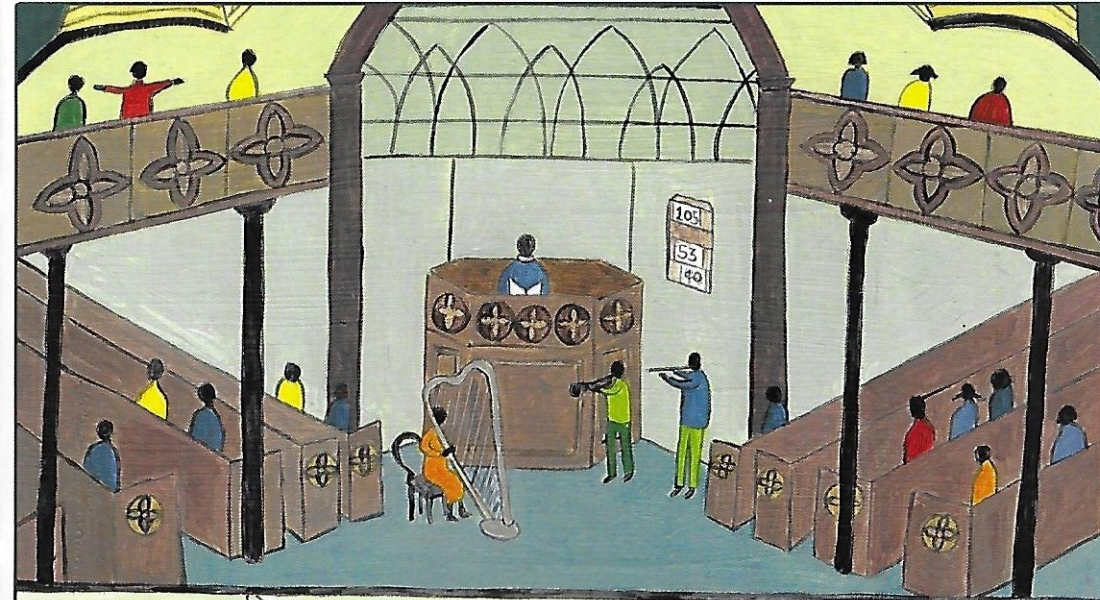


# HEATH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

April 2018 - May 2018





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A BUS RATTLES BY  
SHAKING EVERYTHING  
YET GOING UNNOTICED

LOOK AT THE FACES  
PROPPED ATOP BODIES  
STERN OLD LADIES  
CHILDREN ON LAPS  
PEOPLE IN HEADPHONES

IF EACH FACE WAS A WORD  
THEN THAT HUNDRED OR SO  
WHO PASS BY ON THE BUS  
WHAT WOULD THEY SAY?

A STORY OF MONKEYS ON TYPEWRITERS  
PERHAPS, PERHAPS  
BUT WHAT IF THEY READ  
LIKE A PAGE OF EPIC ROMANCE  
THE RULES OF A PERILOUS GAME  
THE ROUTE TO THE UNDERWORLD  
OR YOUR TRUE AND SECRET NAME

WILF MERTTENS

Best news at the moment is how kind some of Heath Street's well-wishers have been in supporting our vestibule project. So far we have contributions large and small which, with Gift Aid, add up to 1,033 pounds. Many thanks to those who have been so generous - it is a great help.

Not too late to add a little more if you would like to. Now you can begin to see how good the space should look when it is finished you may feel keen to contribute!

You can put your donation in the Sunday plate (mark it for the Vestibule and if you are a UK taxpayer please put your name and address with it or your Church PIN if you have one and your agreement for us to claim Gift Aid which adds 25% at no cost to you). If you prefer to make a bank transfer, ask me for bank details when you see me or email me on [gaynor@eandghumphreys.plus.com](mailto:gaynor@eandghumphreys.plus.com).

With love and good wishes,  
Gaynor

#### CHARITABLE STATUS

We are plodding on with the process of changing the legal status of the church to be a CIO (Charitable Incorporated Organisation). The current stage is the completion of a 32 page on-line form for the Charity Commission, quizzing us on every aspect of our work and our plans. Once that is submitted - very soon, we hope - we will wait to see when the Commission gets round to looking at it and whether we need to add to or explain any of what we have said.

#### SPONSORING A REFUGEE FAMILY

Through Churches Together in Hampstead (CTiH) we at Heath Street have made a commitment to a Home Office procedure by which we can together sponsor a refugee family to come to this area. Our commitment is to find suitable accommodation and a group of volunteers who can welcome the family, help them settle in and offer specific skills, experience and friendship to make sure that each member of the family is able to be absorbed into local life. This might be about having what they need to furnish a home, getting on OK at school, learning or improving English, finding work. There might be special needs in the family to do with disability or illness, or recovering from the experience of conflict and fleeing their home country.

Interested people are invited to the next meeting about this on Saturday 21 April at 2.30 pm at St Mary's RC Church.

The Parish Church has offered to be the lead in our sponsorship group (they are also sponsoring another family on their own). Heath Street has promised to contribute 1,000 pounds towards the pot which needs to be pledged to show our commitment to the project and to be a sort of "insurance" for the family's needs.

Do come to the meeting if you can and see if you can offer time to support our family, when they come. If you would also like to make a contribution to the money needed to help get the family settled, this needs to be sent to St John at Hampstead, by cheque payable to "Hampstead Parish Church-CTiH" or by bank transfer to the sort code is 40-03-36 and a/c no. 11104004, with the reference "CTiH" (and if you are a UK taxpayer let them know you want them to claim Gift Aid on your donation).

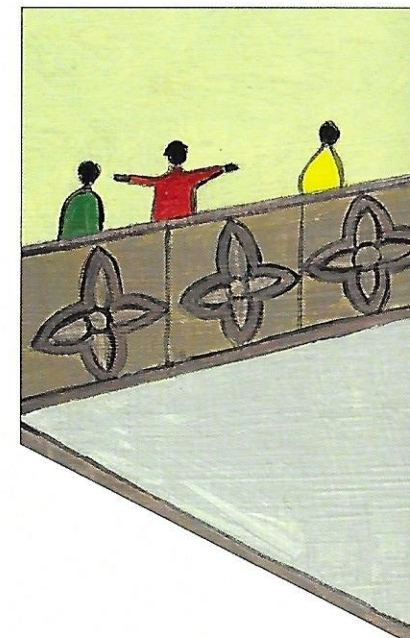
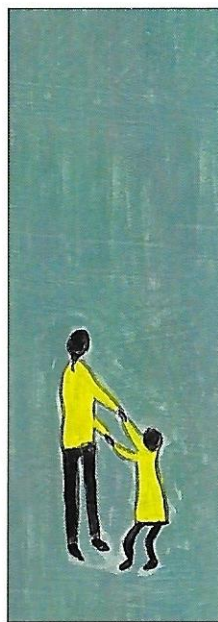
Gaynor Humphreys

On Friday 9 March I attended the colloquium held at Heythrop College in honour of the late Revd Dr Marie Isaacs, whom longer standing members of Heath Street will remember as the minister before Ewan, and who for a large part of her career had been lecturer, and later head of department, in the Department of Biblical Studies at Heythrop.

There was a stimulating set of papers, by Marie's former colleagues and students, and by current members of the department, covering a range of biblical topics, including some areas on which Marie had worked in particular: John's Gospel and the Epistle to the Hebrews. The papers were a lively tribute to her contribution in the field, and it is intended that they will be published in due course.

The day concluded with a short period for personal reminiscences of Marie, and I was very pleased, as her executor, to have the opportunity to say that I thought this was exactly the kind of memorial occasion that Marie would have wanted, and to express thanks to the department, on behalf of friends from outside the College, for holding the event.

Janet Cowen



APRIL 1ST – 7TH                      ACTS 10.34-43

1st 'And I will ask the Father...'

2nd HM

3rd Nomsa Ndebele

4th Beauty Kunene

5th Thaddeus King

6th Tom Somers

7th '... and he will give you another Comforter, to be with you for ever.'

APRIL 8TH – 14TH                      ACTS 4.32-35

8th 'This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive'

9th Mysie Johnson

10th Hildegard Williams

11th Josh Somers

12th Judith Peak

13th John Baker

14th 'because it neither sees him nor knows him.'

APRIL 15TH – 21ST                      ACTS 3.12-19

15th 'You know him, because he abides with you...'

16th Beryl Dowsett

17th Anselm King

18th Wilf Merttens

19th Gaynor Humphreys

20th Annie Fang

21st 'and he will be in you.'

APRIL 22ND - 28TH                      ACTS 4.5-12

22nd 'I will not leave you orphaned'

23rd Frida King

24th Beauty Kunene

25th Michael Bloxham

26th Laura Somers

27th Margaret Biadun

28th 'I am coming to you.'

APRIL 29TH – MAY 5TH                      ACTS 8.26-40

29th 'the Comforter, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name...'

30th Christina Cairns

1st Edward Humphreys

2nd Susan Le Quesne

3rd Nathan Biadun

4th Evelyn Baker

5th '... will teach you everything...'

MAY 6TH - 12 TH                      ACTS 10.44-48

6th '... and remind you of all that I have said to you.'

7th Robin Thorne

8th Birgit Leuppert

9th Bezawit Geberebiaher

10th Joachim King

11th Theresa Thom

12th 'Peace I leave with you'

MAY 13TH –19TH                      ACTS 1.1-11

13th 'my peace I give to you'

14th Isabelle Somers

15th Heini King

16th Andrea MacEachan

17th Nesa Thorne

18th Lydia Baker

19th 'I do not give to you as the world gives.'

# HEATH STREET CHOIR ALL WELCOME

NOW RECRUITING 

**ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME**

PLEASE CONTACT  
The choirmaster  
emily@heathstreetchoir.com  
07966 535 693

Rehearsals weekly  
Thursdays 19:30 - 21:00  
Termly Membership £15  
(£5 joining fee)

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Hampstead  
London, NW3 1DN

**VOCAL/SIGHT READING  
TRAINING PROVIDED**



## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Full information about all our weekly activities is available on our church website

Sundays	11am-12 noon 7.30-9.30pm	Divine Worship (including Sunday Club for children) Contact Club
Mondays	7pm	Swing Patrol (Swing dancing)
Tuesdays	10-11am 1-2pm	Oldtime Nursery Lunchtime recital
2nd Tuesdays	7-9pm	Sacred Harp hymn singing
Wednesdays	4.30 pm	Storymakers Club
Thursdays	10.30am 7.30-9pm	Oldtime Nursery Heath Street Choir
Saturday	Coffee Morning (alternate Saturdays – see website for details)	

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For requests regarding church membership, Baptism or opportunities for Christian ministry in the church, please contact the minister.

For questions regarding space use and room hire, please contact the minister.

Copy for the next newsletter should reach Ewan King (ewan\_king@mac.com) not later than Wednesday 31st January

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