



CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

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NEWSLETTER NOVEMBER 2016

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SERVICES AT CHEAM METHODIST CHURCH

<i>Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Preacher</i>	<i>Service</i>
6 Nov	10.30am	Rev Philip Richter Holy Communion	32 nd Ordinary
13 Nov	10.30am	Mrs Hannah Chun	Remembrance Sunday
20 Nov	10.30am	Mrs Val Imms	Local Preachers' Sunday
27 Nov	10.30am	Rev Nik Wooller	Advent Sunday

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

NOVEMBER

Tues 1st 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots – Parent/carer and toddler group
Tues 1st 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Nick Boddy, <i>Prison visits</i>
Wed 2nd 8.00pm	No House Group meeting
Tues 8th 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots – Parent/carer and toddler group
Tues 8th 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Dorothy Kear, Salvation Army
Tues 15th 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots – Parent/carer and toddler group
Tues 15th 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Members' afternoon: Christin Rippon, <i>Celebrities Quiz</i>
Thurs 17th 8pm	Leaders of Worship and Local Preachers meeting, Epsom MC
Fri 18th 8pm	House Group meeting at Mary Freeman's home, 14 Priory Ave, Cheam
Sat 19th 2-4pm	Ryelands Christmas Fair, Ryelands
Sun 20th 9.45am	Prayer meeting
Sun 20th 6.30pm	Local Preachers Accreditation Circuit service for John Dawson, Sutton Trinity Church
Tues 22nd 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots – Parent/carer and toddler group
Tues 22nd 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Shirley Cornish, Slides of Morocco (Teenage Cancer Trust)
Sat 26th 11am-2pm	Christmas Fair for Christian Aid
Tues 29th 10-11.30am	Cheam Tots – Parent/carer and toddler group
Tues 29th 2.30pm	Women's Friendly Hour – Colin Blake, Musical afternoon with CDs

DECEMBER

Sun 4th 10.30am	Gift service
Sun 4th 3pm	Messy Christingle

All events are at Cheam Methodist Church unless otherwise stated.

MINISTERIAL NEWS

Unfortunately, Nik has not been well recently and has undergone further surgery. Happily she is now recovering and hopes to be able to return to work later this month. Our prayers are with her.

As you may know, Nik leaves us next year and the process of finding a new minister has begun. At the recent Church Council meeting David Worthington reported that he and Jane Wasbrough had considered resumés to select five candidates. He then attended a meeting at Epsom to review the needs of both churches to draw up a final list to send to District. If there is a match the prospective minister would visit Cheam on 5 or 12 November and Epsom that afternoon. The challenge facing us is indicated by the fact that there are currently 100 ministers and 20 probationers looking for positions, but 154 places to be filled. We ask your prayers as the process continues.

FAMILY CIRCLE

As reported above, our minister Nik had her back operation on Tuesday 11 October and has been home recovering, and on medication to relieve her pain. We pray for complete healing for her. Flowers and cards have been sent on behalf of the Church.

This month we ask for your prayers especially for Elizabeth Baldwin and her family as her son Mike died peacefully on Saturday 1 October. His funeral service was held at Brighton Crematorium on 18 October. We pray for comfort, strength and peace.

We continue to pray for our members and friends who are unable to come to church or to our Women's Friendly Hour meetings. I know that they find comfort in knowing that we are thinking of them. For Joyce and Bert Mealing, for Mary and Alan Bugden, for Irene Smith, Frank Kemp, Joyce Cleator, and for Joyce Nicholas who, as I write, is in St Helier Hospital but improving daily and hoping to be home soon with appropriate care. Her daughter Carol was due to return to Australia at the end of October. She has been a great support and help to Joyce while visiting. We also ask for continued prayers for Pauline Jackson and her family and for her husband Barry who was recently taken to hospital after a fall. We pray for Grace Hine and her family and all those caring for people with memory loss.

Thanks to all who arrange our flowers Sunday by Sunday and those who take them to cheer up those unwell or celebrating special occasions. Bless our Leadership Team, all those who help to lead our services, including our readers. Thank God for the fellowship we find here at Cheam Methodist Church, in the good and not so good times of our lives. God is always present there for each one of us.

Finally, I'd like to share with you a prayer from our new Prayer Handbook by a local preacher, Greg Sargent of the West Norfolk Circuit, which is on the same theme as Ernest Tsui's recent service:

Dear Lord, in our world of plenty we forget to thank you for the things we really need: thank you for the food that keeps us alive; thank you for the clean water to drink; thank you for the roofs above our heads; thank you for our health; and thank you for your Son. You give us far more than we need. Let us not be corrupted by the riches of the world, but share our wealth with others and store up our treasure in heaven. In Jesus' name. Amen.

CHURCH NEWS AND NOTICES

Safeguarding training

The next Safeguarding Training Course will be held on Sunday 20 November from 12.00-2.30pm at Sutton Trinity Church and lunch will be provided. Those who are due to take part in this training and have not done so this year should make a note in their diary, as it is important that everyone who has a position of responsibility in the church completes this course. Whether or not you are able to attend, could you please let me know so I can give details to the Circuit. This is the last course this year, but there will be another early in 2017.

Tony Brett Young

Flower Fund

Donations received for the church's flowers during the month were:

2 October, Harvest Festival; 9 October, Christine Rippon in memory of Doreen West; 16 October, Bob and Mary Freeman; 23 October Grace Hine; and 30 October, Jennifer Evans, thanks to the family.

Thanks to all who have passed on donations to me for the Flower Fund, especially to Pauline Cleall who arranged the flowers in our church for many years before moving away to Worcestershire.

At the recent Church Council meeting it was decided to seek further donations for the Flower Fund by placing a plate at the back of the Church for ad hoc contributions. Please be generous.

Audrey Saunderson

Items from Church Council

It was decided that our annual donation this year (£250) from the church's Blann Fund should go to Sutton Street Pastors to help with their valuable work.

As a trial, the main notices for the coming week will be displayed after services on the overhead screen as well as in the weekly Service Sheet. Brian Kingswood was thanked by the meeting for all his work on preparing hymns, notices and other information for display on the screen during our services.

Sunday collections

Recent Sunday morning contributions have been: 2 October, £215.50; 9 October £223.67; 16 October, £184.00 and 23 October, £160.80. If you'd like to be involved in the envelope scheme, through which we receive valuable Gift Aid, please see Charles Ponnurathai.

SeeAbility News

Everyone is welcome to join us when the Community Awareness group from SeeAbility visit the church for light refreshments and Christmas carols on Monday 5 December at 10.30am. The Drama Group's next production - *The Wild Cats' Christmas Jamboree* - will be performed at the SeeAbility Millennium Centre, Leatherhead at 2pm on Wednesday 14 December and again at the Fairfield Day Centre, Leatherhead, on Tuesday 20 December at 2pm.

Jenny Delafond

Christmas dates

With the Christmas season approaching rapidly here is early notice of the dates of our main activities:

10.30am 4 December, Gift Service

3pm Sunday 4 December, Messy Christingle

7pm Sunday 11 December, street carol party

10.30am Sunday 18 December, Carol Service

12.30pm Sunday 18 December, Christmas lunch

7pm Monday 19 December, street carol party.

Christian Aid Christmas Fair

Don't forget our Christmas Fair on Saturday 26 November from 11am to 2pm, which this year is to raise funds for *Christian Aid*. As well as a variety of stalls, our very popular light lunches will be served – soup, bacon or sausage in a roll (or both if you wish!) and tea, coffee, soft drinks and cakes, all at very reasonable prices. Please bring your family and friends. There will be leaflets to deliver to local roads and programmes for you sell in advance.

Thank you so much to everyone who has already given donations for the stalls.

Cynthia Brett Young

Ryelands Christmas Fair

The Christmas Fair at Ryelands this year will be on Saturday, 19 November from 2-4pm. Programmes are now available at the back of the church and cost £1 (including tea or coffee). Please help by buying one, even if you're not able to attend the fair this year. Any donations of home-made cakes, preserves, biscuits and other items would be appreciated for the cake stall to be run by our Church. Ryelands is at 15 Beddington Gardens, Wallington SM6 0JF.

Jenny Delafond

Churches Together in Sutton and Cheam

The latest meeting of CTSC was held at St John's Church, Belmont on Tuesday 18 October and was chaired by Rev Mark Williams.

Neville Kyrke-Smith gave an illustrated talk about a Sutton-based charity, *Aid to the Church in Need UK*. We heard of the work of the charity in the Middle East where there are currently 348 projects. The charity worked in over 100 countries last year, supplying 12,000 food parcels and giving substantial financial support to churches in need. They have offices around the country but their head office is in Sutton – 12 - 14 Benhill Road off Throwley Way. There are leaflets at the back of the church with more information and they invite anyone to call in and learn more about their valuable work. If you would like to find out more about the charity, please go to www.acnuk.org

Rev Mark Tomlinson gave information about Sutton Soup, a three-monthly event, based at St Nicholas Church, Sutton. To find out about this popular and successful way of raising funds for local charities, go to the website – www.suttonsoup.org.uk

All churches were encouraged to advertise Christmas and their other special services and events on the CTSC website – www.churchinsutton.net

Sutton Community Works will shortly be holding a cultural evening at Carshalton Beeches Baptist Church and a further event at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Carshalton Beeches is also planned. To find out more, please visit www.suttoncommunityworks.org

The Treasurer gave his report and it was agreed that the subscription of £35 payable by each of the 22 churches should remain unchanged. It was further agreed to a donation of £500 from funds to the charity, *Aid to the Church in Need UK*.

The United Service during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity will be held at Cheam Methodist Church on Sunday 22 January 2017 at 6.30pm.

Jenny Delafond and Jane Wasbrough
CMC representatives to CTSC

Our charities

A representative from *Action for Children*, Lucy Polling, will give a talk on the charity's work at the Gift Service on 4 December. Gifts of Argos Vouchers are requested for Warren Park Hospital in Kingston.

Women's Friendly Hour have agreed that their Charity of the Year will be Mercy Ships UK which operates a fully-equipped hospital ship to sail to remote regions. Mission Aviation Fellowship (MAF) fly the doctors and nurses to bring patients back to the ship. Information about this work can be found at the back of the Church, and money from the penny jars will go towards this worthwhile charity.

Gifts of food for the Harvest Festival Service on 2 October were passed on to Sutton Food Bank. Rev Mark Tomlinson told us how much they appreciated our continuing

support. Tony Brett Young will keep in touch with Mark so we can respond when further food supplies are needed.

And a note from Pauline Jackson about our collection boxes: *Would you please let me or Mary Freeman have your home collection boxes for Action for Children so the donations can be counted and sent to the charity. Thank you.*

Synod Refugee Calais Appeal

Church members recently donated foodstuffs and other items to help refugees in Calais. We have received the following message from the London District:

We would like to thank you for the fantastic response to the Synod Calais Appeal. As a result of their visit to the Lambeth Methodist Church to help sort through all the food donations the District Chairs, Rev Nigel Cowgill and Rev Michaela Youngson were greatly moved and impressed by the generosity seen through the masses of donations received from the Churches and Circuits in the District.

FEATURES

Family corner

We're always looking for new ideas for items for the Newsletter and we'd be pleased to share happy family news on a regular basis. Here's the first of those articles:

Sam and Joseph Wasbrough, Jane's grandchildren, had good reason to celebrate recently. Sam (10) was elected House Captain by his peers AND was selected to play for the school's A-team in football where he scored two goals - even though they lost in the end. Joseph (8), as a member of the school council, attended a conference for schoolchildren on volunteering at the Copper Box in the Olympic Park AND even though he is in Year 4, he was chosen to play in the school Year-5 football team. All this in the same week. Well done, boys - everyone is really proud of you.

Sicily's stunning Duomo

On our recent holiday we were lucky enough to visit the Duomo (church) in Monreale, Sicily, now reckoned to be the second most-visited church after the Vatican. Founded in 1174, William 1st dedicated the church to Our Lady of Assumption and generously donated the land and castles of the church and Convent of the Benedictine Monks.

The archbishops who ascended the throne of the Basilica allowed this wonderful masterpiece to maintain its splendid and original form. The shrine contains the sarcophaguses of William 1st and 2nd.

The outstanding feature is the display of mosaics covering nearly all the walls and which depict the stories of the Old and New Testaments. Dating from the end of the 12th and early to middle half of the 13th centuries, they cover 6,430 square metres, the second most extensive in the world.

If you ever visit Sicily the Duomo is definitely worth a visit. Penny and I have a large English guide book which describes it in detail, so please feel free to borrow it.

Mick Ball

WHO'S WHO

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Nik is available by appointment to anyone who wants to talk about pastoral or other matters, including baptisms, weddings and funerals.

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 Nik are David Worthington (8644 5160), Mary Freeman (8644 3999), Brian Kingswood (8641 0016), Jane Wasbrough (8641 4304), Audrey Saunderson (8644 6911), Charles Ponnuthurai (8644 3367) and Tony Brett Young (8652 7622).

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