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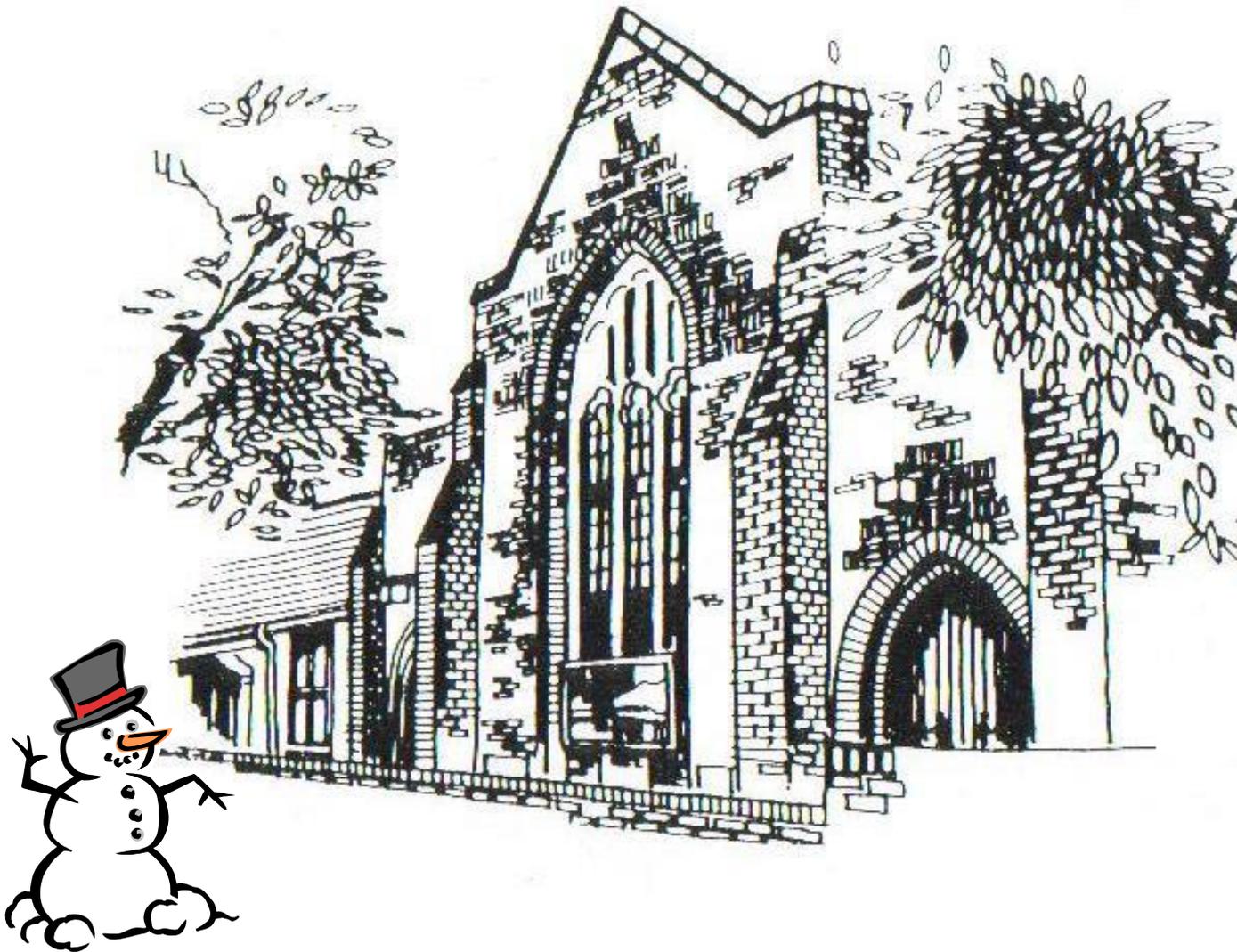
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THE MAGAZINE

OF

HIGHAMS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Cavendish Road, E.4.





CHURCH PROGRAMME



SUNDAY SERVICES: 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (including a crèche and groups for children and young people)

Holy Communion is conducted regularly within the Services. We invite all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour to eat and drink in Communion. Please see the Church Diary (at the back of the magazine) for details.

Monday Gathered Prayer 10.00 – 11.00am at the Church
An opportunity to pray for the life and work of the Church and for the local community

Friday: Boys Brigade and Girls Association:
Anchors (For boys and girls in school years 1-3)
combined with
Juniors (For boys and girls in school years 4-6) 6.30 - 8:00 pm
Company Section 7.00 - 8.30pm

Cell Group: The cell group is a small group of people who meet together every other week for friendship, support, Bible study / application. It would be great if you wanted to try the group

Thursday Cell Group: 2.00 – 3.30pm at 212 The Avenue, contact Sheila on 8531 5480

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*The Magazine Team wish all our readers a very Happy
Christmas and a Blessed New Year*



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The day the angel came

The day the angel came. That was a long, long time ago. I was just a girl. The best day of my life? Well, no – that would have been the day I first held my beautiful son in my arms. But it was a special day. After that, nothing was ever quite the same again.

The day was much like any other. I was helping my mother around the house, thinking all the time about how it would soon be my own home and not hers that I was cleaning. My marriage had been arranged and as far as I was concerned the wedding day couldn't come soon enough.

My chores were almost done when I noticed something unusual. It was hard to place at first but gradually I realised that someone was there with me in the room. I couldn't really see who it was but there was a sort of shimmering in a corner that gradually began to take shape. As I looked harder, a human-like figure stepped forward and spoke. 'Don't be afraid, Mary' said a voice like none I had ever known. 'Don't be afraid.' The voice was gentle and calm, not at all threatening. It was so peaceful...if a little odd.

An angel. A messenger from God. A presence rather than a person. A being full of compassion and love, one whose words I just knew were true. It took a while for me to get hold of the idea but the angel's words were clear enough and it seemed to make sense at the time. It was only afterwards that I started to wonder if it hadn't been some kind of dream.

Then Joseph came to visit. 'It will all be fine, Mary', he said, 'I'll take care of everything.' Seems he'd had a visit from an angel of his own and already knew what was to happen. He was as good as his word. He took care of everything, always. Kept us all safe through the best and the worst of times.

Elizabeth, my cousin, knew too. My parents sent me to stay with her as the baby began to grow. From the moment I arrived, Elizabeth helped me understand just what this baby would mean. Not just for me and for Joseph but for the whole world. It was a lot to take in but we all knew that God was at work through us.

The day the angel came was only the beginning...



C V E N D S H C R C U L A R



The nights are drawing in, the first snow has fallen (albeit a mere covering) and rehearsals have already begun for the Nativity story to be told in Churches and Schools. The hunt for long-packed away decorations has started, festive food is being planned and cards are being written for friends and family near and far. Yes, Christmas is definitely on its way! By the time you read this the Advent Candles will be lit at Church, the Christmas tree will be in place and we will have been able to enjoy a quiet time of reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. Whatever your plans, may this joyous season bring you a greater awareness of God's most precious gift to mankind - the birth of His son, Jesus Christ.

Since our last issue several members have been in hospital. We reported previously that Doris Thorndyke had suffered a fall which necessitated a hip operation and prolonged stay in hospital. This was followed by some weeks in the Ainslie Centre where she was able to continue her recovery and receive physiotherapy. We are delighted to report that she has now returned home where she will be receiving extra help and care.

Dorothy Tayler has undergone a planned knee replacement operation and is now home recovering well and managing to get about. We hope that she will soon be more mobile and pain free. We also remember Cliff who is undergoing hospital tests and treatment.

Lynda Lewis-Azayear has had a planned hip operation and is also now safely at home. We hear that she is getting more mobile and hope that she will soon be without pain and her recovery trouble free. We continue to remember in prayer these and all in our fellowship who are unwell, or frail in health.

We extend our condolences to Simon Jones, whose father, Bernard, died on 8th October after a period of ill health. We remember Simon's mother Francis, and all the family as they mourn his passing. His funeral took place on 17th October. May the family be aware of God's loving presence at this sad time.



The baby grand-daughter of our member Perlita Jenkins, whose birth we reported last time, has had a spell in hospital. The baby and Mum are doing fine, except that baby Faith spent some time recently in The Royal London Hospital suffering from a virus and breathing difficulties. Antibiotics

and a nebulizer were needed and the baby was discharged last week. The family are grateful to the nursing team and pleased that the baby is now at home and doing well, despite still weighing just under four lbs in weight!!.



We were delighted to receive this delightful picture of Arley Cowell-Smith, son of Graham, and grandson of Margaret and Alan Smith, past members of our fellowship. Graham followed in father Alan's footsteps in serving with the Boys Brigade at HPBC over many years and the tradition has been carried on with his six year old son, Arley, who is a member of the 10th Leith BB Company. Well done, Arley-it's great to know that another member of the family is proudly carrying on the work of the BB!

JL

THANKS FROM DOROTHY

Thank you to everyone for your prayers, cards, calls and messages of best wishes following my recent knee replacement operation. It has helped so much in my recovery to know that I was being supported in this loving way. I am recovering well and hope to be able to get along to Church once again very soon. My thanks and love to all at HPBC.

Dorothy Tayler



ADVANCE WARNING - POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!



Dianne and David Kendrick are donning their postie costumes again this year - we are very grateful to them. These are the delivery and collection dates:

Sunday, 2nd December - EARLY BIRD DELIVERY
(no collection available)

Sunday, 9th December - DELIVERY. COLLECTION
after Service only.

Sunday, 16th December - LAST SUNDAY FOR DELIVERY
Collection available after Service only

Sunday, 23rd December - LAST MINUTE COLLECTION ONLY. Please DO NOT deliver cards to Church on this day as there will not be time to sort them for collection.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

PRINT names with Surnames clearly, and put your cards in **alphabetical Surname order**. This helps the organisers to quickly and easily sort the cards, while also enabling them to get to some of the Morning Service. **Please note that this service is for the exchange of cards that are for personal collection or that can be collected on behalf of somebody - it is not for cards that need posting on as normal mail.**

Remember also that the money saved on postage by using this system can go to the Christmas offering!



Cards and Cookies

"On the afternoon of Saturday 3rd November, the church opened its doors for the Cards and Cookies event. I am reliably informed that 31 people attended - it seemed more to me but maybe the many gingerbread people weren't counted!

There was card, glue, scissors, paper, sequins and sparkly bits, stickers and pens - bright colours on one table and flour, dough, mess, bowls, baking trays and pastry cutters on another. The kitchen was warm with the oven roaring and delightful smells emanating from within of the fabulous gingerbread that was so wonderfully shaped by everyone. Once cooled, they were decorated with icing and lots of different things to go on top. The once blank cards were decorated with different Christmassy pictures and sparkly bits and young and old coloured in shapes on cards. The end results, lots of biscuits to take home and a Christmas card ready to send to a loved one.

What was great about this event was that the age range varied immensely from the youngest being around three years up to some in their eighties and many ages in between - and ALL were able to take part. How great that everyone could take part in these activities and sit and share together like this. The other thing I loved was that it wasn't just members of our church that came - we had some that came who use the church during the week and saw the fabulous posters so wonderfully put together by Ray and friends and neighbours of those who come to church. It was really lovely to have others that don't come to church on Sunday with us and be able to sit and chat to them. I think that all who went really enjoyed it

Massive thanks go to Rosemary and Sarah who ran the two activities brilliantly, for their hard work putting it all together, getting everything ready and running the activities throughout the afternoon - it could not have been done without you both. Thanks also to Ray and Paul who helped out in the kitchen for most of the afternoon as well and to Paul for taking some lovely pictures."

Ruth Underhay





Remembrance in Highams Park

It cannot have escaped your notice that November 11th 2018 marked the Centenary of the cessation of the First World War and this was remembered in a number of ways in Highams Park...

Over 100 people took part in a ceremony led by the Highams Park Society as part of Highams Park's commemorations. The ceremony consisted of poems, talks and the reading of an extract from a journal written by a local man.



The names of all the men named on the Halex Plaques were read out and we observed a two minute silence with Last Post and Reveille played by the buglers of the 17th Pals' Battalion Band.

After the ceremony, the band marched from the station to Hale End Library and performed a series of bugle marches.

Many thanks to Malcolm Shykles who has made a film of the event. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I-RoPuUySqk>



The plaque noting the names of those who worked at The Halex Company and died for their country.



There has also been a display in the Library from local group 'Pins and Needles' which is part of a group to promote arts and culture in Highams Park. To mark the 100 years since the Armistice Day and the ending of the First World War HP Pins and Needles created a display in Hale End Library. The display features poppies made by the group, together with biographical details, of each of the local men who went away to serve their country and never came back.

The group has also been working with local schools to create paper poppies to be displayed in the windows in Highams Park where the men had formerly lived. Members of Pins and Needles tracked down the names and addresses of about 50 soldiers from Highams Park, and there are, no doubt, many more whose details have been lost or not recorded at all.



We are grateful to the Highams Park Society who provided much of the information together with photographs.



BBGA NEWS

A few Fridays ago there was a Battalion competition evening so we all went over to Leytonstone in the minibus to join in. As usual, because we are an inclusive company we took our Anchor Section as well as our Junior Section. We entered two teams for figure marching, and a team for handball and a team for football.

The children all tried really hard, and (mostly) had fun doing so. It was a bit confusing for the younger ones who have not yet started learning football skills at school and very confusing for everyone in handball! BB handball is not at all like the sport of handball, more like ordinary football but using your hand to push the ball around the floor instead of your feet. As we had more children than any of the other companies we were able to lend players to the other teams and so everyone had a go at everything and I am very pleased to report that there was generally much better good sportsmanship shown this year and our girls in particular were not intimidated as a result.

We ended the evening by bringing home some certificates and a cup for winning the figure marching with our Junior Squad. Well done kids, you did great, marched smartly and remembered what to do 😊

Mandy Edwards





eat or heat

Many thanks for all those who have contributed to our 'eat or heat' box throughout the year. Your kind gifts have been so gratefully received by all those who find themselves in need of some help at difficult times in their lives. As the weather gets colder, it's even more important that we continue to support this worthy cause.

Items of particular need include:

- Tinned foods e.g. soups, meats, vegetables, fruit etc
- Dried pasta/rice
- Breakfast cereals
- Sugar
- Tea and coffee
- Biscuits and snacks
- Toiletries e.g. soap, toothpaste, shampoo, deodorants etc
- Cleaning items e.g. washing powder, washing up liquid etc
- Sanitary items

Of course, any other items you think useful will be very welcome as well.

I know all those who use this cause, and all those who help at the South Chingford Congregational Church, are so very grateful for the help provided by HPBC.

Many thanks

Dave Kendrick





New way to communicate

Do you use WhatsApp on your phone? We have a new group for sharing of family news, prayer requests and details of events. It's called 'HPBC Friends' and is for anyone with a connection to HPBC.

If you would like to be added to the group, WhatsApp Mandy Edwards and she'll add you. You can find Mandy's details in the church contact list if you don't already have her in your phone contacts.

No idea what we are talking about? WhatsApp is a free messaging app for your phone (or laptop/PC). (If you have phone that has internet capability then you can download it from your app store.) It uses the internet to send messages, images, and audio/video files. You can also make calls to other WhatsApp users using the internet instead of your minutes allowance. You can have one to one conversations or group chats, you get notified when you have unread messages and you can leave messages for people even if they are not currently online so its becoming more and more popular.

Mandy Edwards

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HIGHAMS PARK
CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2018**

<p>Winchester Road Methodist Church, Winchester Road, E4 9JP</p> <p>Sunday 23rd December Carol Service at 4pm</p> <p>Monday 24th December Pop-up Nativity at 4pm for 4.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 25th December Christmas Service at 10:30am</p> <p>All Saints Highams Park, Church Avenue, E4 9QD</p> <p>Friday 21st December Christingle at 6pm</p> <p>Sunday 23rd December Six Lessons and Carols at 10.30am</p> <p>Monday 24th December Nativity Service at 4pm</p> <p>Monday 24th December Midnight Communion at 11.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 25th December Holy Communion at 10.30pm</p>	<p>Highams Park Baptist Church, Cavendish Road, E4 9NG</p> <p>Sunday 23rd December Christmas 'Cafe Style' Service at 10am</p> <p>Sunday 23rd December Candlelight Service at 6pm</p> <p>Monday 24th December Christmas Eve Communion Service at 11.30pm</p> <p>Tuesday 25th December Christmas Morning Celebration at 10am</p> <p>Catholic Parish of Christ the King, 455 Chingford Road, E4 8SP</p> <p>Monday 24th December Christmas Eve Readings and Nativity (by the children) at 6.30pm followed by Mass at 7pm.</p> <p>Carols and Readings at 11.30pm followed by Mass at Midnight</p> <p>Tuesday 25th December Christmas Day Mass at 10am</p>
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All are welcome to any of these services.

Carol Singing at Highams Park Station on Monday 17th December 5.30 - 6.30pm with a collection for Action for Children

Please do try to come to the Station for Carol Singing for a very good cause on 17th December) It's another way to communicate!)



A short but interesting walk in London...



Our first port of call was Somerset House to see the ice skaters. There was a full range of abilities from show offs to those holding tightly to the outside rail but very watchable. Then on to the terrace for a look westward to see the largest clock face in London which is facing the river on Shell Mex House.

Just outside Somerset House are the two island churches in the Strand: St. Clement Danes which was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and is mentioned in the rhyme 'Oranges and Lemons'. It is now the Mother Church of the R.A.F. The other is St. Mary le Strand which is the Mother Church of the W.R.N.S. Bonnie Prince Charlie was converted to the Anglican faith here to boost his hopes of becoming King of England. Charles Dickens' parents were married here.

We then walked to Trafalgar Square, dominated by Nelson's column and his 18 foot statue which looks much shorter from ground level. The four lions which guard it are by Landseer and took him 25 years to produce. Many feared they would never be in place. The fourth plinth in the Square was originally for William IV but the money ran out! It is now mostly topped by very odd offerings - but some have been very good. I liked the 'Ship in a Bottle' when that was there. Next to the central stairs and outside the café can be seen the Standard Imperial Measurements of yards, feet and inches (plus links, chains perches and poles!) rendered in brass - correct when at 62 degrees Fahrenheit) .



Off then to see the statue of Charles I which is on the south side. After the King was beheaded in Whitehall it was ordered to be melted down but was kept in John Rivet's garden instead. He was a metal smith and made a fortune selling small trinkets allegedly made from it and when Charles II became King he bought the statue back, thus making Rivet even richer. It looks down Whitehall to the site of his beheading in 1649. The pedestal was designed by Sir Christopher Wren and carved by Grinling Gibbons.



I then found my highlight of the day in the South East corner of the Square in what used to be Britain's smallest Police Station built in 1826. On holding onto the door knob to pull myself up to see what was inside I found that the door opened as the lock had broken. I heaved myself up and stood inside. It was just big enough for one and fitted me nicely - I feel policeman must have been slimmer in those days...

Hazel Ansell



St. Mary le Strand



St. Clement Danes



Bread Pudding

Prep: 10 mins

Cook: 1 hr, 30 mins

Plus 15 mins soaking

Ingredients

500g white bread
500g/1lb 2oz mixed dried fruit
2 tbsp mixed spice
600ml milk
2 large eggs, beaten
140g light muscovado sugar
100g butter
2 tbsp demerara sugar

For a Christmas variation use dried cranberries in with the fruit and the zest of 1 orange
When everything has been stirred together add 2 tablespoons of orange essence

Method

- Tear the bread into a large mixing bowl and add the fruit, peel and spice.
- Pour in the milk, then stir or scrunch through your fingers to mix everything well and completely break up the bread.
- Add eggs, and muscovado sugar.
- Stir well, then set aside for 15 mins to soak.
- Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.
- Butter and line the base of a 20cm non-stick square cake tin (not one with a loose base).
- Stir the melted butter into the pudding mixture, tip into the tin, then scatter with demerara.
- Bake for 1½ hrs until firm and golden, covering with foil if it starts to brown too much.
- Turn out of the tin and strip off the paper.
- Cut into squares and serve warm.

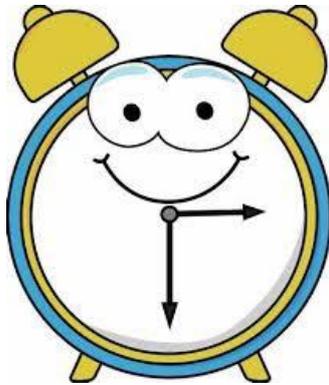
Ed's note: A welcome addition to the Christmas Menu - it sounds delicious!



Our distinguished Church Secretary Phil Slaney, along with Bob Jenkins, attended the Christian Vision for Men Conference Weekend in Nottingham earlier in November which was attended by over 140 men. There was a unique mixture of Bible Teaching, Seminars, Worship sessions and excellent music led by the well known and inspirational songwriter Graham Kendrick.

Phil led the morning thought for the day and one of the main seminars on 'Facing our Mortality'

TIME



I wrote this to share with members gathered for our recent AGM on 25th NOV.

But, yes , you have guessed it..... there was no time! Mostly because of the complicated situation re both Finance and Fabric.

However, to return to my original thoughts.....

“One of the really positive strengths of our Church Council is that, over the years, members have listened and discussed things thoroughly. I do think that neither constraints of time nor even respect for another, should influence any individual and it’s important that each one should make their own unique contribution. “

PAUSE.

“Do not feel the need to challenge the recommendations I am about to make regarding Fabric however..... !!! “

Back in the present - please do not take offence....but I still feel that I ought to put these thoughts out there.

As Phil Slaney stands down , I would also like to publicly thank him for his excellent guidance through our time without a minister... I think we were able to draw even closer together, a great tribute to him.

Also welcome to all those taking up new jobs on our behalf, I do hope you find your tasks very rewarding .

Thank you. Sheila



Selwyn Avenue, Selwyn School, Selwyn College Cambridge, Selwyn who...?

When I was at the School we were told that he (Selwyn) was a Bishop. But why a Bishop in Highams Park? Hopefully I would discover a tale of struggle, hardship, determination etc. The sort of Dickensian stuff that went on in the 19th Century.

Perhaps he lived in a hovel down on the marshes at the bottom of High Street (Marsh Street then). His mother working in service at the big vicarage at the top of Church Hill, and his father in the mill in Coppermill Lane. (The mill had been there since the 14th Century in various guises but in the 1800's became a copper mill making sheets which were sent all over Britain to be made into coins and tokens).

He might just have got some schooling at the Vicarage, and receiving his calling that way after getting into the Sir George Monoux Grammar School (est. 1527). Sir George served as Lord Mayor of London and as an MP, Master of the Drapers Company. Perhaps he also placed his parents, when they got elderly, in the Monoux Alms Houses he set up in Church End.

However... it turns out that Augustus Selwyn was born in Hampstead in 1809 (and died in 1878). He was sent to school at Eton then to Cambridge and then back to teach at Eton. He turned to the Church and was ordained in 1834. In 1842 he was appointed to the new Bishopric of New Zealand - quite a job in those days. He was sent with 23 missionaries. Lots of good work was done in setting up Mission Stations. There was some trouble with the Maoris but he was always very even handed in dealing with them and the settlers. He named one town Bishop Auckland and set up the Anglican Church of New Zealand. Then in 1868 reluctantly he was brought back to be the Bishop of Lichfield.

So where does that leave us? Schools have to be named - usually after some local bigwig - then it came to me - we have had a late Church member - Gwladys Taylor (née LITCHFIELD). She was a very unassuming person... but it is obvious isn't it? There must be something in the name

Mike Robinson

Ed's note: We are not sure that Mike has proved his case - but you now know a lot more about George Augustus Selwyn and parts of Walthamstow!



*Like a candle flame, flick'ring small in our
darkness,
Uncreated light shines through infant eyes.
Stars and Angels sing, yet the earth sleeps in
the shadows;
Can this tiny spark set a world on fire?
Yet His light shall shine from our lives, Spirit
blazing,
As we touch the flame of His holy fire.
God is with us, alleluia, God is with us,
alleluia,
Come to save us, alleluia, come to save us,
alleluia.*

Graham Kendrick, (b.1950-)

Highams Park Snippets

This year's Christmas Fayre is on Sunday the 17th December and is organised by the Highams Park Planning Group. There will be food, stalls and events in Signal Walk and Station Approach. At 4pm there will be festive carol singing.





It's that time of pondering and self reflection.

The end of a year and the beginning of a new phase

Considering what has happened and what might have been,

Opportunities taken and chances missed.

What are our hopes and dreams for the next twelve months?

Whatever our age we surely have a choice, turn to Jesus, or not?

We could be positive, look for the good things that we can do to

influence something in our lives,

Socialise maybe, use time more effectively, and turn to Jesus,

or

We could be negative, feel that we cannot change anything and get

bogged down in the familiar routine of life, without Jesus.

What is our response going to be?

We do not have full control of everything that goes on around the World

which affects our lives but we can try something different and for the

good in 2019.

We might even be surprised by what happens as a result

and feel blessed!

If we don't do anything special this year, are we being honest with ourselves and wasting not only our time but ultimately, not fulfilling our potential through the gifts and talents that we already possess?

Bob Jenkins



Winter is a'comin' in

In the latest newsletter of the Baptist Insurance Company (Be honest now - did you know there was one?) is an article on how to prepare your home for winter. In the unlikely situation that you have not yet received your copy we are here to help!

Reduce the risk - avoid water damage.

Check that your indoor pipes are protected both by lagging and by keeping the heating on. If the worst happens you will need to turn the water supply off fast - make sure that the stopcock works (and that you know where it is!).

Check your heating.

You may not have used your heating in the summer months and when you turn it on find it is not working. You should have your boiler serviced by a qualified engineer at least yearly which should solve this problem.

Maintain the warmth.

Apart from obvious ideas such as not leaving doors and windows open it is an idea to bleed your radiators every six months to keep them at top efficiency.

Check your window seals.

Seals can deteriorate over time so make sure that there are no gaps round windows and that the seals are doing their job.

Stock up your cupboards.

Doing this could save you having to venture out in poor weather conditions safe in the knowledge that you have something to eat...



Clear gutters and drainpipes, and check the roof.

If the gutters and drainpipes are blocked (usually by leaves) try and get them cleared as if they overflow it could lead to damp penetrating the walls or if they freeze it could cause damage. A visual inspection of the roof should show any loose tiles etc.



Pack away your garden furniture.

Anything that could be damaged by wintery conditions should be covered and stored to protect it for the next sunny days,

Maintain your garden.

Check that there are no loose branches which could blow down in high winds and ensure that all moveable items (water butts etc.) are suitably secured.



Repair your fences.

Many insurance companies will not cover storm damage to fences as they are inherently vulnerable. It is therefore worthwhile keeping them in a good state of repair.

Safely clear snow and ice.

Just be careful and make sure you do not cause injury to yourself! Putting salt down helps - ordinary table salt or dishwasher salt both work.



and when this is all done...

in the words of the song - **Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow!**



A New Year's Plan

*I tried to think of a clever new phrase -
A slogan to inspire the next 365 days,
A motto to live by this coming New Year,
But the catchy words fell flat to my ear.*

*And then I heard His still small voice
Saying, "Consider this simple, daily choice:
With each new dawn and close of day
Make new your resolve to trust and obey."*

*"Don't look back caught in regret
Or dwell on the sorrow of dreams unmet;
Don't stare forward anchored by fear,
No, live in this moment, for I am here."*

*"I am all you need. Everything. I Am.
You are held secure by my strong hand.
Give me this one thing - your all in all;
Into my grace, let yourself fall."*

*So, at last, I'm ready; I see the way.
It's to daily follow, trust, and obey.
I enter the New Year armed with a plan,
To give Him my everything. All that I am.*

Mary Fairchild



*I said to the man who stood
at the Gate of the Year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the
unknown'.
And he replied, 'go out into the darkness,
and put your hand into the hand of God.
That shall be to you better than light,
and safer than a known way'.*

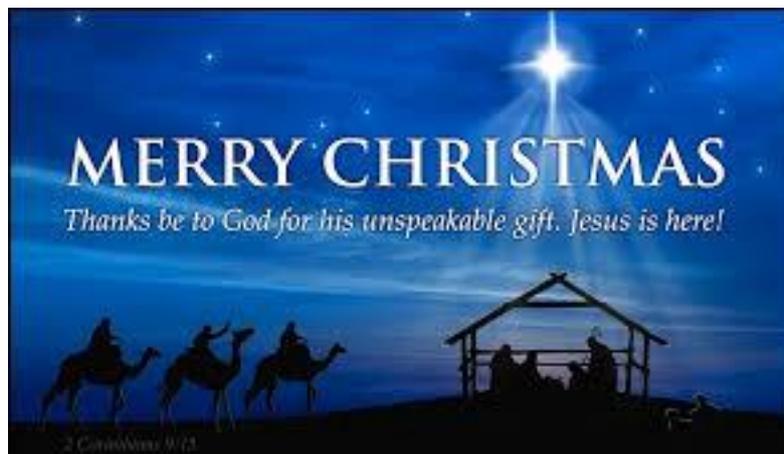
'The Gate of the Year' from 'God Knows' by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957); read by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast of 1939.



CHURCH DIARY

December

Saturday 1st	2.00pm	Advent Reflections at the Church
Sunday 2nd	10 am	1st Sunday in Advent Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 9th	10 am	2nd Sunday in Advent Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 16 th	10am	3 rd Sunday in Advent All Age Christmas Service with Nativity led by Mandy Edwards
Sunday 23 rd	10 am	4 th Sunday in Advent All Age Café Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
	6 pm	Carols by Candlelight Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Monday 24 th	11:30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Tuesday 25 th	10:00 am	All Age Service: Christmas Day Celebration
Sunday 30 th	10.00 am	Morning Service led by Phil Slaney





January

Sunday 6th	10.00 am	Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Thursday 10th	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Morning Covenant Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 20th	10.00 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
	11.30 am	Church Members Meeting
Sunday 27th	10.00 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

February

Sunday 3rd	10.00 am	Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 10th	10.00 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

Note that details are subject to change.

All services and events take place at the Church unless noted.

Refreshments are served after the Morning Service every Sunday.