came to us as a probationer, in all humili-tea.  
You conquered our hearts with your generosi-tea and  
your availabili-tea.*

*You showed us how to exploit our creativi-tea and stressed  
upon us the importance of uni-tea and fraterni-tea.  
But above all, you taught us that, faced with adversi-tea,  
we could cope with our inner sereni-tea, knowing that  
our faithful Father God was always in the vicini-tea.  
So, as you prepare to leave to take a new opportuni-tea,  
the Women's Friendly Hour wishes you longevi-tea,*

*prosperi-tea and fraterni-tea.'*

## WHO'S WHO

### Minister

Revd Gill Long is available by appointment to anyone who wants to talk about pastoral or other matters, including baptisms, weddings and funerals. Email: [gill.long@methodist.org.uk](mailto:gill.long@methodist.org.uk)

### Lay Pastor:

Mr John Dawson: Email: [john@nonsuchcottage.me.uk](mailto:john@nonsuchcottage.me.uk)  
John will be based in the back vestry on days to be confirmed.

### 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 Gill and John 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).

There is now a vacancy on the Leadership Team following Tony's move to Birmingham. If anyone feels they can fill this role, please speak to one of the Leadership Team.

### 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)

**The deadline for the November/December Newsletter is  
Friday 27 October**

## FEATURE

### Ride & Stride

The annual Ride & Stride for Surrey Churches takes place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September. The event is a major fundraising activity throughout the country to raise funds to be used for the maintenance of our valued places of Christian worship and we welcome riders and striders to our church on that day. If you can offer some time to receive the riding-striding group for refreshments, please let one of the Leadership Team know. There is a list of all the churches which will be visited in the Sutton area, as well as those throughout the country, on the notice board. Details of how you could participate by riding or striding are also on the poster.



## MESSY CHURCH



We celebrated 'Messy Summer' on July 9<sup>th</sup> – and Nik's last one. Our Messy congregation created all kinds of summery crafts and at an emotional worship time a favourite song – 'Our God is a great big God' received several encores. It has almost become our anthem. As usual Nik and Joe baked some delicious cakes. So now we are appealing for a replacement baker for our next Messy Church nearer Christmas



## FAMILY CIRCLE

On July 21<sup>st</sup>, a breezy, sunny afternoon, family, friends and members from the church and circuit, gathered at the North East Surrey Crematorium in Garth Road, to say goodbye to Alan Bugden. Alan was a member of the church for over 60 years. As well as being the organist, he also held several roles in the life of the church including that of treasurer. Mary has sent the following message:

*“My family and I would like to express our gratitude to all members of Cheam Methodist Church who sent cards and messages of condolence following Alan’s passing. We were also very touched that so many friends were able to attend the funeral and support us. Thank you all.”*

We keep Mary and her family in our thoughts and prayers.

As most of you know, Mary and Bob have been missing from church for the past month to look after their daughter, Helen and the children. while she undergoes treatment. We’ve heard from Bob .....

*“Helen has had 5 doses of radiotherapy which left her very weak, no appetite and no energy. We had a visit to the Marsden yesterday (21<sup>st</sup> Aug) and the doctor said this is normal following treatment. Her hair is now falling out (unfortunately no use for me!!). The doctor prescribed a higher dose of the tablets for the next few weeks and today she has eaten more so hopefully her appetite is improving. So we now need to help her get her energy back. We have an appointment on the 1st Sept at the Marsden so we may learn what the situation is regarding the future Chemo sessions. They were due to start 3 weeks after the radiotherapy but this may change.”*

Since this message, Helen is now in hospital receiving care to improve her strength before she can begin chemotherapy. We send our prayers for Helen’s improved health and to Mary and Bob as they care for the family.

We heard from Cynthia and Tony that they are in a temporary flat until completion on their new home. While waiting for this they, together with Sally, Tom and family, had a holiday home break in Wales walking along the River Wye and in the Black Mountains of the Brecon Beacons. We wish them well and look forward to news of their final move.

## FAMILY PRIDE

*We’re always looking for items for the Newsletter and are pleased to share happy family news that we are proud to share on a regular basis. Maybe a school accolade, a sporting achievement, a career honour, community recognition, etc*

Former members of our church, David and Judith Palmer, are proud to announce that their granddaughter, Charlotte, has received the following results in her A levels... Maths – A\*, Further Maths – A\*, History – A\*, Physics – A\*, RE - A. She will be starting further studies at Bristol University later in September.

Nik’s son, Joe, is also off to university in Birmingham after achieving his grades at A level.

Holly Gibson-Barnard, Sue Burton’s granddaughter, has been selected for the Tap Attack England Team 2017 to represent Team GB at the upcoming World Tap Dance Championships in Germany.

Colin Blake writes....’My grandsons, Josh and Sam Blake are both doing well with their cricket, they play for Sutton Cricket Club and have reached Finals day of the Surrey under 19s T20 tournament and also the Final of the Surrey Development X1 tournament.

Josh has achieved the required A level grades to go to university but is taking a gap year and hopes to travel to Australia to play cricket for the winter. Sam has passed his GCSEs and will be going into the 6th form at Carshalton Boys Sports College.'

And from Christine Rippon....'Peter and I went to Scotland in August to attend the celebration of my brother and sister-in-law's 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. It was a true 'gathering of the clan' with family members from as far as France, Finland and America. There were men in kilts, haggis on the menu and Ceilidh dancing. The icing on the cake at the venue was the beautiful views of the magnificent new Forth Road Bridge due to be opened by the Queen on September 4<sup>th</sup>.'

### SUTTON SCHOOLSWORK



Please take a leaflet from the tables at the back of the church.

### CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

The Prayer for Sutton 'Day of Prayer' is on Saturday 30th September, at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches. The church will be open from 9am to 9pm. There will be some led activities, a family time and a time for silent prayer as well as corporate prayer. It is part of the National Prayer Weekend [www.national-prayer-weekend.com](http://www.national-prayer-weekend.com)

### Methodist Homes Sunday

Thank you for your kind donations for this appeal. A total of £123 was received this year and this was presented during the Circuit Service held at Ryelands on Sunday 2nd July. Copies of the quarterly magazine *Heart & Soul* are available at the back of the church - do take a copy and find out more about the work of Methodist Homes.

Jenny Delafond

### SUNDAY SERVICES IN JULY AND AUGUST

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.

- **July 2nd** - Revd Nik Wooller

We celebrated the baptism of Emily-May Elizabeth Dawson

Reading: Matthew 10: 40-42

- **July 9th** – Mrs Val Imms Action for Children Sunday

Readings: *Ephesians 1 vs 3 – 6*

*1 John 1: v 3*

*Mark 4: vs 35 – 41*

*“By doing what’s right, doing what’s needed and doing what works, we help disadvantaged children across the UK”*

[ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk](mailto:ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk)

- **July 16th** – Revd Nik Wooller (See separate article)

Reading: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

- **July 23rd** – Revd Mark Williams

Readings: Genesis 28: 10 – 19a

Matthew 13: 24 – 30, 36 – 43

‘Pure wheat and false wheat (darnel). We are God’s fertiliser not God’s weed killer.’

- **July 30th** - Mr Alan Jameson

Readings: Psalm 119: 129 – 136

1 Kings 3: 5 – 12

Wisdom –

1. Understanding the consequences of our actions before we act or speak.
2. Having the knowledge and understanding to recognize the right course of action and having the will and courage to carry it out.
3. Wisdom always means acting according to the spirit of the commandments and not looking for any ambiguity that obscures following them.

- **August 6th** – Revd Anne Rusbridge

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1 – 5

Matthew 14: 13 – 21

The inequalities of the ‘I want’ and ‘I need’ culture.

“Eat freely of God’s banquet – all the good things that will sustain you spiritually”

- **August 13th** Mrs Lucy Brown

Readings: Matthew 11: 25 – 30

Mark 1: 29 – 34

It is easier when we share our loads, problems, worries and concerns. By sharing, our load is lighter.

Unload and leave things with God at the cross. Jesus is a passionate and personal God.

- **August 20th** – Mr John Dawson

Readings: Genesis 18: 1 – 19

John 13: 1 – 30

Judas was not left out at the Last Supper. Jesus calls us to love our neighbour which means everyone – even if we don’t always agree with their faith and traditions. So – do we accept God’s challenge?

- **August 27th** – Favourite Hymn Service

Readings: Psalm 138: 1 – 8

Isaiah 51: 1 – 8

## NEWS FROM SEEABILITY

We enjoyed welcoming the Community Access group to the church for coffee, cakes and a sing-song on Monday 3rd July. Everyone enjoyed the time spent together and we were pleased that Nik was

able to join us. At the group's request, Nik led us in prayer for Phil Ogden, a member of the group who had recently passed away and is sadly missed by everyone. Photos of the visit and a card expressing the group's thanks are displayed on the notice board at the back of the church, so please take a look.

La Reunion, the latest production by the Wild Cats' Drama group, was performed at Leatherhead on the 19th and 26th July. The production was dedicated to Phil Ogden who had been a member of the Wild Cats for many years. Once again the cast did an excellent job in performing the play, and the French accents were particularly impressive, as was the singing of several well-known songs. Many thanks to those from CMC who supported either production.

To find out more about SeeAbility, please speak to Jane or myself - or see their website - [www.seeability.org](http://www.seeability.org)

Jenny Delafond

### PRAYER TOPICS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER

- Pray for students beginning a new academic year.
- Pray for ministers at the start of their ministry in new areas.
- Pray for Revd Gill Long and John Dawson as they take the reins at our church.
- Pray and give thanks for all who are preparing for the Harvest Season
- Pray for the impact that Sutton Schools Work has on the lives of children in the London Borough of Sutton
- Pray for the people of Texas who are rebuilding their communities following Hurricane Harvey
- Pray for all who live in uncertain times in hostile places abroad and in our own country
- Pray for volunteers who support the Sutton Food Bank

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September

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| Tues 5 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm       | Women's Friendly Hour<br>Speaker: Samad Miah -Age UK                        |
| Sun 10 <sup>th</sup> 5.45         | Circuit Commissioning Service for John Dawson at Epsom Methodist Church     |
| Mon 11 <sup>th</sup> 8pm          | Leadership Team meeting – 105 Abbots Road                                   |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am  | Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group                                 |
| Tues 12 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm      | Women's Friendly Hour<br>Air Ambulance Kent, Surrey, Sussex                 |
| Wed 13 <sup>th</sup> 7.30 for 8pm | Circuit meeting – St John's Belmont   |
| Sun 17 <sup>th</sup> 9.45am       | Prayer Meeting  |
| Mon 18 <sup>th</sup> 7.30pm       | Pastoral meeting  |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am  | Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group                                 |
| Tues 19 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm      | Women's Friendly Hour – AGM & members<br>Afternoon                          |
| Sun 24 <sup>th</sup> 10.30am      | Harvest Festival and lunch  |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am  | Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group                                 |
| Tues 26 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm      | Women's Friendly Hour<br>Speaker: Mr Jeff Day – Sutton Talking<br>Newspaper |
| Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> 8pm          | House Group – 14 Priory Avenue  |

## October

Tues 3rd 10-11.30am Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group

Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour -  
Revd Rosemary Richter

Tues 10<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group

Tues 10th 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour  
Keep Fit – Margaret McAllister

Tues 17th 10-11.30am Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group

Tues 17<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour  
Members Afternoon

Weds 18<sup>th</sup> 7.45 for 8pm Church Council Meeting

Tues 24th **Cheam Tots & Women's Friendly Hour**  
**(Half Term – no meetings)**

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> 8pm House Group – 14 Priory Avenue

Tues 31st 10-11.30am Cheam Tots – parent/carer and toddler group

Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour -  
Dr Roger Squires – 'Regent's Canal'

Copies of the September/October Inspire magazine are now available. Please take a copy for some inspiring stories of faith.

## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS

July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	£236.20
	9 <sup>th</sup>	£135.60
	16 <sup>th</sup>	£238.12
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	£173.80
August	30 <sup>th</sup>	£145.50
	6 <sup>th</sup>	£255.50
	13 <sup>th</sup>	£156.20
	20 <sup>th</sup>	£173.35
	27 <sup>th</sup>	£189.20

. Please make sure that before you put your envelope in the Sunday collection bag it has your own number written on it.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

July	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Gem Wason IMO her husband Donald
	9 <sup>th</sup>	Bob and Mary Freeman's Wedding Anniversary
	16 <sup>th</sup>	Glyn Alpe IMO his wife Maureen
	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Lilies Donation
August	30 <sup>th</sup>	Lilies Donation
	6 <sup>th</sup>	Lilies Donation
	13 <sup>th</sup>	Lilies Donation
	20 <sup>th</sup>	Glyn Alpe for Annie
	27 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Baldwin IMO her parents

If you wish to donate money for flowers to be displayed in church on any particular Sunday, please enter your name on the Flower Calendar and give your donation to Audrey. If you know of anyone who is unwell or would appreciate receiving flowers that have been displayed in the church, please let Mary Freeman, Jenny Delafond or Sue Blake know. All donations to the Flower Fund, no matter how

small, are gratefully received.