

Cadbury Pastorate News

Bournville, Weoley Castle &
Weoley Hill Churches



June 2022

From the Minister's study—

Dear Friends,

How does a non-conformist church celebrate the Platinum Jubilee, the 70th anniversary of the reign of Her Majesty the Queen? You may well find this a strange question, but it was one that I typed into google search, hoping for an interesting list of responses but, unfortunately, that was not to be. Ten years ago I prepared a service of thanksgiving for the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II, and while many in the congregation were appreciative of the opportunity to thank God for her life of service, I remember well that one or two took offense as they did not think it was fitting for the URC as a non-conformist, “free” church (*not* the established CofE church of which the queen is the supreme governor) to celebrate her reign in a church service. And I do understand the hesitancy among (principled) non-conformists to celebrate the Queen’s Jubilee in church, given the history of the relationship of the crown and the non-conformist churches. Of course, it does not mean they will not join family, friends and neighbours in street parties, village hall parties or parties in the church hall. After all, the jubilee is a civic occasion that celebrates the many years that the queen has gracefully and faithfully held together and served the country. Anyway, I do not have to tread carefully on the 5th of June, Pentecost Sunday, when in many churches the Platinum Jubilee will be celebrated because...I will not be taking any of the services in the pastorate! I leave it up to those who are leading worship on the Sunday whether they incorporate a jubilee prayer, or more, in the liturgy. The URC has produced an order of service with prayers, hymns and psalms to mark the jubilee which can be viewed on the URC website. It includes the following joyful Psalm:

Psalm 98 Redux by Revd Carla A. Grosch-Miller

Sing aloud for joy!
Conjure magnificent melodies!
Create meteoritic metaphors!
Reach for the heights of beauty
and the depths of drama!
Use everything to hand —
all that you can make
and all that you can imagine:
stardust and earth dreams,
the music of the spheres
and the murmur of silence,
the hunger of the heart
and the hope everlasting.
The Power within and beyond,
the Presence throughout,
the Wonder and the Glory
call for nothing less
than the full expression
of all that we are
and all that we have.
There is no place
on earth or in the heavens
that has not been soaked in,
tickled or teased by Divine Love.
There is no living creature
on earth or in the heavens

that has not been marked,
grazed or embraced by the
Divine Kiss.
There is no song
too lowly or too grand
to offer in praise
and thanksgiving.
Bring your instruments:
blow your horns,
strum your strings,
pound your pianos,
lift Your voices.
Match the roar of the oceans
and the majesty of the
mountains.
Let all things magnify Holy
might.
Let all things reflect Holy light.
Nothing is apart from,
and all is a part of,
God
whose immensity,
mercy and justice
are forever.

And it also includes the following quotations from Queen Elizabeth for reflection:

'I know just how much I rely on my faith to guide me through the good times and the bad. Each day is a new beginning. I know that the only way to live my life is to try to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God...I draw strength from the message of hope in the Christian gospel.' -- Queen Elizabeth, 2002

(p.6 in *The Servant Queen*, by Mark Greene & Catherine Butcher)

'Love your Neighbour'

The Queen, in her 1975 Christmas message said, *'His [Jesus's] simple message of love has been turning the world upside down ever since. He showed that what people are and what they do, does matter and does make all the difference.... It does matter therefore what each individual does each day. Kindness, sympathy, resolution and courteous behaviour are infectious. Acts of courage and self-sacrifice ...are an inspiration to others. And the combined effect can be enormous.... We may feel powerless alone but the joining efforts of individuals can defeat the evils of our time. Together they can create a stable, free and considerate society.'*

(p.49 in *The Servant Queen*, by Mark Greene & Catherine Butcher)

In whatever way you will celebrate the Queen's Jubilee, or not, may you enjoy the long bank holiday and hopefully be able to join the worship in church on the 5th of June,

Pentecost Sunday! On the feast of Pentecost we pray, as always, that the Spirit may move among us and within us, to bind us together in faith and love and to strengthen and encourage us for a life of faithful service which, as the queen has shown us, can span many, many decades!

With all best wishes,

Leonora



Prayer page

As we enter the season of Pentecost:

Many give thanks for the Queen.

Many give thanks for the blessing of living in a country not at war, no longer so tightly gripped by pandemic, relatively prosperous, relatively stable.

Many of us give thanks for our personal blessings: family, friends, security, for a good place to live.

But:

Many pray for a more equitable society in the UK and abroad.

Many pray for peace, for justice, for better health care world-wide, for a fairer distribution of wealth.

Many pray for world-wide changes, especially in wealthier countries, to reduce if not end the global climate change that will harm the poorest and least responsible the most.

Many pray that the blessings we enjoy will be shared more fairly throughout the UK and throughout the world.

And:

Many pray these prayers together, giving thanks for the blessings they have and praying for a better world.

Spirit of the Living God, fall upon each and every one of us, so we join You in bringing the Heavenly Kingdom to all our brothers and sisters throughout the world.

Pastorate News

Bournville

June preaching schedule (TBC):

5 June Glynis

12 June Leonora (at 3 PM)

19 June Stuart

26 June Leonora

Weoley Hill

We are sorry to report the deaths of Susan Cope on Tuesday 3 May and of Joyce Cope on Saturday 14 May. Please remember their family and friends in your prayers.

Joyce Cope: Joyce was born in Selly Oak on 4 November 1935. She worked first at Cadburys and then for many years in the social work department at the Royal Orthopaedic Hospital, making some lifelong friends there.

She met David in a Kings Heath diner when she was 16. They married in 1957, Susan arriving later that year, followed by son Rob in 1960. Catherine was a surprise in 1980. Joyce always liked the idea of a little cottagey house, which they found in Fox Hill. She overcame a fear of flying to enjoy foreign holidays, Cyprus being her favourite.

She is survived by Catherine and four granddaughters, Victoria, Emily, Kate and Jasmine.

Weoley Hill members remember Joyce for her roles in organising and catering social events, including the Lunch Club, for her flower arrangements and fabulous Advent wreaths—and I remember Joyce, over 70 at the time, clambering up a steep muddy bank to forage just the right foliage for that year's wreath—and for her friendliness, as well as admiring her garden whenever we happened to call.

Over the many years David was in care, she visited him regularly. Another heartbreak was the loss of Rob to motor neurone disease. Her own health failed over several years; she was admitted to hospital before Christmas, but did not improve and was finally admitted to the Willows hospice, where she was well cared for until she passed away on 14 May, with Catherine and Victoria with her.

Sue Cope: Susan was born in Selly Oak on 21 November 1957. She grew up in Bournville, going to Dame Elizabeth school and Bournville College. She worked at the Royal Orthopaedic hospital both on Broad Street and at The Woodlands, working closely with consultant orthopaedic surgeons and the setting up of the Bone Tumour Treatment Service. She then moved to the Nuffield hospital to be the PA to the hospital manager and Human Resources Co-ordinator for 10 years and worked in various departments within the NHS Trust.

Sue took on the role of caring for Joyce, although they tended to look after each other much of the time! She loved cats, owned many and fed strays. Like Joyce, she loved gardening, and took over flower arranging in the church when Joyce was no longer able to. She was also an enthusiastic crafter, and often had a stall at church fairs.

Sadly, she suffered mental health problems throughout her life, and her father's dementia, her brother's motor neurone disease and Joyce's failing health and dementia took a heavy toll on her own health. Her family feel this contributed to the aneurism from which she passed away on 3 May.

From funeral tributes prepared by Catherine

SUMMER QUIZ

A rather delayed quiz to help mark our 100th Anniversary (clue!) is arranged for Saturday 25 June when we hope to meet again to raise money for Fairtrade. There will be a Fish & Chip Supper with all the usual accompaniments, and the price will be £7.00 per person to meet

in teams of six. There will also be a raffle and donations will be gratefully received.

This is our first post-covid social event and we hope to make the John Kydd Hall as safe as possible with open doors and windows (weather permitting!), disinfected tables and chairs and we ask you to please wear masks if you feel able. Please let me know if you intend to come so we can arrange catering.

Lorraine DaCosta

CENTENARY UPDATES

It isn't too late to share photos or memorabilia with Sue Beeby. Volunteers are needed on Saturday 2 July to set up the exhibition and tables for Sunday's buffet lunch and of course to clear up afterwards. We are asked to bring salads of different kinds to accompany sliced meat—the sign up list is available at coffee time, or speak to Nancy.

The Worship & Arts group is meeting at 7.30 PM on 19 June to plan the service; your ideas are welcome.

Cheryl Thornett

100 ANNIVERSARY BANNER

The Banner Group are making a smaller banner to hang in the entrance hall to commemorate our 100th anniversary. We would like every church member to write their name—printed in capitals, or usual signature, whichever you like—on a yellow, material circle. This can then be embroidered before being attached to the backdrop. You can do this yourself if you wish, any shade of blue please, or you can give it to a member of the group who will do it for you. Hand it in as soon as possible but any time before 25 December will do! Thanks.

Linda, Lorraine, Nancy, Cheryl

Corrymeela is the June retiring collection.

Wednesdays, 10 AM-12: Art Club. £1, all welcome

Fridays 6.45 PM: Community Choir, all welcome

1st Saturdays 10.30 AM: Gardening Group

Weoley Hill Calendar for June 2022			
Wednesday	1		No Art Club.
Thursday	2		Queen's Platinum Jubilee bank holiday
Saturday	4	10 AM-12:	Gardening group
Sunday	5	10.30 AM:	Pentecost Communion Service led by the Revd Brian Brown.
		11 AM- 3 PM:	<i>Queen's Platinum Jubilee: Local Street Associations are having a Big Lunch picnic by the Village Hall.</i>
Sunday	12	10.30 AM:	Worship led by Revd Alison Geary. .
Monday	13	2.30 PM	F&B
Wednesday	15	7.30 PM:	Elders' meeting
Sunday	19	10.30 AM:	Worship led by the minister. .
		12 NOON:	Church meeting
Saturday	25	2.30 PM:	Walking group. Meet at church.
		6.30 PM:	Quiz night and fish & chips supper
Sunday	26	10.30 AM:	Worship led by Alan Cotgreave.

Jubilee Big Lunch:

Several area Street Associations and the Weoley Hill Village Hall management are combining for a Jubilee picnic on Sunday 5 June. Admission is free and tea, coffee and squash are free, but you will need your own picnic—and you don't need to be a member of a Street Association. There will be traditional games like welly wanging and a tug of war. (See ad on next page.)

Free Entry

Children's Craft Area

JOIN US FOR THE
BIG LUNCH

SUNDAY JUNE 5TH FROM 11 AM
WEOLEY HILL VILLAGE HALL

Ice Cream Van Bring your own picnic
and decorate your area

Between 13:00 and 14:00

**Bake A Cake
Competition**

Sale proceeds go to charity

1st, 2nd & 3rd Prizes

Music from
Her Majesty's reign

Separated areas available if you are still
shielding. Please contact us in advance
to reserve (hall@weoleyhill.uk)



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Fun & Games

Tug of War
Egg and Spoon
Splat The Rat
Welly Wanging

MORE DETAILS AT:
[HTTPS://WEOLEYHILL.UK/
THEBIGLUNCH/](https://weoleyhill.uk/thebiglunch/)



WCCC News

There will be services at 11 am at Weoley Castle on every Sunday in June, led by:

5th June – Chris Miles

12th June – Leonora, including communion

19th June – Ted Forgan

26th June – Joe Bevan

N.B. 3rd July 10.30 at Weoley Hill: celebration of 100th Anniversary.

As well as the usual weekday activities in the building, a new “Knit & Natter” group has been started by Joanne of “Love Weoley” at 7.30 pm on Tuesdays. Bring your own crafts or get some from Joanne. £1 to cover costs.

The Senior Citizens’ Day Centre will be holding an “Indoor Street Party” on Monday 6th June to celebrate the Queen’s jubilee.

Synod Report 19 March 2022

Eco Synod News – support is available to help churches with Eco Church Accreditation.

The Difference Course. We had a talk from Emma Crick de Boom about this. It is a course about reconciliation. This was also the subject of a Green Room meeting I attended. I have suggested to Stuart Scott that one possible way to explore it is with a training day for elders interested to find out more.

The course invited all to emphasise 3 habits:-

1. Be curious, listening to others’ stories and seeing how the world looks through their eyes.
2. Be present, encountering with authenticity and confidence, building trust with others.

3. Reimagine, finding hope and opportunity in the places where we long to see change.

More information is available from <https://difference.rin.global/>

FRIENDS OF KSN GIFT DAY

The Moderator introduced this item, directing all to page 10 of the booklet and showing a video about the Khristiya Seva Niketan Hospital and its work.

[See <https://www.urcwestmidlands.org.uk/global-partnerships.html>]
Synod Executive was asking all churches to hold a Gift Day/special collection for the friends of KSN appeal as part of our support for the Diocese of Durgapur and the URC Jubilee and for each church to send the money to the synod before the October Synod Meeting. There was a website <https://friendsofksn.org.uk> and the Moderator also suggest visiting the website at amzn.in/60DmxyO to buy items from the KSN Wish List, noting that 1 rupee was about 1 penny, as a separate way of helping.

SAFEGUARDING

Donna Gordon, the Synod Safeguarding Officer, presented her report.

The slides were available at <https://urcwestmidlands.org.uk/safeguarding.html>

This is important as there are changes to the number of people who need to have DBS checks.

John Fletcher

The next issue will be available around 1 July. Contributions are requested! Send them to the minister, Leonora Jagessar, or Cheryl Thornett at Weoley Hill.

B30 Food Bank

We are very low on **tinned fish** (tuna, sardines, mackerel,) **pasta sauce** and **cereal**, so please prioritise these items. We are also very short of **strong** carrier bags

Last week we received in **donations 1731k**, and we **gave out 2364k** feeding 234 people on 116 vouchers

Urgently needed

Tinned potatoes, sugar 500g (not larger), tinned fruit in juice (not prunes or grapefruit), tinned spaghetti, ready-made custard (tinned or carton - not powder), cereal (not greater than 500g), porridge (not greater than 500g), gender neutral shampoo, toothpaste, toilet rolls, strong carrier bags.

Low in stock

Tinned fruit in juice (not prunes or grapefruit), squash, long-life fruit juice, UHT semi-skimmed milk, dog/cat food, instant hot-chocolate (not cocoa powder), instant coffee (not decaffeinated, UHT whole milk, crisps, tinned rice pudding, teabags (40's or 80's), jam/honey, chocolate and snack bars, liquid/bar soap, laundry power/liquid (not family sized), gender neutral shower-gel

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June Miscellany

The earth's crust under the Pacific bumps into the West coast of the U.S.A.

It says: "Sorry! – my fault" ...

How can you know a tree is dogwood?

By its bark!

Which sort of books are the easiest to get through?

Non-friction

What is bought by the metre and worn by the foot?.

A carpet

What is H₂O₄?

Drinking and washing



Which burns longer – a thin candle or a fat candle?

Neither: they both burn shorter.

What occurred to Archimedes as he sat in a bath?

The telephone rang!

How are genes inherited?

By your older brother getting too big for them

Meteorologists have weighed rainbows and found that...
....they are pretty light.

Ted Forgan

The Cadbury Pastorate

Open for Worship

(In line with Government guidelines.)

Bournville URC, Beaumont Rd: Worship at 3 PM on 1st Sundays and 10.30 AM on other Sundays.

Weoley Castle Community Church, Quarry Rd: Worship Sundays at 11 AM.

Weoley Hill URC, Greenmeadow Rd: Worship at 10.30 AM.

Sunday worship can be still found on the Weoley Hill website as in print form, and through email on request.

Check with the organisers for news of groups which normally meet in Weoley Hill and Weoley Castle.

Please check the churches' websites for further news and any changes, as well as details of precautions to be observed.

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