

# GRAPEVINE

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(Anglican/Free Church)

## **REFRESHMENT IN THE WILDERNESS**

And so, here we are in February!

We daren't think about coming back together yet for big services, courses or events. We are making use of technology where we are able. In many ways for many people, 2020 and so far into 2021, it has seemed like a wilderness. In this wilderness there have been refreshing reservoirs of strengthened contacts made by phone or technology or doorstep support. There have been precious new flowers growing of services which have been reaching many more people, as they are able to access worship in ways they couldn't before. People have kept a spiritual rhythm of prayer and worship, even though there's no one else physically there to see them. I believe that when there is a period of drought, the roots of trees grow deeper and wider in search of water, and this will keep the tree stronger in any storms to come. I pray this will be true of us during this challenging year.

Soon we will be entering the season of Lent, the time remembering Jesus fasting and praying in the wilderness. You still have time to decide if there is anything you will give up or take on during Lent, because Ash Wednesday is on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February. One devotion 'The Church behind the Chippy' (*Grovehill*) is starting during Lent is Morning Prayer by

Zoom at 9am on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Whichever church you are from, please email me on [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) if you would like an invite to join us for 30 minutes of simple prayer and Bible reading. We already have Zoom night prayer (aka Zoompline) Monday to Friday 9.30pm. This is a wonderful way to say goodnight to the day, to others and to God, especially if you live alone or are the only person who prays in your family. You are very welcome - email me for an invite.

I pray that during this time of social drought, we will find spiritual abundance, as our roots of faith grow deep and wide.

*Austin*



## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

### BELMONT ROAD

#### **Maurice Harding 18-3-1933 to 16-1-2021**

*It is with great sadness that we write of the death of our dear friend and Church member, Maurice. We include various tributes from some of his many Church friends.*

*The only thing I would like to add to their memories of him were the many conversations we shared about football. Maurice took a keen interest, even in my team, Watford FC. Typical of Maurice, he always found something positive to say, whether about a heavy defeat whilst we were struggling in the Premier League or our relegation at the end of last season.*

*He will be greatly missed, but it is comforting to know he is now with our Lord renewed, restored and at peace.*

*Michele Gill*

Our memories of Maurice go back 20 years, we played bowls with him and his wife, Margaret. When Margaret died Maurice started to come to Lunch Club then later, much to our delight came into membership at Belmont Road. Maurice loved his singing and found much enjoyment in worshipping his Lord.

He will be sadly missed among the fellowship and close friends in the Church.

*Carole and John Williams*

We remember Maurice, who joined the lunch club in 2008 with great affection a cheerful friend, who though suffering many health problems in recent years still managed to attend Lunch Club, until the outbreak of Covid. He enjoyed many holidays with us and on one occasion managed to get himself and a bevy of lovely ladies stuck in a lift at a brewery. Needless to say, Maurice took it all in his stride. Though the ladies were rather relieved when an engineer managed to release them. Maurice loved to entertain; his favourite sketch was Brown Boots, with Martin.

Gardening was Maurice's passion he would invite us every summer for afternoon tea in his beautiful garden and was never happier than visiting gardens or nurseries, where he always managed to buy plants. Every year he would do beautiful hanging baskets for people's birthdays.

Maurice enjoyed his food. After church on Sunday some of us would go out for lunch, his favourite place being The Plough at Leverstock Green, where they were very helpful finding us tables suitable for his chair.

Though rarely complaining Maurice suffered greatly through Covid lock down, being unable to do his garden or go out with his friends. We will all miss him greatly, especially when we can return to Lunch Club, but our loss is his gain because we can now rejoice that he suffers no more and is at peace with our Lord God. Bless Maurice.

*Sandra Shipton*

I have had the privilege of knowing this quiet friend for many years. I got to know him first when he started to come to the house group at Den Pierce's which he attended regularly until he was no longer able to do so, due to it being the same day as his dialysis.

He was a keen indoor bowls player and encouraged me to keep it up even when he could no longer manage it himself. He joined the lunch club and was keen to join in any activity on offer. He would go on all the outings and was especially pleased when we went to crazy golf and ten pin

bowling, which he often won. He was very generous in giving to charities, as well as always offering to pay for rides in the car.

He became very disabled in later years, but I really admired his determination to overcome every obstacle that presented itself. He only had a wheelchair with four small wheels, but this did not deter him from getting into his conservatory, using his one usable leg to look at his garden or the birds. He also asked on many occasions to be left in his front garden, so that he could weed or water it himself. It was his determination that I admired so much. He could no longer transfer himself and the effort of pulling himself up on his rollator was immense, but this never deterred him from joining in everything going.

One of his delights was attending church on a Sunday morning, which was very important to him. He openly expressed his faith in his Lord and became a member of Belmont Rd. He said one of his favourite songs was "If I were a butterfly". He also said how much he enjoyed hearing the hand bells played by the children. After church he much enjoyed going with a group of us to a restaurant. We will miss him asking for his favourite meal "sea bass but without the rice".

He greatly missed not being able to carry on with the activities he enjoyed during the pandemic. He often said how he longed to get back to church and lunch club. To pass away the time, he took up jigsaws, despite finding it very difficult to hold the pieces.

It has been a pleasure having Maurice as a friend for so long and I shall miss him very much.

*Peter Balding*

## **Prayer Garden**

*(see page 8)*

<b>CAREY</b>
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### **Sunday worship**

After returning to the church for the first two Sundays in December, we reverted to holding services on zoom only, because of the increase in the virus rate, and are continuing with this arrangement (**at 10.30am**) for the time being. Colin and Obed are taking it in turns to host this. Those who cannot zoom can still ask for a phone call from someone on zoom, so they can listen in to the service. You can also listen to recordings of Sunday

worship on our website, usually available by Sunday evening. Please get in touch with Colin if you are interested in receiving a CD or a paper copy of just the talk. There is a separate zoom meeting for the **Youth Church group at 11.30am**. (Please email David Blunden for the link to this - [david.blunden@ntlworld.com](mailto:david.blunden@ntlworld.com) )

### ***Prayer meetings on zoom***

These are taking place on **Wednesdays at 8.00pm** and **Thursdays at 2.00pm**. Please contact Obed for an invitation to Wednesday night and Colin for an invitation to Thursday afternoon. If you cannot join via zoom, you can still join via telephone.

### ***Church open for private prayer again***

Carey is now open for private prayer on Wednesdays from **1.00-2.00pm**. Please contact Colin if you are able to help with welcoming on a rota basis.

### ***Baby and Toddler Group***

The Baby and Toddler Group is taking place on Zoom at the moment. Please use the Facebook page to contact Olivia - <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup> to ask for an invitation and link.

### ***New zoom coffee mornings***

These weekly get-togethers have now started on **Tuesdays from 10.00-11.30am**, with Colin hosting. You can join any time after 10.00am. The plan is to begin with a short 'thought for the day' and prayer - please let Colin know if you can volunteer to open the meeting once a month.

### ***Monday Morning Bible Study Group***

We plan to start this group again on zoom on **8<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30am** for a series of 5 or 6 weeks, using the new York Courses Lent Course entitled 'Caring for Creation'. Please let Gill or Hilary know if you would like an invitation to join this group.

### ***Mission Partners***

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners, Phil and Louise and Peter and Louise and the country of Bangladesh. Peter and Louise arrived safely back in Dhaka in early January and had to quarantine for two weeks in a designated hotel. They have asked us to pass on their thanks to everyone who has been praying for them and their flight arrangements - 'in the midst of saying our goodbyes and getting organised, it has been so good to know that others were praying for us.'

## GROVEHILL

For all Zoom events, please send an email to: [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to receive an invite.

- **Sundays 11am** - Communion Service in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page. (Services can also be found on the 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection' YouTube Channel.)
- **Sundays 12 noon** - Zoom Coffee
- **Mondays 9am to 12noon** - Church open for private prayer
- **Wednesdays 12 noon** - Ladies Bible Study Zoom
- **Wednesdays 7pm** - Prayer and Meditation in church
- **Mondays to Fridays 9.30pm** - Night Prayer by Zoom

### ***Causeway Church***

Sunday 7th February 3.30pm - Causeway Church on Skype (email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite). If you know of any young people (16+) or adults with additional needs who might be interested, please let them and their helpers know about this – they will be very welcome.

### ***Messy Church***

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 1.30pm - MESSY CHURCH TAKE AWAY ON ZOOM (email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite and a Craft Pack)

### ***Morning Prayer on Zoom during Lent***

**Starting 16th February 9.00am** - Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays during Lent (email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) for an invite)

### ***Date for your Diary***

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> March 9am to 9pm** - BIBLE READING SPONSORED ZOOMATHON! Revd Austin and others will be reading from the New Testament (a variety of versions), to be blessed by The Good News and to raise money for the ongoing ministry of the Church in Grovehill and Woodhall Farm. Email [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to volunteer a time to read, to sponsor, and for an invite)

### ***Easy Fundraising***

Shopping on-line this year? Raise money for the church at the same time at NO COST to you. See new website for more details.

# CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS

## ***Prayer Calendar for February***

- Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Pray Hemel – Christians from many churches, meeting together on the first Saturday of each month, to worship and pray for many aspects of life in our town
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> For all Christians as they prepare for the period of Lent
- Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> St Mary's Apsley (Anglican)
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> Carey Baptist Church

## ***CTHH Forum***

The next Forum, the second in the series on 'Inclusive and accessible church', will be held on zoom at 7.00pm for **7.30pm on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February**. Please contact Pastor Joel Nanganuri for an invitation  
**Email:** [joel@nlpc.org.uk](mailto:joel@nlpc.org.uk) **Mobile:** 07585 548681 All are welcome.

## ***World Day of Prayer 2021***

### **PRAYING WITH VANUATU FRIDAY 5 MARCH**

#### **'Build on a firm foundation'**

**Join us** for a pre-recorded service from St John's Church Boxmoor. Links available on the day from:  
<https://stjohnsboxmoor.org.uk/suspended-services-resources>  
and <https://hemelchurches.org.uk>

**Service booklets** and large print versions available from the Branch Secretary: 07803 986716. More downloadable resources from [wwdp.org.uk](http://wwdp.org.uk).

**Prepare: Find** a stone to hold during the service.

**Read** and reflect on Matthew 7:24-27. **Learn** more about Vanuatu at <https://www.wwdp.org.uk/2021/01/13/introducing-vanuatu/>

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. It is celebrated in over 170 countries.

## PRAYER GARDEN – ‘OUR FAVOURITE THINGS’

Did you watch *Sound of Music* over Christmas? Surely it is compulsory watching. One of the iconic songs, ‘My favourite things’, is sung by Maria during a storm to help the children feel less scared. She wants to take their mind off the thunder and lightning and focus on things that make them happy. Once again we are in the midst of the storm. Although we have the hope of the vaccine right now we have a need to refocus on God’s presence with us in the present. This put me in mind of a number of bible passages about focusing on God in the midst of trouble, Hebrews 12 tells us to ‘Run the race set before us... fixing our eyes on Jesus’; Colossians 3 exalts us to ‘Set our minds on things above, not on earthly things’; Psalm 56 ‘In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid’. To quote only a few!

So, as I was considering how to update the Prayer Garden after Christmas I have gathered a number of bible passages from the fellowship at Belmont Rd. In a hope that ‘Our favourite’ words from God would help and sustain us. Between us we have gathered over 30 verses that have a special meaning to us. And I know that many of you struggled to give me only a couple of choices! I have brought them together in a collage to go into the window display. Come and visit the prayer garden and read the verses that others have chosen. Together we can fix our eyes on God drawing strength from the promises of his Word.

Psalm 56:11 – ‘In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid.’

*Hazel Barton*



## DENS NEWS

### ***New CrashPods***

We are delighted to announce the addition of new CrashPod emergency sleeping facilities at The Elms hostel, working in partnership with and funded by Dacorum Borough Council. Due to the coronavirus pandemic, our hostel accommodation capacity has been drastically reduced in order to comply with social distancing measures. This is particularly the case for our Crash Pad facility – which offers emergency overnight shelter when we cannot accommodate people immediately at The Elms.

The new CrashPods, located in the front car park of the hostel, provide self-contained accommodation for a further two people, to help ensure those who would otherwise be facing a dangerous night out in the freezing cold will instead have a warm bed and hot meal for the night. Further amenities inside the pods include a bathroom with a shower, heating, electricity, a kettle and a television.

Intended only as a temporary solution, we will then work with service users to help them find longer-term accommodation, teach basic life and employment skills, and address the root causes of their homelessness. (from DENS website: [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk) )

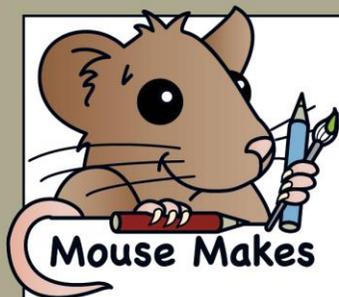
### ***Hillbuster 2021***

**Sunday, 18th April 2021 8:00 am starting from Gadebridge Park)**

WHAT BETTER WAY TO KICK START YOUR NEW YEAR AND GET YOUR ADRENALINE PUMPING BY JUMPING BACK IN THE SADDLE AND TAKING ON OUR DENS CYCLING CHALLENGE.

Run in association with British Cycling, our choice of either 60k or 100k challenges takes you over rolling Chiltern Hills, putting your strength power to the test to take on the Whiteleaf Hill climb. Finally, speed across the finish line knowing that you have made a big difference to those who are facing homelessness, poverty and social exclusion.

**Register at [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk)**



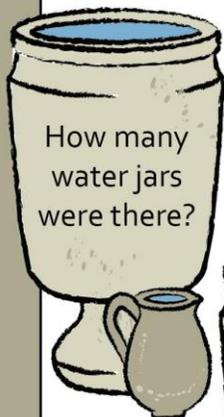
Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding.

The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

READ *John 2:1-11* to find out what happened.



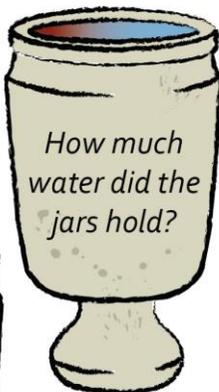
Where was the wedding?



How many water jars were there?



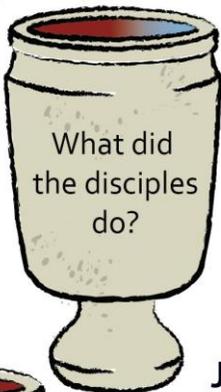
What were the water jars made of?



How much water did the jars hold?



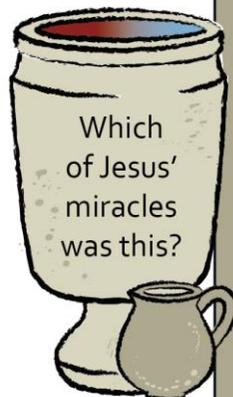
What were the water jars for?



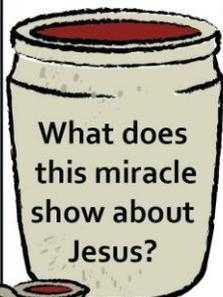
What did the disciples do?

What did the steward tell the bridegroom?

What had happened to the water when it was taken out?



Which of Jesus' miracles was this?



What does this miracle show about Jesus?

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> FEB: SHROVE TUESDAY, PANCAKE DAY

Ever wonder why we eat pancakes just before Lent? The tradition dates back to Anglo-Saxon times, when Christians spent Lent in repentance and severe fasting.

So on the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, the church bell would summon them to confession, where they would be 'shriven', or absolved from their sins, which gives us *Shrove* Tuesday. At home, they would then eat up their last eggs and fat, and making a pancake was the easiest way to do this. For the next 47 days, they pretty well starved themselves.

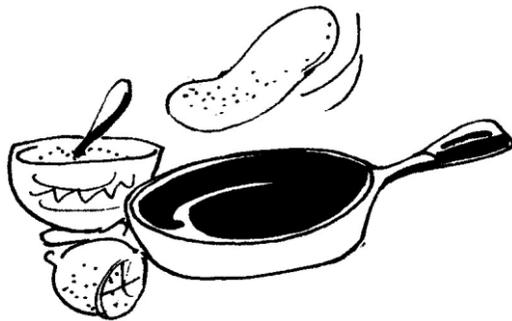
Pancakes feature in cookery books as far back as 1439, and today's pancake races are in remembrance of a panicked woman back in 1445 in Olney, Buckinghamshire. She was making pancakes when she heard the shroving bell calling her to confession. Afraid she'd be late, she ran to the church in a panic, still in her apron, and still holding the pan.

Flipping pancakes is also centuries old. A poem from Pasquil's Palin in 1619 runs: "And every man and maide doe take their turne, And tosse their Pancakes up for feare they burne."

Some people have noted that the ingredients of pancakes can be used to highlight four significant things about this time of year: eggs stand for creation, flour is the staff of life, while salt keeps things wholesome, and milk stands for purity.

Shrove Tuesday is always 47 days before Easter Sunday and falls between 3<sup>rd</sup> February and 9<sup>th</sup> March.

*Parish Pump*



## HOW GREEN IS OUR VALLEY?

Thanks to everyone who was able to take part in Carey's Lifestyle Survey concerning the Christian response to environmental issues. This was good for a number of reasons:

- 18 surveys were received, which was a good response.
- It has provided Carey with a positive starting point and also a benchmark for measuring future progress.
- Our church is now even closer to receiving a bronze EcoChurch award.
- The full comments people made on the back page of the survey showed that many people, as we thought, were already wrestling with these issues and taking action in the face of our environmental crises.

Highlighting some of the results:

- No-one has yet conducted a personal CO2 audit
- 5/18 people said they regularly buy Fairtrade
- 7/18 currently have a domestic renewable energy supplier
- 2/18 said they took part in community activities with an environmental agenda
- 17/18 adhered said they adhered to the principles of 'reduce, re-use, recycle'

Given the positive response to the re-cycling question, the deacons decided that the January Church meeting should discuss the issue of recycling at Carey. Green team member, Jon Tripp, had started to research other possible arrangements for Carey's waste which would mean more recycling and probably less cost. In light of this, the Church Meeting decided that once we had further information about our current waste contract and about a potential alternative contract, we would discuss this more fully at our March Church Meeting. Watch this space... Anyone wishing to make their views known should either attend the March Church Meeting, either via zoom, phone or by contacting a deacon or someone on the Green Team (Bhagya Leeniyagoda, Andrew & Dawn Suzmeyan, Jon Tripp, Shirley Sebuliba, Colin & Christine Cartwright). Thank you.

Finally, now is the time to take action over **Dacorum Borough Council's Local Plan, 2021-2038**: The comments deadline for this consultation has now been moved back to the end of February, due to the very low level of responses they had received by mid-January. Any local resident wishing to take part in the consultation should go to DBC website and search for the page on the Local Plan. Comments can be submitted online or via the post to: Strategic Planning, Dacorum Borough Council, The Forum,

Marlowes. Many will question the need for so much new housing in the area. However, if this development is to go ahead, as seems likely, people might want to ask about ensuring that any development is consistent with the original vision for Hemel as a garden community with plentiful green spaces. It seems that the plans for the 'North Hemel' development in particular, do not ensure sufficient levels of provision of green space, including for 'wildlife corridors' between the green spaces, both for the sake of wildlife, but also to help residents' mental health.

*Colin Cartwright, member of Carey's Green Team*

## GREETINGS FROM FORMER MINISTER

The Editor sent a copy of the October 2020 issue of 'Grapevine', which marked the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Carey in 1980, to **Ken and Rosemary Dafforn**, now living in Ottery St Mary. Ken was the minister at Marlowes from 1973 and then a member of the Team Ministry until 1981. He wrote in reply: 'We were so loved and nurtured as a family during our time at HH and give thanks for all who shared time with us.....We often say "Remember us to all who want to remember us."' (! Ed.)

## BAPTISTS TOGETHER MAGAZINE

The Spring issue of the magazine 'Baptists Together' is now available online at [www.baptist.org.uk](http://www.baptist.org.uk) . A few copies have been sent to each church, but you can also order individual copies from the BUGB online shop @ £3.00 each for one issue or £8.00 for a subscription for the year (3 issues). The theme of the current issue is: 'Our Identity: Listening to conversations' and it includes articles on Baptist history, Church Meetings, church life around the country during the pandemic, justice issues, listening to children etc. It is well worth a read.

"As ever, we hope there is much here to reflect on and inform as we listen to the different voices among us." (*Editorial Group*)

# FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

22<sup>nd</sup> February – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2021

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

In 2021, Fairtrade Fortnight will feel very different. 2020 has been a hard year and we know that physically campaigning and meeting people will continue to be challenging as we head into the new year but we have also heard from so many of you that you want to continue to support Fairtrade through this time.

## CHOOSE THE WORLD YOU WANT THIS FAIRTRADE FORTNIGHT

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement and you have the power to drive long term change not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message. We just have to do this a little differently in 2021!

In Fairtrade Fortnight 2021, we will highlight the growing challenges that climate change brings to farmers and workers in the communities Fairtrade works with. The facts are straightforward. Farmers and workers in the global south, who have done the least to contribute to climate change, are disproportionately affected. They have told us that:

- Climate change is one of their biggest challenges right now.
- Low prices for their crops mean that they are struggling to fight back.
- With more money through Fairtrade they feel more equipped to meet their everyday needs and deal with the challenges posed by climate change.

The climate crisis is an immediate and ever-increasing threat and those in climate vulnerable countries are already seeing its impacts from droughts and crop disease to floods, heatwaves and shrinking harvests.

## FAIRTRADE, CLIMATE AND YOU

With the emergence of the global COVID pandemic, the challenges that farmers face now are bigger than ever before with falling commodity prices and widespread shocks reverberating along our global supply chains. Ongoing poverty in farming communities makes it increasingly hard to cope with the effects of climate change.

We need your help to put farmer voices at the heart of tackling the climate crisis and share the reality of their struggles. Our global trading system is balanced in favour of the powerful few. Trapped in this system, farmers already struggle to meet their immediate needs. More than ever, they need a fair price for their crops and their hard work.

Fairtrade works to raise the voices of producers and prioritise what they need to respond to the environmental crises unfolding in already vulnerable communities. This Fortnight, we are asking you to 'Choose the World You Want' and use your voice to tell others about the challenges that farmers face from climate change.

We will be hosting an online festival bringing together schools, universities, businesses, supporters, campaigners and farmers from across the world to choose the world they want.

### HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?

- Join our online festival with your friends and family. Sign up today and we'll send you all the latest as more exciting events are confirmed. You can expect to find fascinating and fun events featuring all parts of our global Fairtrade community, including Fairtrade farmers and workers, other climate campaigners and of course the amazing grassroots network.
- Use our social media resources to spread the word online and add more voices to the fight.
- Are you a young person between the ages of 5-25? Get involved in the 'Choose the World You Want' youth exhibition in Fairtrade Fortnight 2021.
- Read the stories of farmers affected by climate change.
- You can sign the Climate Coalition's Climate Declaration and tell your local MP or Council about your commitment to putting the voices of producers at the heart of the climate crisis fight.

Find out more about why choosing Fairtrade means choosing to fight climate change on our [Climate Justice campaign page](#).

(From Fairtrade Foundation website [www.fairtrade.org.uk](http://www.fairtrade.org.uk))

## THIS MONTH 100 YEARS AGO

*We continue our series about church life at Marlowes Baptist Church in the 1920's with a look at January and February 1921. The minister, Rev. T. Percy George, wrote in his letter in the January 1921 issue of the Baptist Home Messenger:*

'My first word must be one of the greeting and good wishes, standing as we are upon the threshold of another New Year. I trust it may be a year of rich spiritual blessing every member of the Church and Congregation. I am not unmindful of the fact that it takes something more than a wish to make the New Year a happy one; yet the secret of truest happiness is within the reach of all. Real happiness does not depend so much on the kind of things we shall meet in the year, as the spirit in which we meet them, and the light in which we look at them..... So let us face each new day with the brave heart, a cheerful face, and a strong faith, and we need not fear the future. Each day will bring its light and inspiration, its opportunity to advance, its chance of being and doing good. If we live every day in the right spirit, our joy will be sanctified, and we shall face each succeeding sorrow with a new hope and the year will end in triumph and blessing.'

### ***Leverstock Green***

'On 11th January the members of the Bible Class held their winter social. Although the weather was very windy and unpleasant practically all members were present. A very enjoyable time was spent by all; games, singing and music, with refreshments intervening, occupied the time which went all too quickly. We are hoping that during the coming year we may have many more who will gather with us for an hour's Bible study on Sunday afternoons. L.A.W.'

### ***Christian Endeavour***

'On Tuesday, February 1st, we had the pleasure of having with us our friend Rev. W.F. Bridge, of Rickmansworth to address the Endeavour on the subject of "Familiar Hymns and their Story". Mr Bridge selected some very familiar hymns, which were well known to all and he explained to us the life story of the hymn writers, and how some of the hymns were originated and the circumstances under which they were composed. Every endeavourer who heard the splendid address was inspired and will in the future remember when they sing some of the hymns, and will think

more of their value and a great meaning which they hold, and the conditions under which they were composed.....’

**Personal**

‘We congratulate our friend Mr Hubert Parris on being awarded the Diploma of the French Red Cross for special service in France in connection with the Friends’ War Victims Relief Committee.

**Induction of new vicar at St. Mary’s (Excerpt from minister’s February letter)**

‘The service held in the Parish Church to welcome new Vicar was most impressive. It certainly is not without great significance that the Free Church Ministers were officially invited to be present, and were given a place among the Clergy in the service. It is a move in the right direction, it is a manifestation of the Spirit of Christ, and while we shall never all think alike, there are great questions wear a united witness is essential. The sermon by the Bishop was a vigorous, manly and forceful utterance, a message not only for his own people, but for all of us. I had already sent a letter of welcome to the Rev. A.F. Robson on behalf of Marlowes, and the invitation to have his Nonconformist brethren present at his induction, I trust, means we shall be able to cooperate in the larger interests of the Kingdom.’

<b>BOOK REVIEW</b>
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**Holy Habits: following Jesus - Seven weeks of material for Lent**

**By Andrew Roberts, BRF, £6.99**

A welcome new addition to BRF’s growing collection of Holy Habits resources, *Holy Habits: Following Jesus* provides seven weeks of material for Lent. Although written before the outbreak of the Covid-19 pandemic, many of the applications, questions and take-home ideas are highly relevant to the pastoral needs, challenges and opportunities created by it.

In his introduction Andrew Roberts writes: ‘No one can know with any certainty the range and scope of challenges that will be present when you use this material, but I believe that whatever they are, the life and example of Jesus and the way He responded to the challenges he faced will always be of utmost value in shaping our lives as we seek to follow in his footsteps.’

*Parish Pump*

## GRAPEVINE

Items for the March issue should be with Hilary Donovan (258268 / [hilary.donovan@hotmail.com](mailto:hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) ) or Paula Moore (Belmont Road) by **Sunday 2<sup>1st</sup> February**. Thank you *Editor*

## QUOTE

Life is too short for us to do everything we want to do; but it is long enough for us to do everything God wants us to do. – *Anon*

## FEBRUARY DIARY

### BELMONT ROAD

*(Services on Zoom)*

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by David Burden, Herts. Fellowship of Preachers
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Carolyn Kirk, Herts. Fellowship of Preachers
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by our Moderator, Tim Keightley
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Garry Walton from Gold Hill Baptist Church

### CAREY

*(Services on Zoom and audio recording on website)*

Sundays 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Colin Cartwright
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Bible Study series starts (page 5)
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Worship with Communion, led by Chamindra Leeniyagoda

### GROVEHILL

*(Services live-streamed, on Facebook and on YouTube)*

Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30pm	Causeway Church on Skype (page
Sundays 14 <sup>th</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	6.00pm	Hard COR Youth Group on Zoom

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	1.30pm	Messy Church Takeaway on Zoom (page 6)
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> and all Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays in Lent	9.00am	Morning Prayer on Zoom (page 6)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	7.00pm	Ash Wednesday Communion - in Church and on Facebook

### **OTHER EVENTS**

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	7.00 for 7.30pm	Churches Together Forum (page 7)
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> March		Fairtrade Fortnight (pages 14-15)

## **ADVANCE DATES FOR MARCH**

### **CAREY**

Sundays 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 21 <sup>st</sup> , 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Colin Cartwright
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church AGM Part II and Ordinary Church Meeting

### **GROVEHILL**

Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9am - 9pm	Sponsored Bible Zoomathon (page 6)
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	3.30am 6.00pm	Causeway Church on Skype Hard COR Youth on Zoom

### **OTHER EVENTS**

Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>		World Day of Prayer – Pre-recorded service from St John's, Boxmoor (page 7)
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# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES

## SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 5-6 & 18-19 for current variations to this pattern)

### BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

[www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk](http://www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk)

#### ***Morning Worship - 10.30am***

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

#### ***Evening – 7.00pm***

BB&GA Seniors most weeks in term-time

### CAREY

(Marlowes)

[www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk](http://www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk)

#### ***Morning Worship - 10.30am*** – Junior Church and crèche

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

### GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

[www.grovehillchurch.org.uk](http://www.grovehillchurch.org.uk)

#### ***Morning Worship - 11.00am*** - with Junior Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month: All Age Worship

## MINISTERS

**BELMONT ROAD** *Vacancy*

**CAREY** Rev Colin Cartwright

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**GROVEHILL** Rev Austin Janes

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