

Barnet Brookside Methodist Church

The Messenger

December 2014 - February 2015

Operation Christmas Child



In the Junior Church we have just completed our annual 'ritual' of filling shoeboxes to be delivered to needy children in various countries, through the Samaritans Purse charity.

Once again the response from Church members has been incredibly generous, both in terms of money and gifts. We took 44 boxes to the drop-off point – our appeal for more boxes was

definitely answered!

Our thanks are due to everyone who contributed, especially those who took the time to make items like bags, purses, hair bands, pencil cases and hand puppets.

This year we also directly involved the children in the making process: they made some pretty bracelets and necklaces as well as decorated pencil 'toppers' (we have never seen so many children concentrating and working so quietly!).

Thankyou again to the band of helpers who did such an efficient job in sorting and filling the boxes, not an easy task given the wide age range required – from two to fourteen years in all. Vivienne came up trumps again, covering the boxes throughout the year: please start acquiring boxes – with separate lids – for 2015, as soon as possible, to spread the load.

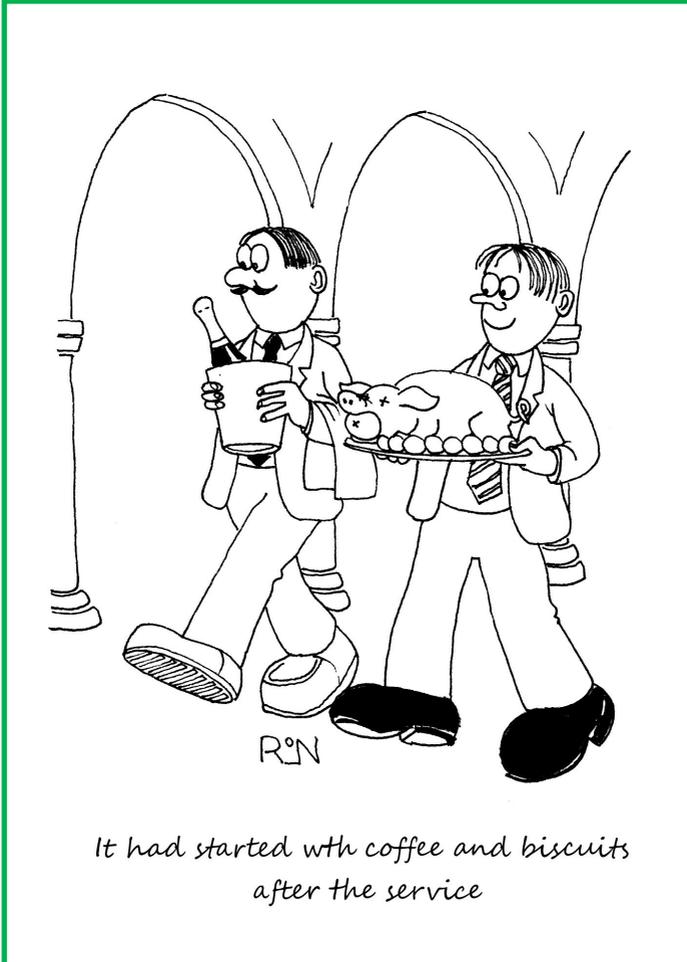
Although numbers for individual countries were not available at the time of writing, in 2013 Samaritan's Purse delivered 9,985,200 boxes globally. Of these, 918,000 were from the UK, where 4,983 churches and 5,047 schools took part. Some boxes went to specific areas of need – 70,000 to Syrian refugee children and 65,000 to children affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines. Three new countries were added to the UK list – Albania, Rwanda and Zambia.

On behalf of all the children concerned,

THANKYOU

Margaret Thompson





*It had started with coffee and biscuits
after the service*

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Sometimes when someone invites me to go to a special event I say, "I can't wait". Sometimes I count off the days to something special because I'm looking forward to it so much. Thankfully we can't really wish away time!

One of the themes of Advent is 'waiting' – not just waiting for Christmas though children and some adults may wish that time would fly! Advent is about waiting for Jesus. Waiting for Jesus to come again. Waiting for the end times. Waiting for judgment. In the lead up to Christmas we are often so busy that we don't have time to simply wait.

The first Christians waited for Jesus to return, but he didn't in the way they expected. And still we wait. Recent Bible readings on Sundays have told us that we are to be ready. We are to be ready for the expected, which has long been predicted, but which will be something of a surprise. Imagine if we are that generation!

Jesus first came into this world in Bethlehem to reveal God to his world. To demonstrate God's wonderful love. He suffered and died for us, and in that suffering and dying he overcame all things for us and rose from the dead. Christians believe that one day he will return to put everything right – to wipe away all the tears. So we wait but in waiting we offer his love in the now and try to faithfully follow him in this world.

I take this opportunity of wishing you a very happy Christmas.

With very best wishes,

Colin



The Wyburns of Hadley Manor

The Church Council recently decided to give names to the rooms at Brookside formerly known as the 'Main Hall' and the 'Small Hall' or 'New Hall'. The last name has clearly become inappropriate. They decided to rename the 'Main Hall' as the Wyburn Hall and the 'New/Small Hall' as the Jackson Room. One hundred years ago in 1915 the Wyburn family gave the first church building for the Methodists in East Barnet, and William Jackson, local builder and sometime landlord of the Prince of Wales, gave the land. We will return to Mr Jackson in the next issue.

Part of the cost of our recent refurbishment of the halls has come from a bequest originally left by the Wyburn family. So one hundred years later we have cause to continue to thank them. But who were they? A few years ago a local historian, Mr Paul Baker, gave me some information about them but he did not know the source of their money. Recently, but while I was away, a relative of the Wyburns, Helen Carter who lives in Australia, visited Wesley Hall to view the Wyburn Room. She left some information and I have subsequently corresponded with her by email. We now know where their money came from!

The Wyburns came from Somerset. Robert Wyburn prospered as a cabinet maker and in about 1840 he bought the manor house in Woolavington and gave part of his garden for a Wesleyan chapel to be built. He was a local preacher. He and his wife Susanna had eight children who lived to adulthood. Two of the daughters Emily (1837-1913) and Rhoda (1841-1934) started a millinery business in the nearest town, Bridgwater. They must have been very good at selling hats because they moved to London and opened a shop at 246 Regent Street called after one of their nieces and frenchified as 'Mademoiselle Emelie'. They held a Royal Warrant but I haven't found out for whom yet? Queen Alexandra?

They were clearly very, very successful in selling hats to high society as in 1890 they bought Hadley Manor. Emily, who suffered from ill health, became Lady of the Manor of Monken Hadley. They also bought a house in Bournemouth where they spent their winters. They gave considerable amounts to Wesleyan Methodism.

Only a year after they moved to Hadley, Miss Emily was laying the foundation stone of the new Wesleyan Chapel in the High Street. They must have been very generous to the building fund. They bought a manse for the High Barnet minister (one of whom married a Wyburn niece), they gave a property to the High Barnet Church and the first church building in East Barnet. They gave a donation so that Hadley Green could be purchased for the community and a road (and a room at Wesley Hall) were named after them. They gave a house during the First World War for Belgian refugees to use. Miss Emily died in 1913 and Miss Rhoda in 1934. The Manor was demolished following a fire shortly afterwards. When Miss Rhoda died the local paper described her as "Lady Bountiful of Barnet".

The Wyburns were staunch advocates of total abstinence from alcohol. In 1913 Miss Rhoda bought the White Lion in their home village in Somerset and allowed the licence to lapse. This probably did not make her popular.

The property given to the Methodist Church in the High Street was later sold and the money invested. The interest has been used for general church purposes over recent years but last year we took the decision to use some of the capital to help renew the church halls in East Barnet. More than a hundred years after the death of Miss Emily and eighty years after the death of Miss Rhoda, the Wyburns are therefore still supporting Methodist work in Barnet. So we have renamed the main hall, the Wyburn Hall in remembrance of them.

Colin Smith

Father Mark Connolly @ Wesley Guild

'We like to make links with other faiths and traditions' said Colin introducing guest speaker Father Mark Connolly. Mark of Mary Immaculate and St Peter Church of Somerset Road is the parish priest of New and East Barnet.

In his younger days becoming a missionary priest 'niggled away' at him. Eventually he entered 'The Priesthood of The Holy Spirit' founded in the C18th., now with a membership of nearly three thousand working with indigenous people worldwide often where the church has difficulty in finding ministers.

In the late sixties he arrived at the quayside at Lagos which he described as 'seething with noise'. Having hired a car taking him to the middle area of Nigeria he wondered 'What kind of Christ am I bringing to this country?... it was very hard for the people to understand ecumenism'. His 'very tough first year' was helped somewhat by meeting and working alongside a young Methodist couple and their child, dedicated to bringing a schools system to the area. Thirteen Catholic and thirteen Methodist schools were established.

Though returning home at intervals Mark was called to many distant climes even being asked to re-open one parish in Australia working with schools and community projects.

Mark described the aboriginal people as 'hunter gatherers who took from the land who had a deep, deep alignment with God, you only get a sense of it when you speak to them'. Mark saw the old way of viewing missionaries as bringing Christianity to native peoples and converting them in a slightly different light - 'for Christ is already there, what we try and do is show people where Christ is in their community'.

Colin led thanks and applause for what all agreed had been a very interesting evening.

Edward Eldred

Christmas Services

14th December 16:00

Carol Service

Led by Revd Colin Smith

Christmas Eve - 11:15pm

Midnight Communion

Service

With East Barnet Baptist Church

Led by

Revd Colin Smith

& Revd Rupert Lazar

Christmas Day - 10:45am

All Age Christmas Service

Led by Revd Colin Smith

All Services at Brookside



Ministerial Changes

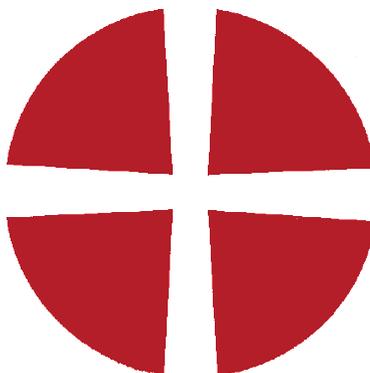
Methodist ministers – presbyters and deacons – are appointed to their ‘jobs’ by the Methodist Conference which meets each year at the end of June. They all then move in early August and take up their new appointments on 1st September. This all takes a lot of planning, especially as there are more appointments than ministers.

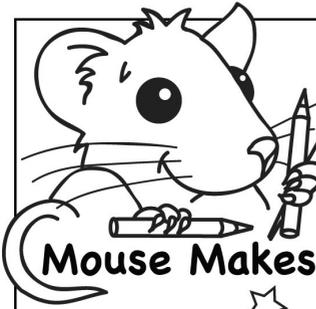
When I accepted a further reinvitation to the Barnet & Queensbury circuit three years ago, I made it known that I would not seek another extension. In 2015 I will have been in Barnet for 14 years – much longer than the average. Over the summer I prepared a profile about myself and the circuit stewards prepared one about the appointment in Barnet & Queensbury which includes Manor Drive and Brookside. I was asked to list my preferences for a new appointment based on the circuit profiles and the circuit stewards (three of whom are members at Brookside or Manor Drive) submitted a list of preferred ministers.

The district chairs and others from around the country met for three days to make the best matches they could and I received a phone call from the Revd Dr Stuart Jordan to say I had been matched with the Cambridge circuit. This had been my first choice! On Saturday, 15th November I visited the Cambridge circuit. I asked to visit as many of the churches as possible and visited ten. This was very tiring but wonderful. I then visited Wesley Church to meet people there over lunch and I visited the manse. By the time I appeared before the invitation committee I was a little tired, but they unanimously invited me to become their Superintendent from 2015 and minister of Wesley Church, in the city centre. I was pleased to accept so I will (God and the Methodist Conference willing) move to Cambridge in August.

On the same day as I went to Cambridge a minister visited the Barnet & Queensbury circuit, meeting the ministers, circuit stewards and representative church members. After much reflection it was decided not to invite this minister to the circuit. Most ministers have now been matched, but there is a chance of another match in December.

Colin Smith





Presents at Christmas under the tree,
A red Christmas stocking waiting for me.

*But what is Christmas? What is it about?
Just look in the Bible and you will find out!*

It's about JESUS, the best present of all,
JESUS, our SAVIOUR,
God's gift to us all !

**HAPPY
CHRISTMAS!**

**Make a stand up card
for Christmas**

Glue the picture
and the stand
onto card,
colour in
then cut 
out around
the edge.

Cut
along
the
slots
marked
A and B
on the
picture
and the
stand,
then
slot
together.



News from the Church Council

The Church Council met in early November, later than normal following as we awaited the return of the chairman from his sabbatical.

We discussed 3 main items - the redevelopment works of the halls; Gift Aid and renaming the halls (this item Colin has already mentioned in his article about the Wyburns).

As we reported in the last magazine, there was a significant delay in the works being undertaken, the hall, toilets and kitchens have now been completed, but we are still awaiting the delivery and installation of the new porch and windows which will hopefully be done in early December. The meeting approved a significant increase in the costs compared to the original budget, this was due to an increase in building supply costs, unexpected issues that couldn't be identified before the work started and additional works such as replacing the windows in the hall. This money will be taken from our various reserve funds. The meeting also thanked the few people who took part in the spring cleaning day. It also expressed a desire to do this on a more regular basis, and hopefully next time more people will help - there are many jobs that need doing and different jobs some more active but also many that do not need significant effort or mobility.

giftaid it

Gift Aid was the next subject, and the way that we can increase what we can claim through traditional Gift Aid and a new scheme from the government - Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme. (GASDS)

The new scheme allows us to gain up to £5000 of tax on small donations - this enable us to claim on the loose cash that is placed in the collection and in the money pot that is on the coffee bar after the service, along with any other 'small cash donations (must be under £20 and in cash).

Gift Aid - there is a really useful document issued by the Methodist Church that we discussed and it shows us how to get the most out of the Gift Aid Scheme, and we will implement many of the ideas over the year by doing some subtle changes on how we advertise events etc. One of the easiest ways that we can increase giving is by changing the way that items are paid for by the church rather than individuals paying directly for them. A good example for this is the flowers for the church. Currently individuals pay directly for the flowers, but from January the church will pay for the flowers out of its funds. Then if a member of the congregation wishes to then give a donation to the church in memory of a loved this donation can be gift aided as long as you pay income tax and the church can then an additional 25% of the value of the donation - this donation can either be paid in through your weekly envelope or directly to the treasurer. If you don't pay income tax then you can put the money directly as loose cash into the collection on a Sunday and the tax can them collected by the GASDS scheme mentioned earlier.

Any questions or queries on any of this please speak to me and I can hopefully provide the answers.

Graham Wheeler

Local Christmas Events

Christmas Fayre at Wesley Hall
Sunday 7th December - noon -
4pm. In aid of



FIN Festive Fayre
@ East Barnet Baptist Church
Saturday 13th December
4.00 - 8.00pm
Fun for the children
Father Christmas
Various Stalls, Refreshments
and lots more

Christmas Eve
15:45
Prayers for Peace
in Oak Hill Park



A CHRISTMAS TRUCE - 1914



ANGELS

We hear a lot about angels at Christmas. A lot of the carols we sing have angels in them – like 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing' and 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night'.

Angels are God's messengers and you can read about the good news they brought to the shepherds in Luke's Gospel, chapter 2, verses 8-20.

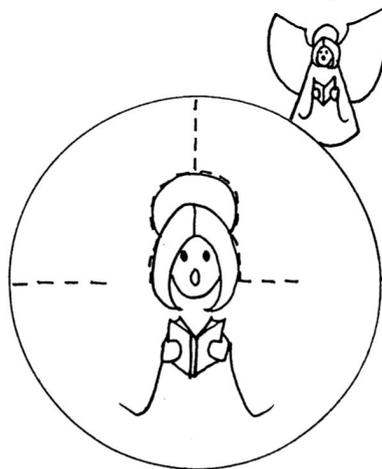
MAKE YOUR OWN CHRISTMAS ANGEL

You can make a whole host of angels, one for the top of the tree and a row of them, all different sizes, to go on a windowsill. To alter the size simply draw a bigger or smaller circle, you could use a dinner plate, you could use a small tin to draw round. You could even make a giant angel using a dustbin lid!

You will need:

Scissors, thick white paper or thin white card, some felt tip pens and something circular to draw round (use a small plate or saucer to start with).

- Draw a circle on the paper and cut it out. Mark the centre of the circle (lightly fold it into quarters to find the centre).
- Copy the face and features on to the circle and colour them in.
- Mark the dotted lines and cut around them and around the halo and hair as marked.
- Fold the angel into a cone by putting one wing over the other and slotting them together. A little piece of sellotape will hold it firmly.



How do angels greet each other?

They say,
Halo.



What do fish sing at Christmas?

Shark, the herald angels sing.

Chipping Barnet Foodbank

The Chipping Barnet Foodbank, established by 7 local churches including Barnet Brookside, is based at the Salvation Army Chapel in Albert Road, New Barnet. Tim Lennox has recently taken up the post of Captain at the Salvation Army and has agreed to continue to support the Foodbank on their premises in Albert Road. This is “building works permitting” as there is a lot of development going on around the Chapel at the moment. Building work on the corner of Victoria Road is already affecting the stability of the wall which runs along the alleyway leading to the Foodbank so this will be monitored closely.



The Foodbank helps to feed people in desperate need and supplies enough food for a few days in exchange for a voucher from an authorised voucher holder.

Provisions such as canned tomatoes, pasta and longlife milk are given out as well as toiletries (toilet rolls, toothpaste, shower gel etc).

The Foodbank opens twice a week on Saturdays (10 am – 12 noon) and Tuesdays (12 – 2 pm), staffed by volunteers. Volunteer duties include meeting and greeting clients, making tea and packing bags with food. Other volunteers help weigh, label and sort the donated food. There are now 128 volunteers on the list and the number of voucher holders has also increased (voucher holders include doctors, churches, carers' organisations and drug rehab centres). This is a very good thing as it means that there is more opportunity for the food vouchers to be getting out to the people who really need them.

The second AGM of the Chipping Barnet Foodbank was held at the end of September. We have a new Foodbank Coordinator as of July 2014 – Martine Whitaker – who took over from Sheila Gallagher who, along with a core team of volunteers, had done an amazing job of initiating and setting up the Foodbank. The Foodbank has now been open for almost two years and the statistics for this year compared to last make interesting reading:

Number of vouchers redeemed 708 - 89% increase on last year

1617 people fed in total - of these 992 were adults and 625 children up 78%

15518kg of food has been donated - 80% increase and 14741kg distributed up 118%

The website can be found here: <http://chippingbarnet.foodbank.org.uk/>

Helen O'Sullivan

Remembrance Sunday

Led by kilted pipers the British Legion contingent marched to East Barnet's War Memorial on Remembrance Sunday. Crowds in excess of five hundred gathered round our 1920's cross.



The War Memorial Service was led by the Revd's Colin Smith, James Mustard, Rupert Lazar and Rabbi Barry Lerer respectively representative of the Methodist, Anglican, Baptist and Jewish faiths. The Last Post was sounded followed by an unbroken silence and wreaths were laid.

Anticipating considerable numbers two services were held simultaneously, in the Methodist Church and one in the newly refurbished hall.

In his sermon the Revd. Sam Korn, assistant curate at East Barnet Parish Church, described the poppies at the Tower of London as hugely meaningful though oddly impersonal. Sam referred to the 'smaller picture' remembering each soldier as a unique human being who had showed up, showed courage and done something extraordinary. How important it was for us to gather at our own memorial. He touched on the stories of two brothers who had responded to their country's call; Robert Clarke and William Clarke born in Barnet in 1889 and 1891. The former was a bricklayers labourer and we heard how according to his medical record William, who had set his hand to gardening, was a weakling unlikely to become a fit soldier. (unknown to Sam the two brothers he mentioned were the uncles of Pauline Hayes from St Mary's (runs Monday Club) and her sister Betty who were both in the congregation).



Remembrance Sunday (cont'd)

The 'smaller picture' indeed of the two brothers together appears in a remarkable booklet prepared prior to the service entitled 'East Barnet 1914- 1918. The stories of the fifty five villagers who gave their lives'. In the (with hindsight) poignant snapshot, as if frozen in time, the siblings stare at us from happier days, one feigning shyness before the camera. O with such pride they would have donned the uniform of The Prince Consort's Own; riflemen in the service of His Majesty the King! Robert was killed in 1916, his younger brother in 1917.

Colin lead 'Prayers Together' beginning with - for all who suffer as a result of conflict and war; for the service men and women who have died in the violence of war, each one remembered by Godand concluded with - for all who bear the privilege of leadership, political, military, and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace.

The names of all from our parish who gave their lives in two world wars and in Northern Ireland and Afghanistan appeared on screen. Appropriately our final hymn was 'Thine be the glory risen conquering son, endless is the victory thou o'er death has won'.
Edward Eldred

And meanwhile in the Wyburn Hall

With increasing numbers attending our church service after the Community War Memorial service and the increase in Youth Participation this year we offered an Alternative reflective service. Using a selection of songs, readings, audio and visual we explored the meaning of Remembrance Sunday, Armistice Day, why we use the poppy and the impact of letters. The congregation were asked to write a short letter either to or from a soldier at the front- these are a selection of those written by all ages from 5 to 80 years.

Letters of WWI

During the First World War millions of letters were written.



Soldiers wanted to tell their families about the way the war was affecting them, yet they didn't want to worry them. Censorship ensured that they didn't give away military secrets and often they wished to protect their families from knowing how awful their lives were. They wanted to express their love for those at home, and to keep alive hope that they would soon return. Letters from Home kept the spirits high of those at the front.

Letters to the Front

An answer to a letter which might have been written by my mother to her first Suitor. Unfortunately he died of his wounds in France. We have the letter he wrote to her which she is answering.

Dear Frank

Thank you for the lovely letter you sent me. It made me feel so happy. I so enjoyed our time together when you came on leave and I have to say my feelings echoed yours. So let's look forward to meeting when you come home. I think of you and pray for you every day
Love Nellie

Dear Andy

This is to let you know that we are thinking about you and your comrades. We hope that you are safe and well and that you will soon be back with us. May God grant you courage and the knowledge that he is with you always.

Dear Stanley

I have a pet rabbit her name is popcorn you would love her
Your great granddaughter

Dear Jonathon

We are getting ready for Christmas and hope you will be able to get leave to come home this year. We are missing you
All the family

Dear George

I really didn't want you to go, even now. I know you had to, I really want to see you again and if you are reading this letter you know that I love you. Rest In Peace

Dear Dad

I am very concerned about you, I hope you haven't been hurt and that you are doing well. We miss you lots at home. I wish you were here. Please come home soon we are really sad here.

Dear Daddy

I hope that you are alright in the war and are ok and safe. We also hope we will see you soon

Dear Jonathon

Your new baby daughter Grace is doing well and we look forward to you coming home to meet her.

Remembrance Sunday (cont'd)

Dear Soldier

*Here in England things are very, very good. There is no war here in England. I hope you all are safe.

**Thank you for giving your time, you went to war for us in WW1 and WW2*

*I went to church today, tomorrow I am going to school. We came to remember the people who gave up their lives for us

**Thank you for fighting for our country and stopping bad guys from coming to kill us J*

*Don't give up, keep fight for Victory and give people peace

**Good luck, may faith be with you and if you die R.I.P.*

*Please may you rest in peace and hope you're in a better place. We thank you for what you have done

**Don't give up. I believe in you. Keep on trying. Here in England things are great. Have hope.*

*I went to church yesterday to give my respect for you and other people who will fight in the war tomorrow

**I wish there was an end to conflict*

*I give you the best of hope, I hope you all return home to England safely

**Please may you rest in peace and we hope you are in a better place. We thank you for all that you have done for us.*

*I hope all is well with you. Christmas is coming soon. Please come home – what would you like? Until then you can have turkey and all the trimmings to look forward to

**Thank you for sacrificing your lives for us. May we all be grateful for eternity.*

Letters from the Front

Dear Mum & Dad

I miss you all so much. Your son x x

Dear Dad

Is it Autumn already at home? I remember all the leaves falling from the trees and the beautiful colours – red, gold, yellow and brown. You swept them up and had a bonfire last year. Here all is grey and brown with mud everywhere and nothing grows. I long to be back to see the glorious colours of Autumn again and you and Mum, Vera and Pat.

Lots of love, your loving son, Peter xxx

Dear Derek

As you read, war is a state, I hope to come back. It's hard here, maybe now I've gone, I know Mums birthday's soon, wish her my Love
Your Son Alex

Dear Daughter

As you know Britain & Germany are having some troubles. I hope to see you, your mother and your little sister again and fingers crossed before Christmas
Your dear loving father

Dear Dad

I am very worried about you. I hope you are not hurt or ill. I really want to see you soon so you can share your experiences with me. The rest of the family are very concerned too. I miss you loads

Finally here are a few of the reflections on Remembrance Day itself



- It was humbling to share this day with my children and for them to gain understanding of the meaning of Remembrance Day
- I hope all the people in the wars will be okay and home safely. I wish that no more wars start
- Today I had breakfast with my family and felt an extra rush of love and gratitude as I remembered what we were to do later that morning. I am so lucky. The Grand gathered this morning at the memorial fill me with hope that we can strive for a peaceful world.

Shirley-Anne Wheeler



Guide County Adventure Weekend

On the weekend of the 19th to the 21st September the 2nd East Barnet Guides joined with 200 other guides from around the Middlesex East County for an adventure weekend at Tolmers Campsite. The weekend started off on the Friday evening with Bingo with all 200 guides jamming into a marquee this was followed by a late night soup before retiring for the night in tents for most except us fair weather campers who had the luxury of 'camping' inside the buildings with heating and hot running water.



From Saturday we were dividing up into

mixed unit groups with guides and senior section members taking part in many activities across the campsite - including rock climbing, go-karting, archery and of course smore making on campfires that we had to build ourselves - collecting the firewood from around the site (Smores are heated marshmallows on chocolate digestive biscuits).



For many the large campfire on the Saturday night was the highlight, with everyone singing songs and having a good time. This also included celebrating the end of the Big Brownie Birthday (100 years of brownies) where we were joined by hundreds of brownies including the 2nd East Barnet Brownies.



Over the weekend lots of fun memories were made and friendships formed and overall it was a great weekend for everybody involved even though we may have worn out our leaders.

Katherine Wheeler
and Jennifer Milne

Alternative Charity Christmas Card



In the last few years we have had a table at Brookside for the distribution of Christmas Cards - many of which end up still sitting on the table in the New Year.

This year as we did last year - as an alternative to sending individual cards - if you would like to send a single card to the church congregation and give a donation in the supplied box, to charity. We will display the sent cards on the notice board in the entrance to church.

If you prefer to send individual cards, please distribute them yourself - any cards left at Brookside will be removed after Christmas Day.



BIBLE STORY AND SONG.

PRAYER AND PLAY

Under 5's and their parents/carers
are invited to join us for praise, play and chat.

You are very welcome to come (and bring your friends).

St Mary's Church, East Barnet

10.30-11.30am

1st & 3rd Mondays

TODDLER PRAISE

**a relaxed service with time
for play and chat.**

Our Minister's Sabbatical

Colin's 14th season at the Wesley Guild began with a pacey account of his whereabouts and activities on his recent three month sabbatical, of which some highlights are recorded below.

His travels began perhaps restfully with his cousin and his family who were staying in an old family cottage by the River Exe. Thomas had come with his wife and three children. An opportunity came for them all to visit the boathouse where his great grandfather was born. In his second week two days were spent enjoying 'a fascinating viewpoint of Methodism' with 85 year old Revd Dr Colin Morris known by the guilders as the fluent speaker on BBC 4's 'Thought for the day'. Colin described him as 'such a remarkable man....still fit with his mind at full blast'. We heard how in his earlier years he served in Northern Rhodesia later Zambia

standing out for racial equality. At home he became first superintendent minister at Wesley's Chapel and then General Secretary of the Churches Overseas Division. He later joined the BBC and was head of BBC Northern Ireland. On Colin's list was Dr. Williams Protestant nonconformity research library in Bloomsbury, as was a visit to the poppy display at the Tower of London.



Colin visited his home town Welshpool where he was brought up, walking the streets and around his old school. Some of us identified with that empty feeling which he described as 'not actually knowing anyone there anymore'.

Perhaps cheering then, when taking a taxi to visit his parents' grave, was the driver who hailed him with 'You're Colin Smith!' Later taking a train to Aberystwyth - 'I found the countryside astonishingly beautiful....and thought of a vacancy in Welshpool !' At Aberystwyth he met up with his friend from university days, Tim Brain who became Chief Constable of Gloucestershire and currently holds the post as the University's treasurer.

Off then to The Eternal City and 'the privilege of being in Rome for ten days' - not least the privilege of an invite to the magnificent British Ambassador's Residence. He was in the company of the another old friend - The Revd Dr. Tim Macquiban and his wife Angela. Tim is the newly appointed minister of Ponte Sant'Angelo Methodist Church, an English speaking church with the manse on the top floor with

a roof garden affording splendid views of St. Peters (large photographs were circulated). Did our minister really (as he told us) warn Angela not to hang any unmentionables on the washing line as the Pope might see them? In any event an instant outburst of laughter followed. And what fun at the Teatro Argentina, the opera house. Tim, Angela, Colin and Angela 's ninety one year old mother attended a performance of Purcell's 'King Arthur'. Would nonagenarian taste meet happily with conforming to modern ideas ? Perhaps the answer came with Colin's timely 'King Arthur came on stage with no clothes on!' (even louder laughter from the twenty two guilders). Seriously now, Tim Brain and Colin are working on a book on Methodist History. ' We want it to be accessible, readable....emphasising the different streams of Methodism'. Visiting Methodist sites was important e.g. Talgarth which saw the birth of the Welsh Methodist Revival and Kingswood at the centre of early Methodism where George Whitefield preached in the open air. We heard how many chapels have survived but Whitefield's chapel is sadly derelict. Colin's discovery of the house of Susanna Wesley 's birth in Bishopsgate surprised us. Despite the foregoing, we heard there was time for not getting up, for television, for reading, even a potter in the garden.

Edward Eldred.



Crossword

Across

1 'How long will you — your face from me?' (Psalm 13:1) (4)

(4)

3 'Let us, then, go to him outside the camp, bearing the — he bore' (Hebrews 13:13) (8)

(8)

9 Shish (anag.) (Romans 8:15) (7)

10 Solemn pledges (Matthew 5:33) (5)

11 Italian term for full orchestra (5)

12 'For he who avenges blood remembers; he does not — the cry of the afflicted' (Psalm 9:12) (6)

14 Prescience (1 Peter 1:2) (13)

17 Where a Hindu holy man lives (6)

19 'If he found any... who belonged to the Way, whether — women, he might take them as prisoners' (Acts 9:3) (3,2)

22 Fragrance (2 Corinthians 2:15) (5)

23 Vine hen (anag.) (Jonah 1:2) (7)

24 Precious stone decorating the twelfth foundation of the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21:20) (8)

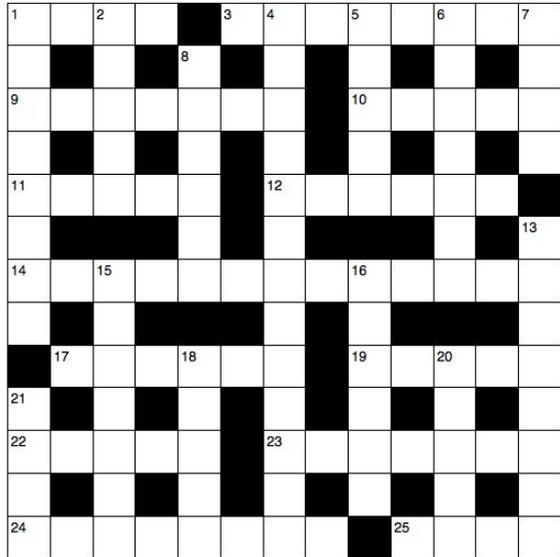
25 'Will you keep to the old path that evil men have — ?' (Job 22:15) (4)

Down

1 'Then Moses raised his arm and struck the rock twice with — — ' (Numbers 20:11) (3,5)

2 'You have heard that it was said to the people long ago, " — — murder"' (Matthew 5:21) (2,3)

4 One of Paul's many hardships endured as a servant of God (2 Corinthians 6:5) (13)



5 'We ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, — inwardly' (Romans 8:23) (5)

6 Changed (Daniel 6:8) (7)

7 'My yoke is — and my burden is light' (Matthew 11:30) (4)

8 Recoil (Revelation 12:11) (6)

13 'O Lord, you have — me and you know me' (Psalm 139:1) (8)

15 ' — to me the joy of your salvation' (Psalm 51:12) (7)

16 Express sorrow (Isaiah 16:7) (6)

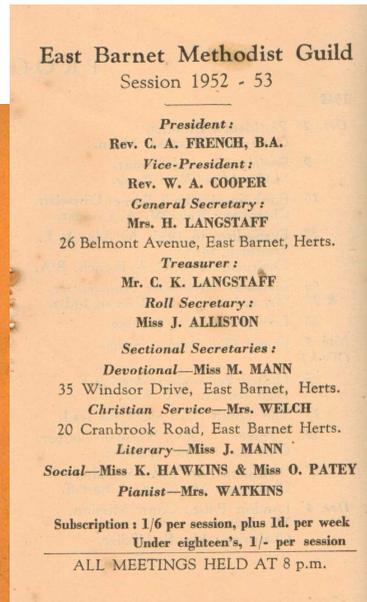
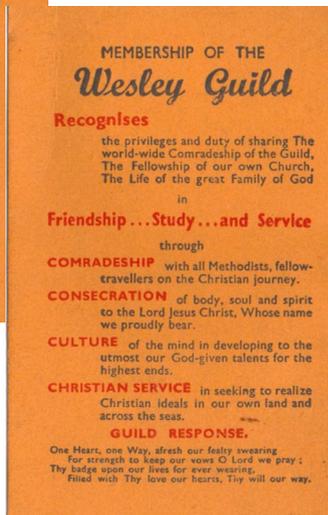
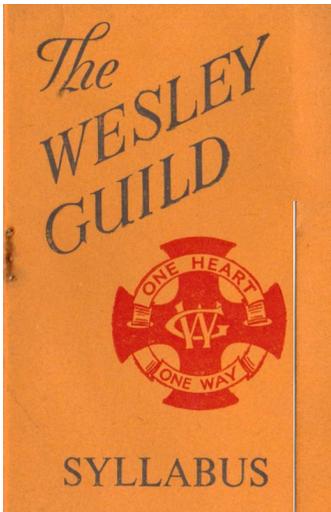
18 'Then he said to Thomas, " — out your hand and put it into my side"' (John 20:27) (5)

20 'God has said, " — will I leave you; — will I forsake you"' (Hebrews 13:5) (5)

21 Son of Onam and brother of Shammai (1 Chronicles 2:28) (4)

Guild Programme - Now

3rd Dec	Revd Colin Smith
10th Dec	Christmas Evening
7th Jan	Revd Colin Smith
14th Jan	Barnet Voice - Elsie Lyons
21st Jan	An evening with Graham & Shirley-Anne Wheeler
28th Jan	Revd Colin Smith
4th Feb	An evening with Eddie & Margaret Thompson
11th Feb	Rabbi Barry Lerer
18th Feb	Who are the Quakers - Professor Joy Jarvis
25th Feb	Revd Colin Smith
4th Mar	Edward's Quiz
11th Mar	Reporting on Sabbatical - Revd Shaun Sanders
18th Mar	An evening with Sheila Mortimer
25th Mar	Revd Colin Smith
22nd Apr	AGM & Name that Advert - Margaret Mason
29th Apr	Fish & Chips and Beetle Drive



Guild Programme - & Then

Over the summer we received some interesting post in the church office from Australia. A lady found a Guild Syllabus from 1952-53 when sorting out the papers belonging to a deceased friend. The friend did a teaching exchange to London at that time and attended the Guild.

P R O G R A M M E	
<p>1952</p> <p>Oct. 2 President's Evening. Chairman : Miss M. Mann.</p> <p>9 Social—Fun and Games. M.C. : Miss Olive Patey.</p> <p>16 Book Evening by E. Barnet Librarian. Chairman : Rev. W. A. Cooper.</p> <p>23 Evangelism in 1953, by Mr. A. L. Thurman, M.A. Chairman : Rev. C. A. French, B.A.</p> <p>26 Overseas Missionary Anniversary.</p> <p>& 27 Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Ross of India.</p> <p>30 London Mission Evening.</p> <p>Nov. 5 Grand Guy Fawkes Social. <i>(Wed.)</i></p> <p>6 United Fellowship Meeting, High Barnet. 8.0. p.m.</p> <p>13 The Youth Club takes the lead.</p> <p>20 "Prayer": Rev. Norman Cooper. Chairman : Mrs. Watkins.</p> <p>27 "Modern Art." Mr. S. Salter. Chairman : Mr. C. K. Langstaff.</p> <p>Dec. 4 London Police Court Mission, Mr. Johnson. Chairman : Mr. E. Hildige.</p>	<p>11 No Meeting.</p> <p>18 No Meeting.</p> <p>25 No Meeting.</p> <p>31 New Year Social. <i>(Wed.)</i> Youth Club entertains the Guild. Nightwatch Service led by Rev. W. A. Cooper.</p> <p>1953</p> <p>Jan. 8 "Recital of Music" by Mr. Mitchell. Chairman : Mrs. Matthews.</p> <p>15 Visit from the Bible Class. Our own young folk's evening.</p> <p>22 Toc H. Mr. W. Guest. Chairman : Mr. F. Smedley.</p> <p>29 "Bedlam Drive," 1/6 admission. Refreshments. M.C.: Mr. E. Hildige.</p> <p>Feb. 5 Evening of Music and Drama by Trent Park Girls. Chairman : Mrs. P. Southall.</p> <p>12 Home Mission Evening.</p> <p>19 A visit from Miss Richards. Chairman : Miss June Mann.</p> <p>26 "Twenty Questions"</p>

<p>1953</p> <p>Mar. 5 Film evening. "Canada & America," by Mr. Moorcroft. Chairman : Miss J. Alliston.</p> <p>7 London Guilds Rally at Westminster Central Hall. 3.0. p.m.—The Wesley Guild, Home and Overseas. 6 p.m.—The Rally.</p> <p>12 A visit from the Rev. S. Magor. Chairman : Miss G. Butler.</p> <p>14 Guild Concert Party. (Refreshments) <i>(Sat.)</i> Proceeds for Iron Hall.</p> <p>15 Guild Festival. Preacher : 11.0. Rev. A. S. Leyland. 6.30. Mrs. A. S. Leyland. Tea-table conference.</p> <p>19 Marriage Guidance Council. Rev. J. R. Gibbs.</p> <p>26 "In Town Tonight." Comperer : Mr. R. Weale.</p>
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<p>Apr. 1 Easter Service. <i>(Wed.)</i> Preacher : Rev. W. A. Cooper.</p> <p>9 Questions and Answer evening. Mr. Kinsey and Rev. W. A. Cooper. Chairman : Mr. C. K. Langstaff.</p> <p>16 "Penny Party." (Refreshments.) M.C. : Miss Olive Patey.</p> <p>23 Annual General Meeting.</p>
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Sunday Services

7 Dec	09:45	WH	Celebration - Revd Dr Jenny King (Holy Communion)
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Dr Richard Bingle
	18:30	St.M	Evensong
14 Dec	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Alan Callow
	16:00	B	Carol Service led by Revd Colin Smith
	18:30	St.M	'Broken'
21 Dec	09:45	WH	Celebration - Carols - led by Revd Colin Smith
	10:45	B	Advent Holy Communion led by Revd Colin Smith
	18:30	St. M	Carols by Candlelight
28 Dec	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Valerie Dickinson
4 Jan	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Charles Opoku-Badu
	18:30	St. M	Evensong
11 Jan	10:45	B	United Covenant Service led by Revd Colin Smith & Revd James Mustard
	18:30	St. M	Evening Prayer
	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
18 Jan	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Robert Alderman
	18:30	St. M	Evensong
	09:45	WH	Celebration Holy Communion led by Revd Colin Smith
25 Jan	10:45	B	All Age Worship led by Revd Colin Smith
	15:00	WH	Churches together for Chipping Barnet United Service Led by Revd Colin Smith
	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Wendy Turl
1 Feb	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Revd Dr Jenny King
	18:30	St. M	Evensong
	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Colin Smith
8 Feb	10:45	B	Holy Communion Service led by Revd Colin Smith
	18:30	St.M	Broken
	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Stephen Hill
15 Feb	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Revd Stephen Hill
	18:30	St.M	Evensong
	09:45	WH	Celebration Holy Communion led by Revd Colin Smith
22 Feb	10:45	B	All Age Worship led by Revd Colin Smith
	18:30	St.M	Evensong

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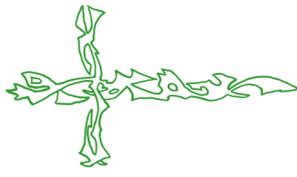
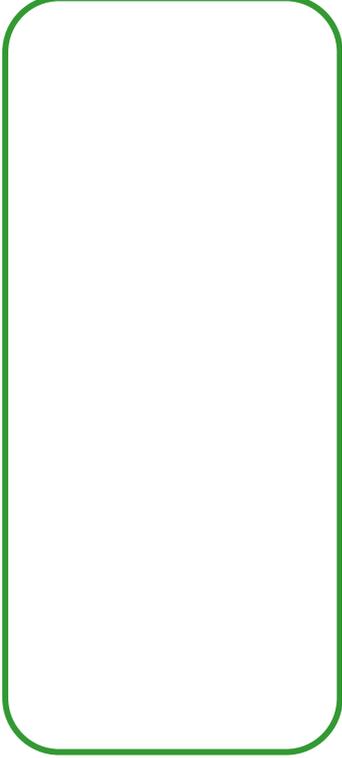

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