

# CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

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## NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2018

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## SERVICES AT CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH (10.30am)

<i>Date</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Service</i>
4 November	Revd Chris Morley	Holy Communion
11 November	Mr John Dawson	Remembrance Sunday
18 November	Mr Peter Thompson	
25 November	Mr John Dawson	
2 December	Mr John Dawson	50 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Children's Society Messy Christingle (3 – 5pm)
9 December	Revd Gill Long	Holy Communion
16 December	Mr John Dawson	Carol Service
23 December	(to be announced)	
24 December (11.15pm)	Revd Gill Long	Midnight Communion
25 December (10am)	Mr John Dawson	
30 December	(to be announced)	

## A MESSAGE FROM JOHN DAWSON



Can you believe it? It is coming up to Christmas. I am not asking whether you can believe it is nearly twelve months since last Christmas. There is an inevitability about the change of seasons and as we all get a little older it seems that the earth rotates around the sun at an increasing speed. Each year appears to go quicker than the one before. No, I am asking can you believe in Christmas? Can you believe a young woman gave birth without having relations with her fiancé? Was it a stable she gave birth in or the private quarters of an Inn, where animals were kept too? Did the shepherds ever meet the three wise men? Who ever said there were three of them anyway?

Lisa and I have been in New York a couple of times in the run up to Christmas and when we have, we have always gone to the Radio City Music Hall Christmas Spectacular. If you ever get the chance it is always a good show. The first three quarters of the show changes each year, but it will usually be something along the lines of Father Christmas' sleigh crash lands in Manhattan and various people help to fix it which somehow requires dancing by the famous kick dancing Rockettes and the singing of a few songs. The last quarter is, what I think they call, a tableau of the nativity. If you can imagine the final scene of a Primary School nativity play with Mary, Joseph and a little baby in the middle with the Inn Keeper behind them, a choir of angels, shepherds and wise men to each side and a star above then it is a bit like that but with a real baby; real cattle lowing; the shepherds bring in real sheep and the wise men enter on real camels. So, although the same scene as the finale of a Primary School Nativity play it is done sparing no expense and no tea towels or bathrobes are used to make the shepherds costumes.

I love nativity plays, whether done in a small school or on Broadway. I love the fact that people are wanting to tell the story of Christmas. Because Christmas, when you strip away all the paraphernalia, is a love story. Some people say Christmas isn't about the presents. However, when you receive that jumper from an Auntie who thinks you are still aged 8 or the after shave that could fell an elephant from 30 yards away, remember why we give presents.

We give presents because of the gift that was given that first Christmas. I am not meaning the Gold, Frankincense or Myrrh. I mean Emmanuel. The love gift given by God to us that first Christmas was 'God with us'. And that is a gift that is still available to us today. God is with us by the Holy Spirit, in the Holy Scriptures and in each other in church. I hope that everything we do as a church this advent and Christmas time is focused on the fact, the Truth, that God is with us. It does not matter whether our lives more resemble the chaos of a Primary School play or the polished perfection of a Radio City production, God is with us. God came in Jesus to understand human life from the inside. God is with us, God understands us. Jesus gave his life for you and me. God is with us, God understands us and God is for us.

That is what I believe about Christmas. That is what I will be celebrating this Christmas.

*John*

**FAMILY CIRCLE**

Please remember in your prayers, Cynthia and Tony who visited Cheam on the 30<sup>th</sup> September to catch up with friends. Special prayers for our Lay Pastor John who commences his treatment after the half term. Pray for Gill, our minister and all preachers and ministers of our Circuit. Also all those who have been poorly, lonely or anxious about loved ones. We pray for comfort, healing and strength for their families.

The Women's Friendly Hour held their AGM in September with a 'full house' - no apologies for absence. The total of our charitable giving was £735 and we have had donations from Pauline Cleall and the family of Joyce Nicholas who died earlier in the year, for which we were very grateful. Our charity for this year is the Air Ambulance and it was also agreed to make a donation of £100 to R.N.L.I.

Our meetings have been well attended with many varied speakers and musical afternoons. Thanks were given to all those who help to make our meeting run smoothly with help from all our members. Any friends wishing to join us will be made most welcome. Congratulations to John and Lisa Dawson who celebrated their Pearl Wedding Anniversary on 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Our good wishes also go to Becky Rippon (Peter's daughter) on her forthcoming wedding in November

**Mary Freeman**

**FAMILY PRIDE**

Our grandson, Josh, has returned to Australia for a second cricket season. He is playing in the same league in New South Wales but for a different team. They have won their first two games, Josh top scored in the first game with 74 and in the second game scored 17 and took 3 catches as wicketkeeper. Since he arrived back in Australia the weather has not been very good with a lot of rain. **Colin & Sue Blake**

Bob and I joined the Bowls Club at Peaches Close, Cheam and have been enjoying our Monday afternoons making new friends and improving our skills on the green during the lovely sunny summer. Bob has won the Beginners Trophy this year and it will be presented to him on the Presentation Evening in November. Our grandson Conor took his R.E. exam this year and obtained a high

mark, so we are very proud of him. It is always good to hear of friends' news about their families so please let Jane know for the next newsletter.

**Mary Freeman**

## CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

On 15<sup>th</sup> August this year we had our quinquennial inspection of the building. The report details recommendations, repairs and work that needs to be carried out immediately or over the next five years. All told there are twenty items in the report which need attention. Two of the utmost urgency are...

1. Complete renewal of the flat roof over the hall doorway. This was some 35 years old and leaking extensively into the lobby ceiling, table store and Tots' cupboard
2. Evidence of extensive woodworm infestation to the wood block flooring in the transept and floorboards in the office and store room.

I am pleased to say that the roof has been completely repaired and carries a 25 year guarantee. Following a survey by Rentokil, they advised that the wood block flooring and floorboards in the two offices should be totally stripped and disposed of. As they are laid on a concrete base, any treatment would have no effect.

The total cost of repairs is estimated at £29,000 by the surveyor. We have been fortunate to receive a loan which has enabled us to repair the roof, but this will have to be repaid in due course. In the new year we intend to have a working party to strip the flooring and lay the replacement. We can also undertake some of the other non-urgent items ourselves, but this will still leave us with a large balance to find. Therefore, if you feel able to make a donation to the building fund over the coming year, it will be much appreciated and ensure that we are able to continue worshipping at Cheam.

Please have a word with me if you would like to see a copy of the full quinquennial report.

**Worthington**

**David**

# *CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING*

**RAISING FUNDS FOR CHRISTIAN AID**

**Saturday 17th November**

**10am – 12 noon**



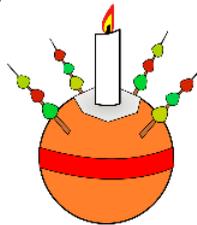
# CAKES ~ RAFFLE ~ BRING AND BUY ~ REFRESHMENTS

Please let Charles Ponnuthurai know if you are able to help at the coffee morning and promote this event amongst your friends, family and neighbours.

## THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

It's been 50 years since The Children's Society first introduced the Christingle service to England – and this year they are celebrating in style! From services in over 20 cathedrals across the country and a specially written Christingle song, to collaborations with celebrities and BBC Songs of Praise which will be broadcast on December 2<sup>nd</sup>.

This is also the date of our **Messy Church Christingle**. Each year we have supported the Children's Society financially at 'Messy' by filling candle-shaped money boxes. As this year is rather special we invite members of our congregation to take a candle money box and return it on December 2<sup>nd</sup> Morning Worship. (They are available on the table at the back of the church).



Finally, a warm welcome is extended to everyone to enjoy an afternoon of crafts, challenges and worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> at 3pm. Remember our motto..... **'There will be cake'**.



## CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Once again, the sixth form in Cheam High School will be preparing Christmas Hampers as part of their community outreach project. If you know of anyone in particular need or facing difficult circumstances and would benefit from receiving a hamper, please add their name, your name and a brief reason for nominating them to the list at the back of the church. Last year we received many messages of thanks and appreciation from the recipients of the hampers.

## FEATURES



### The flu jab: who should get it and why

To stay healthy and prevent the spread of flu, making sure you get a winter jab is a good first step.

An enhanced vaccine is expected to improve effectiveness this year, by boosting the body's immune response to the drug.

This will particularly benefit the elderly and those in at-risk groups under 65, who will be offered a vaccine that protects against four types of flu.

Groups vulnerable to the flu include pregnant women and those with long-term health conditions such as kidney patients.

The flu vaccine will be rolled out across the UK from early October and those eligible are advised to get it before the end of November.

Flu is contagious and can be passed through coughing, sneezing or by touching contaminated surfaces. Most flu outbreaks usually happen in late autumn or winter.

If you are not eligible certain pharmacies offer a private Winter Flu Jab Service for customers aged 16 and over.

(Kidney Research UK)

### Rough Sleeping



Whilst rough sleeping in Sutton is by no means as high as in other boroughs it has been increasing and statistics also inform us that for every one person roughsleeping that there are 3 who are hidden homeless.

There is the possibility of some funding for running a pilot winter shelter in Feb 2019 for 4 weeks

the funding would cover someone co-ordinating the project.

The pilot would help assess the extent of any roughsleeping/hidden homeless issue in the borough.

We are hosting a meeting [venue to be advised] with housing justice on Tuesday Nov 6th at 2 -4pm to explore the idea of the pilot. The meeting will cover:..

- the extent of the problem in our borough
- premises from 8pm-8am every night for the months pilot
- sponsoring bedding/sleeping bags/food
- volunteers to man the shelter each night for guests
- training
- how to signpost and help roughsleepers to move on to other support

Mark Tomlinson

[info@communityworks.org](mailto:info@communityworks.org)

### **Faith in politics**

I knew it was a mistake admitting to our new church friend that I had been involved in local politics. “Ah then,” she said, “you’ll be the ideal person to talk to our house group about faith in politics. Would 30 to 40 minutes be ok?” she asked. “Oh for the days of Nik Wooller and her play dough and paper cut out sessions,” I thought to myself. But having been challenged I couldn’t say no, could I?

And it’s only when you sit down to prepare such talks that you discover some revealing things about yourself – and others. I’ve always been clear in my political life that in a very modest way, I wanted to follow the example of our Wesley founders, John and Charles. For both, their ‘works’, as well as their faith, were essential to the whole of their Christian living, and caring for the poor, for prisoners, for widows and orphans mattered a great deal. Of course the achievements of a local politician must be a far cry from the profound impact the two men had on the society of their time. But what wonderful and challenging examples to follow.

So in my talk I examined my own motives, and then went on to compare the different attitudes towards faith in politics in this country, and elsewhere. In America it seems to help to be able to proclaim your Christian beliefs, however lightly held. During his presidential campaign, Donald Trump revealed that his own book *The Art of the Deal* was his “second favourite book” after the

Bible. But some critics have suggested he is not really a practising Christian and was simply talking up his religious credentials to appeal to the many US Christian voters.

On one occasion, Trump was asked about his favourite passage of scripture. His response was interesting: “Well, I think many. I mean, you know, when we get into the Bible, I think many. So many. And some people — look, an eye for an eye, you can almost say that. That’s not a particularly nice thing. But you know, if you look at what’s happening to our country, I mean, when you see what’s going on with our country, how people are taking advantage of us, and how they scoff at us and laugh at us.”

I think most people who have actually read the passage know that “An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth” happens to be the one passage from the Hebrew scriptures that Jesus most specifically and emphatically told his followers not to observe.

And what about his opponent? In her review of the elections, *What Happened*, Hillary Clinton says: “My parents - especially my mother - raised me and my brothers in the Methodist tradition of ‘faith in action’. At church we were taught to be “doers of the world, not hearers only”. That meant stepping outside the pews, rolling up our sleeves and doing “all the good you can, for all the people you can, in all the ways you can, as long as ever you can.” She continued: “That credo, attributed to the founder of Methodism, John Wesley, inspired generations of Methodists to volunteer in hospitals, schools and slums. For me, growing up as I did in a comfortable middle-class suburb, it provided a sense of purpose and direction, pointing me toward a life in public service.”

Interesting what you learn when preparing a talk.

**Tony Brett Young**

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SUTTON & CHEAM

Jane and Jenny attended the last meeting of CTSC, chaired by Rev Mark Williams and held at Christ Church, Christchurch Park, Sutton on Tuesday 9 October 2018.

Colin Iddles from Christ Church gave a brief history of the church, built in 1888 and originally providing seating for a congregation of 1000. The church runs a pre-school and several other weekly church-based activities are held on the premises. Colin told us about Sutton South Hello, a group set up four years ago whose aim is to create a friendly and welcoming atmosphere providing various activities for people who live nearby the church to get to know each other. The group is proving particularly helpful for elderly people who live alone. The church is growing, working well in the local community and currently has about 70 regular worshippers.

Mark gave the following updates –

No report was available from Community Works but the meeting heard that the Prayer for Sutton initiative was being re-thought and any comments would be welcomed. [www.suttoncommunityworks.org](http://www.suttoncommunityworks.org)

Mark Tomlinson was in search of a local building to provide shelter for rough sleepers in the Sutton area during the winter months. (For further information, please see separate item in this *Newsletter*).

An old Sutton pub, The Dolphin, at the bottom of Sutton High Street, has recently been refurbished and converted into a community space. Sutton Vineyard Church bought the premises which reopened last summer. A prayer room is available 24/7 and other rooms are available to hire.

A new Church of England secondary school is planned, and it has been suggested that this be built on land behind Sutton Tennis Centre.

Further information is available at ...

[www.info@suttoncofesecondaryschool.org.uk](mailto:www.info@suttoncofesecondaryschool.org.uk)

The date agreed for the service to be held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is Sunday 20 January 2019. It was suggested that it be held at Christ Church, Sutton but this has yet to be confirmed.

The next meeting of CTSC will take place on Tuesday 12 February 2019 at Cheam Methodist Church.

## NEWS FROM RYELANDS

It was good to see so many people gathered at the circuit service at Ryelands on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October to celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of MHA. Rev Dave Dickinson led the service and his talk was based on the well-known hymn, Lord of all Hopefulness, the familiar words of which were written by Jan Struther in 1931 for the new edition of *Songs of Praise*. At the end of the service church representatives were invited to present their donations for MHA Sunday which were gratefully received and dedicated.

Following the service tea and cakes were served which provided an opportunity to meet with Ryelands' residents, staff and volunteers as well as many friends from the Circuit.

*Three hundred people attended Derby Cathedral on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> October for a 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service of Thanksgiving. For more details and photographs, please go to [https://www.mha.org.uk/news-and-views/latest-news/news\\_archive/mha-celebrates-its-75th-anniversary/](https://www.mha.org.uk/news-and-views/latest-news/news_archive/mha-celebrates-its-75th-anniversary/)*

Please help yourself to a copy of the new look MHA magazine, *Full of Years*, available at back of the church.

The **Christmas Fair** will be held at Ryelands on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> November from 2.00-4.00pm**. We hope to see you there but if you're unable to come, please support the event buying a programme. These are available at the back of the church and cost £1 each which includes tea or coffee. Donations of cakes, preserves, biscuits or sweets would be greatly

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appreciated as once again, CMC members will be running the ever popular cake stall.

**Jenny Delafond**

#### **NEWS FROM SEEABILITY**

The Wild Cats Dramatic Society will be performing their Christmas pantomime, Robin Hood, on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> December at the Millennium Centre, Wesley Road and again at the Fairfield Day Centre in Leatherhead on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December. Both performances start at 2pm. Everyone is welcome but numbers are required in advance for the performance on the 18<sup>th</sup> December when there is a charge of £3 which includes tea and cake, so please let Jenny or Jane know if you would like to go on that day. The Community Access group will be visiting the church for coffee, cake and Christmas carols at 10.30am on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December. Everyone welcome.

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES IN SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER**

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.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sept** Revd Chris Morley

Readings: Deuteronomy 4: v 1-2, 6 – 9

Mark 7: 1 – 8, 14 – 15, 21 – 23

*What can get in the way of being open to God?*

1. *Our image of ourselves*
2. *Our desire of what is right*
3. *Our sense of cultural identity*

*We should allow God to forgive us.*

*In the Bible there are 15 times when we read... 'You must welcome the stranger into your land.'*

**9<sup>th</sup> Sept** Revd Gill Long

Readings: James 2: 1 – 10, 14 - 17

Mark 7: 24 – 37

*What are we open to?*

*The Kingdom of God is open to everyone.*

*God reaches out to all – are we prepared to do the same?*

*There is more to being a Christian than being 'quite nice'.*

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept** Mr Alan Jameson

Readings: Psalm 119: 1 - 16

James 3: 1 - 12

Mark 8: 27 – 38

*Peter didn't always understand the point Jesus was trying to make,*

*but once he grasped the truth, it was there for life. Jesus saw something in Peter and he was named the Rock.*

- *Have we grasped the truth that Jesus is the Son of God?*
- *Are we a fox or a hedgehog?! The hedgehog has the one big truth.*
- *Is it the best here at CMC for building God's Kingdom?*

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

Readings: James 3: 13 to 4: v3, 7 – 8a

Mark 9: 33 – 37

*'Great and wise'.*

*'We cannot direct the wind but we can adjust the sails to set the right course.*

*Who is the best captain of our soul? We should look for the best captain and join His crew. God is the best captain.*

*We need to ask God.. 'Captain, what are your orders today?*

*If we try to do things in our own strength, we often fail, but with God's help we can.*

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept** Rev Barnabas Alexander

Readings: James 5: 13 – 20

Mark 9: 38 – 50

*James presents ideas about prayer..*

*If anyone is suffering – then pray*

*If anyone is cheerful – sing songs of praise  
If anyone is sick – call to the church to pray over them  
Confess your sins to one another as well as to Christ.  
Don't complicate prayer – keep it simple.*

**7<sup>th</sup> Oct** Dr Philip Richter  
Readings: Psalm 119

Luke 2: 41 – 51

*'Learning is a lifelong affair. We have all been learners during our lives. 'Learner' is another word for 'disciple'.  
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. (Matthew 11: v29)*

**14<sup>th</sup> Oct** Revd Gill Long - Harvest Festival  
Readings: Galatians 6: 7 – 10  
*John 15: 5 – 17*

*Is it difficult to be thankful to God and be generous to others?  
God can do more than we can ever ask or imagine.  
How do we respond when we ask for human creativity?  
Be thankful to God for what He has entrusted to us.  
Tshuva – a Hebrew word meaning 'to return to God's original intention.'*

**21<sup>st</sup> Oct** Mr Keith Halstead  
Readings: Psalm 104: 1 – 9, 24, 35c  
Job 38: 1 – 7, 34 – 41

*God answered Job's questions with the absence of any mention of his suffering.*

- *Confusion – why don't you step in when we don't understand?*
- *Comfort – a God who overwhelms us gives us comfort.*
- *Challenge – we need to have absolute faith in God*

*'Let me be God, Job, and trust in me despite any circumstances.'*

Readers required...

If you feel you could be added to the Sunday morning readers list, please let one of the Leadership team, or John , know.

**PRAYER TOPICS FOR NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER**

(This prayer from 9<sup>th</sup> September service)

Pray for those who are hungry.

**Pray harder for those who will not feed them.**

Pray for those who struggle each week to pay their bills.

**Pray harder for the wealthy who do not care.**

Pray for those who are homeless.

**Pray harder for those who deny them shelter.**

Pray for the marginalized and lonely.

**Pray harder for those who will not give them comfort.**

Pray for those who cry out for dignity.

**Pray harder for those who will not listen.**

Pray for those oppressed by unjust wages.

**Pray harder for those who exploit them.**

Pray for those who bear the yoke of prejudice.

**Pray harder for those who discriminate against them.**

Pray for those whose basic needs are denied.

**Pray harder for public officials who cater to the greedy  
and ignore those bound unjustly. Amen.**

Pray for.....

- for all who have suffered from the earthquake and tsunami in Indonesia
- for relief agencies who alleviate suffering
- that Brexit talks will achieve a satisfactory conclusion
- *(taken from prayers on 7<sup>th</sup> October.)  
'May our church be a place of love and learning'*

For further daily prayers look in the Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2016/19 and on our website.



## SUNDAY COLLECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

### SEPTEMBER

2 <sup>nd</sup>	£234.20
9 <sup>th</sup>	£182.80
16 <sup>th</sup>	£156.50
23 <sup>rd</sup>	£156.50
30 <sup>th</sup>	£290.80

### OCTOBER

7 <sup>th</sup>	£159.90
14 <sup>th</sup>	£222.39
21 <sup>st</sup>	£181.60

Donations from the sale of perishable goods and flowers at the Harvest Lunch, Tots and Women's Friendly Hour amounted to £82 for Christian Aid.

## CHURCH FLOWERS

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

### September

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Elizabeth Baldwin IMO her parents
9 <sup>th</sup>	IMO Rene White
16 <sup>th</sup>	Mary & Bob Freeman IMO their daughter Helen
	Alberta Brown IMO her mum for 15 <sup>th</sup>
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Jenny & Peter Delafond
30 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia & Tony Brett Young

### October

7 <sup>th</sup>	Donation
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14<sup>th</sup> Harvest Festival  
 21<sup>st</sup> Glyn Alpe IMO his wife Maureen  
 28<sup>th</sup> John and Lisa Dawson for their Pearl Wedding Anniversary

Many thanks to Pauline Cleall who has kindly sent a donation for the Flower Fund. Pauline looked after the flowers in our church for many years before moving to Worcestershire. She hopes to visit church on November 25<sup>th</sup> and to catch up with everyone.

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.

<b>DATES FOR YOUR DIARY</b>
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**NOVEMBER**

Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Arthur & Marian Strange – Slides
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm	House Group at Audrey's – 105 Abbots Road
Sun 11 <sup>th</sup> 9.45am	Prayer Meeting
Mon 12 <sup>th</sup> 8.00	Leadership Team Meeting at Audrey's – 105 Abbots Road
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots
Tues 13 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Colin Blake – Songs beginning with 'B'
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> 10am – 12 noon	Christmas Coffee Morning in aid of Christian Aid
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots
Tues 20 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Gillian Thick – Chair of Christian Care
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> 8.00pm	Local Preachers and Worship Leaders Meeting at Cheam
Sat. 24 <sup>th</sup> 2-4.00pm	Ryelands Christmas Fair
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots
Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Valerie Imms – Talk – Social Worker
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> 8.00pm	House Group at Mary's – 14 Priory Avenue

**DECEMBER**

Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 10.30am 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of The Children Society  
Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.00pm Messy Christingle  
Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> 10.30am Visit of SeeAbility to Cheam  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots  
Tues 4<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour – Stella Wallace –  
Silver Belles

Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> 9.45am Prayer Meeting  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 10-11.30am Cheam Tots -Christmas party  
Tues 11<sup>th</sup> 2.30pm Women's Friendly Hour – Members Afternoon with Christmas Carols  
Sun 16<sup>th</sup> 12.30am Carol Service followed by Christmas Lunch  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> No Cheam Tots or Women's Friendly Hour until 8<sup>th</sup> January 2019  
Tues 18<sup>th</sup> Street Carol Singing  
Sun 23<sup>rd</sup> Street Carol Singing  
Mon 24<sup>th</sup> 11.15pm Midnight Service with Communion  
Tues 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00am Family Service

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**The deadline for JANUARY/FEBRUARY Newsletter is  
Friday 21st December**