

# St. John's Church Record

September - October 2013



## Prayer on Thursday at Noon

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From 5th September, we will open our Sanctuary at 12 Noon for prayer on Thursdays each week. We will begin by praying the Lord's Prayer and then use a short order for Daily Worship based upon the Lord's Prayer. If you are free at midday on Thursdays, I invite you to join us for about 20 minutes of prayer and worship. If you would like to come but require transport, please telephone me on 020 8441 0499. If you are otherwise engaged, or it is impractical for you to come and join us, I invite you to set your alarm for Noon and pray the Lord's Prayer at work or at home.

Julian Templeton

**12:00**

## Eileen Agnes Monro

6th December 1909 - 1st July 2013

A large congregation, including 6 present and former members of St. Johns, gathered in Emmanuel URC Worthing on 22<sup>nd</sup> July to give thanks for the long life of Eileen Monro. The service was conducted, as requested by Eileen, by David Skitt, with moving contributions from the family and the minister and choir of Emmanuel church.

Eileen, the youngest of 9 children, was born in Bannockburn, a large house in Gloucester Road, on 6<sup>th</sup> December 1909. The Monro family were prominent members of St. Augustines Presbyterian church and Eileen would have seen the construction and opening of our Large Hall in the 1920s. Later, having first cared for her parents,

she moved to Gourrock to look after her sister. A return from Scotland to Worthing in the 1970s gave her the opportunity to make more frequent visits to St. Johns (as it had then become) and she was at many Coffee Mornings and Bazaars, bringing her basket on wheels filled with Paisley gloves, Scotch pancakes, and other items she had made for sale.

In his address David Skitt highlighted important aspects of Eileen's life, including Family, Fun, Favourite Things, Feasts, Friends, and of course Faith. Many of these were illustrated in a display (see photographs below) which we were able to inspect while enjoying refreshments after the service.

Eileen had been able to stay in her much-loved bungalow until



September last year, when with characteristic realism she moved to a retirement home where she was well cared for and made friends. We remember with much affection, a remarkable lady.

Hugh Martin (with thanks to Meg Hardie and David Skitt)



# From the Minister....

## Seeking God simply. Engaging with life realistically.

As we make our Church fit for purpose, the principles of seeking God simply and engaging with life realistically may serve as useful yardsticks. Since worship is the engine of church life, let us first consider whether our worship reflects these principles. One of the features of our worship, commented upon by visitors, is its simplicity. Our order of service is easily followed and has a sequence that is readily understandable. Our basic framework is: 1. Approaching God with praise; 2. Listening to God's Word; 3. Responding to God's Word. Our prayers, whether prayed extempore or read, are simple, direct and heart-felt. We attempt to approach God directly and simply, using language that is readily understood. Reformed worship has a matter-of-fact way of approaching God in prayer: there is an expectation that God is present by his Spirit and wants us to ask him directly and simply for what we need. We also believe that God speaks to us by his Word, principally communicated through the sermon. Hymns and psalms are our main way of responding to God's Word. The Lord's Supper, when celebrated, enacts the simple but profound truth that when we trust in Christ, he dwells in us and we in him.

We also seek to engage with life realistically. This is why there are often touches of humour in our worship, for humour is an essential

part of life. Both the all age address and the sermon attempt to ground and support the practice of faith in the lived reality of human life. We often struggle with intractable issues either personally or with our family or friends. What we therefore need is both spiritual strength and practical wisdom to meet those challenges that are often never fully resolved.

Christians have grappled with and come to some measure of agreement about are slavery, women's leadership, and contraception. Other issues with which many are still grappling are homosexuality and euthanasia. These issues are part of the reality of everyday human life that we regard as matters of faith. We try to be well informed and to

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We believe that God is our help in such need, and worship reflects this belief. Another aspect of our realism is the practice of grappling theologically with issues that matter. Part of our Protestant DNA is the expectation that since we are able to read the Scriptures in our own language, and interpret them with the help of the Spirit, we are able to relate the principles in the Scriptures to everyday issues. In some cases our deductions will be straightforward; in others there will be no definitive guidance and we have to think long and hard. Examples of issues that Reformed

listen to what the Spirit is saying to us from outside the Church as well as from within. This is the demanding task of discerning and distinguishing how the Holy Spirit's leading aligns with and differs from the 'spirit-of-the-age'. Worship Sunday-by-Sunday, and now also the encouragement to pray on Thursdays at Noon, are the practical supports that enable us to seek God simply and engage with life realistically.

Julian Templeton



# Elsie Chamberlain

The Independent Life of a Woman Minister

By ALAN ARGENT

first woman anywhere in the world to head a major denomination, has long deserved more public recognition. Now the first full-length biography of one of the leading figures in British broadcasting and religious life has been published. Elsie Chamberlain was a pioneer in so many areas: the first woman chaplain to the armed forces in 1945 ; the first nonconformist minister to marry an Anglican clergyman; the first woman producer in the religious broadcasting department of the BBC; and the first woman to present the Daily Service on the radio.

Her broadcasting accustomed many listeners to the idea of a woman leading public worship. When she became the first woman to occupy the chair of the Congregational Union of England and Wales, she was almost certainly the first woman anywhere in the world to head a major denomination. *Elsie Chamberlain* is the first full biography and a critical appreciation of this exceptional woman. Using original church and BBC archive sources, the book tells the story of a woman who did more than any other

to change the way Christian women ministers are viewed 'Alan Argent's book is ...a well-paced and clearly written narrative ... straightforward and interesting...'

It is the merit of Alan Argent's book that he allows his readers to ... reach their own conclusions about an independent minister whom he regards, quite rightly, as a heroine.' Prof Clyde Binfield, Emeritus Professor, University of Sheffield. 'I found I just couldn't put it down and I was intrigued to read the story of such an extraordinary woman... a really good piece of history. I was struck by the very fluent and beautiful writing style.'

Principal Susan Durber of Westminster College, Cambridge. 'Combines style and balance' while hinting at Elsie's 'awkwardness and vulnerability as well as uniqueness and loyalties'. Dr John Thompson.

The book is published by Acumen and is currently available at a discounted price of £36-00. To order please contact Katharine Green [katharine.green@acumenpublishing.co.uk](mailto:katharine.green@acumenpublishing.co.uk) by 31 October 2013 quoting order code 1235X

**E**lsie Chamberlain – A remarkable leader in British religious broadcasting and in the Church  
By Roz Douglas

The URC has a tremendous track record of many remarkable women ministers, not least Constance Coltman (nee Todd), the first woman ever ordained as a Christian Minister in Britain in 1917. However Elsie Chamberlain, who became the first woman to occupy the chair of the Congregational Union of England and Wales and almost certainly the

Saltaire URC



## SALTAIRE U.R.C.

A copy of the last Church Record was sent to the Rev. David Skitt and we subsequently received a telephone call from David to tell us that his Grandfather, the Rev. Samuel McLellan was the Minister at Saltaire from 1936 to 1945, and that his Parents were married by him in the Church in April 1944, just a few weeks before the Normandy Landings when his Father was involved on D-Day plus 4. As David put it, he feels that both the Church and the Town of Saltaire, are part of the Skitt's family heritage.

Dorothy and Michael

## ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP



**A ROCHA**

*Christians in Conservation*

The talk for St John's Fellowship on 15 May, given by Simon Brown, was entitled *A Rocha*. Meaning 'caring for God's world together', A Rocha is a Christian charity. The word 'Rocha' is Portuguese, chosen by British couple Peter and Miranda Harris who moved to the Algarve in 1983 and found that

habitat for wild life was being ruined by mankind. They started a project to clear rubbish from land and waterways and to plant trees. The only country not involved today is Antarctica!

Simon began his talk by telling us that he had recently visited New Zealand and was very impressed by the work they are doing there, particularly in the planting of trees. Whole forests had been felled following the arrival of settlers in the nineteenth century.

He stressed that it was not simply a utopian dream because the poorest people in the World are those most reliant upon sustainable forests and wildlife. A Rocha has also helped with the provision of schools in

countries such as Kenya, supporting villages to provide for themselves in much the same manner as Christian Aid.

In Southall, a large area of wasteland was cleared and planted with trees and landscaped to provide recreational space and conservation areas and to suit allotments. The land was originally a farm, then became a rubbish tip, but is now the transformed Minet Country Park. The bee orchid has been found there and 120 species of birds and butterflies have returned.

We watched a short film set in Kenya, viewed some interesting slides and enjoyed an entertaining and informative talk.

*Patricia Picken*

## Wrotham Park, Barnet

At the July meeting of the Fellowship we were addressed by Nigel Picken on the subject of the creation and enlargement of Wrotham Park and the Estate

Nigel told us that since its creation during the mid-eighteenth century, Wrotham Park has remained in the custody of descendants of Admiral Sir George Byng, 1<sup>st</sup> Viscount Torrington. The Park is located north of Barnet and bounded by the Great North Road, the old route to St Albans and Holyhead (now Kitts End Lane) and by Bentley Heath Lane. The estate was first created through the purchase by Admiral the Hon John Byng in 1750 of property now forming the north-western portion of the present park of about 300 acres. A Palladian-styled 'house of parade' designed by Isaac Ware was built,



but remained unoccupied until the admiral's nephew, George Byng 'the elder', inherited the estate following the admiral's execution in 1757 as a result of his failure to engage a French fleet and relieve Minorca.

of his family, friends and colleagues; and journeys to and from Southill Park, his birthplace in Bedfordshire that remained until 1795 the country seat of the Viscounts Torrington. →

Nigel reviewed possible reasons for the Vice-Admiral's choice of location: the opportunities for purchase; transport and access; the location

➔ Nigel went on to say that George Byng 'the elder' enlarged the Wrotham estate by purchasing land and farms which had been brought together during a period of 300 years, to form the Dancers Hill Estate. The Manor of Elstree was conveyed to him in 1774, land at Ridge by 1777, and further acreages were allotted and others purchased following the enclosure of Enfield Chase. Property to the south passed to him in 1782. Accumulation of further land and properties by purchase and inheritance, together with a pursuit of greatness through

political, military and public service, would continue along with the descent of the Wentworth titles through the marriage of George 'the elder'. His son George 'the younger' acquired further acreages and was followed at Wrotham Park by his brother Major General, later Field Marshal, Sir John Byng, 1<sup>st</sup> Earl of Strafford, who's son, George Stevens Byng, moved to Wrotham Park upon the death of his aunt, widow of George 'the younger'. Nigel told us that George Stevens Byng, a keen horseman and agriculturalist, immediately erected the Home Farm buildings. This included installing the latest

machinery, all closely modelled on one of Prince Albert's Windsor farms. George Stevens Byng also drained the Park into a lake excavated to the west. Nigel then concluded by a brief reference to the following, less acquisitive years, up to 1951 and the death of the 6<sup>th</sup> Earl of Strafford.

Ray Hopwood

Note: I have been greatly assisted in the preparation of this article by having to hand a resume of his talk prepared by Nigel for Barnet Local History Society.

## JESUS HOSPITAL CHARITY



On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August, St John's Fellowship members and visitors were able to attend an interesting and informative talk

including projected photos presented by Simon Smith and his assistant Jane Porter regarding the Jesus Hospital Charity. This worthwhile Charity was founded by James Ravenscroft, Gentleman, and his wife Mary in the year 1679. James died one year later, aged 84, but the legacy continues.

This amazing over 300 year old charity offers accommodation for ladies who are on their own, but are still able to look after themselves and live independently. Prospective applicants are considered by age and are chosen on merit. The Charity has several sites in Barnet, including Potters Lane, Grasvenor Avenue and

Wood Street. In total the Charity has 54 almshouses in High Barnet and Hadley, all let unfurnished. Some of the cottages have their own small gardens for the residents to enjoy and tend. The Charity publishes a regular newsletter with lots of information regarding outings, trips to museums, quiz evenings and weekly coffee mornings, all of which the charity organises.

Jane Porter visits everyone on a regular basis, to make sure that they are well and happy, and to remind them about aspects of their security such as keeping a chain on the external door and wearing their "lifelines".

The second main function of the charity is to provide grants to the local community, either to individuals or organisations. This activity is known as "Relief in Need".

The Head Office of the Charity is in Ravenscroft Lodge, Union Street, High Barnet. It is good to know that

the Founder's name lives on in the name of some of the almshouses and in the name of the head office.

This long established charity had the vision, clarity and good fortune to buy shops in Whetstone and Barnet and own other property in the area. With the revenue received from these sources, the Charity is to maintain a high standard of repairs, renewals as well as some new building work.

Simon concluded by saying that the Borough of Barnet has many almshouse Charities, more than any other London Borough. These are either for local, usually elderly, people or reserved for people who used to work in a particular form of employment, for example Leathersellers and Bookbinders.

With best wishes and many thanks to Simon and Jane for a lovely and interesting evening.

Alice Mujtaba

## ST JOHN'S FELLOWSHIP GARDEN PARTY



Fellowship members and others from our Church attended. The weather turned out to be perfect being a warm, although not too sunny evening. Everyone enjoyed a glass or three of homemade punch (non-alcoholic – of course!). Various members kindly loaned chairs, tables and gazebos. We were all treated to a delicious supper of salmon, vegetarian quiche a

On the 20<sup>th</sup> July the St John's Fellowship Group hosted a summer garden party in the garden and home of Sue and Ron. Over twenty

collation of salads and lots of lovely puddings - all made by committee members; all was eased down with further wine and punch. There were

garden games and a fun quiz to get everyone competitive! At the end of a thoroughly enjoyable and relaxing evening, all that was left to do was to take down the gazebos (this was a lot simpler than putting them up!!), pack chairs into the back of cars and load up the dishwasher! I would like to thank Marion, Sue and Anne for organising and providing the catering, Ray for ticketing and acting as general dogsbody, and Pat for looking after ticket sales. The party was voted to be a great success, with the hope that we will hold the same event next summer. See you all next year!  
Ron

After the Morning Worship on 21st July, the Interment of the ashes of Hugo Bartrum and the Dedication of the Memorial Bench took place.

The Memorial Bench has the names of both Elaine and Hugo Bartrum inscribed along the top.

Erica Bartrum was joined by family, friends and members of St. John's while Julian led us in prayer for the life of Elaine and Hugo.

The bench is a wonderful addition to the church grounds.



## All at Sea.....

Rosemary & I have just been on holiday & while we were away we attended a church service & the following prayer (right) was read out.

David Paul

*Paul Elsdon writes.....I was interested to know which church David and Rosemary had attended - I was not expecting the following from David.....*

The name of the church was the M.V AURORA, we were on a cruise around the Baltic Sea with P & O Cruises & the Sunday morning service was lead by the ship's captain.

*Following from this I was now intrigued as to the particular location of this church service. David's answer to my question was well, very precise.*

Paul,  
I can answer that question exactly because at the end of the cruise all passengers were given a copy of the ships log.  
On Sunday 7th July in the morning the ship made her approaches to the Skagerrak, a sea region north of Denmark. She rounded Skagen at 8.30 Hrs which is the most northerly tip of Denmark leaving it some three nautical miles on her starboard side. From there we travelled in a southerly course through the Kattegat, with Denmark to starboard and Sweden to port. At noon our position was 56 degrees 58.6 minutes North, 11 degrees 42.1 minutes East, the wind was south westerly Force 3, The barometric pressure 1030.6 hPa, the sky was clear, Temperature was 16 degrees C/61 degrees F, Sea state slight.  
Well you asked for it!  
David

## HEAVENS GROCERY STORE

I was walking down life's highway a long time ago.  
One day, I saw a sign that said "Heaven's Grocery Store",  
As I got a little closer, the door came open wide,  
And when I came to myself, I was standing inside.  
I saw a host of ANGELS. They were standing everywhere.  
One handed me a basket and said, "My child shop with care".  
Everything a Christian needed was in the Grocery Store,  
And all you couldn't carry, you could come back next day for more.  
First, I got some PATIENCE, LOVE was in the same row,  
Further down was UNDERSTANDING, you need that everywhere you go.  
I got a box or two of WISDOM, a bag or two of FAITH.  
I couldn't miss the HOLY GHOST for it was all over the place.  
I stopped to get some STRENGTH and COURAGE to help me run this race.  
By then my basket was getting full, but I remembered some GRACE.  
I didn't forget SALVATION for SALVATION is free,  
So I tried to get enough of that to save both you and me.  
Then I started up to the counter to pay my grocery bill,  
For I thought I had everything to do my MASTER'S will.  
As I went up the aisle I saw PRAYER and I just had to put that in,  
For I knew when I stepped outside, I would run right into sin.  
PEACE and JOY were plentiful, they were on the last shelf.  
SONGS and PRAISES were hanging near so I just helped myself.  
Then I said to the Angel, "Now, how much do I owe?"  
He just smiled and said "Just take them everywhere you go".  
Again, I said, " How much do I really owe?"  
He smiled again and said:  
"MY CHILD, JESUS PAID YOUR BILL A LONG, LONG TIME AGO!"

*I have attended a sunrise service in the grounds of Forty Hall, Enfield. I have attended a baptismal service on one of the beaches along the Gower in Wales, but never on a ship. So, what unusual locations have you worshipped at?*

*Maybe you could share your experiences for another Church Record.*

*Paul Elsdon*

# From South America to Scotland

A holiday in South America brought back memories of an earlier trip to Scotland for David Porter.



residents of Rio. It is never far from view and provides a focal point. However, there is the continual menace of violence in this world city so beautiful owing to its sun kissed beaches Copacabana and Ipanema and sheer mountains including the Sugar Loaf.

Our visit to South America not only allowed us to revel in the carnival atmosphere of Rio, probably one of the world's most attractive destinations but also took in the gigantic falls at Iguazu before we headed down by bus to Argentina's capital Buenos Aires.

Our journey to South America made me question all sorts of things. One area was poverty. We are told that those unfortunate folk who live in

Rio favelas are extremely poor. Maybe poorer than many of the UK's population but how poor? We visited a couple of "pacified" favelas. (*Our favela guide, a*

*middle aged woman with two grown up children called Elie, used the word "pacified" a lot. It means that police can set up stations within the favela and stop nefarious activity. It does not mean* →.....

David and Agnes Porter visited Brazil and Argentina recently. Here David lists what he found striking:

The iconic Statue of Christ the redeemer stands on a high point looking down on all Rio. It is just under 100 ft tall, not including its base. Around the 30 ft high plinth are the words of the Lord Prayer in a dozen languages and inside its walls is a chapel. The monument was built

The outstretched arms of Christ give the appearance of peace to all residents of Rio.

to commemorate the centenary of Brazil's independence from Spain. It is a powerful reminder of the country's Roman Catholic faith.

The outstretched arms of Christ give the appearance of peace to all

➔..... *that citizens are fully complying with the rules. In one favela Ricondha, there was a landlord of properties with several dwellings. He charged the equivalent of US\$300 a month. These were not spacious flats but I calculated that annually his rent roll was probably \$3m.)*

Going up and down the favelas we visited I did not see deprivation; I did not view unhappiness. Kids had computers and bikes and pets. The ones we saw were wearing logo branded items. They looked well fed. On the trees, as noted, there were ripening bananas. Maybe the most important ingredient was the powerful sunlight. However, we did not linger in these favelas at night. Dwellings are crammed together in a higgledy piggledy way it was true but each had a satellite dish and some even had air conditioning. Did they have access to clean water? Yes. Was sanitation good? Well the smell indicated otherwise. Were basic education needs met? We viewed a small school. I cannot attest its success or value. The kids were on computers and staring at Facebook

pages. Just like here really. Education can be a route out of the slum and who knows maybe one or two manage to escape to a better life. So not absolute poverty just cramped

noticed deprivation. I observed kids with holes in their clothes. They were thin and lacking the normal confidence of teenagers. The fabric of the school was totally worn out.

“I observed kids with holes in their clothes. They were thin and lacking the normal confidence of teenagers”.

conditions, but I have seen “cramped” in Hong Kong, one of the wealthiest places on the planet for most of its population.

No, if one wants to see deprivation one needs only to travel to Scotland. During my teacher training year I was lucky enough to win a small closed competition to travel north of the border and look at schools there. On a couple of grey days a small group of education inspectors, my lecturer, a fellow student and I, we toured round in a couple of taxis. I

Where generations of school children had turned on the landing to go up another flight of stairs there was a two or 3 inch deep hole spanning a foot or so. It was grim – the facilities were a shock to me as this was after all a part of the UK. They are the forgotten children. And anyone who shouts about how superb Scottish education is, needs to visit these schools and revise their views. The time of my visit north of the border? November 2006.

## The Cross

A young man was at the end of his tether, seeing no way out, he dropped to his knees in prayer.

“Lord, I can’t go on” he said, “I have too heavy a cross to bear.”

The lord replied, “My son, if you can’t bear it’s weight, just place your cross inside this room. Then open the other door and pick out any other cross you wish.”

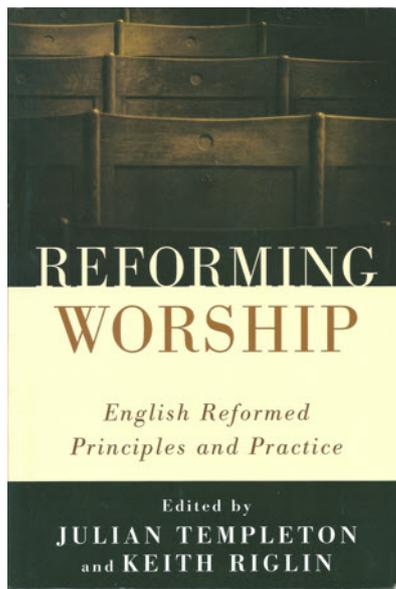
Upon entering the other room, he saw many crosses; some so large the tops were not visible. Then, he spotted a tiny cross leaning against the wall.

“I’d like that one, Lord,” he whispered.

The Lord replied, “My son, that is the cross you just brought in.”

When life’s problems seem overwhelming, it helps to look around and see what other people are coping with. You may consider yourself far more fortunate than you imagined.

*(A piece taken from the Whitstable URC Newsletter. Two of their members heard it used during a service on a cruise ship - Thanks to Hugh Martin for this. I assume these members were not on the same cruise as Rosemary and David Paul)*



# Reforming Worship

## *Discussion Group*

*Thursdays 3, 10, 17, 24 October, 8:00 pm,  
The Manse, 11 The Fairway, EN5 1HH*

Some will recall the St John's Launch last year of the book I co-edited: *Reforming Worship*. Some may have attempted to read the book and found it rather hard-going. At the request of one member, I'm offering four sessions to discuss some sections of the book. I hope that as we discuss selected essays, we will be able to help one another to understand what the author is getting-at, and, more importantly, discuss what we think worship is or should be. For the first session on October 3, we will discuss chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 1-21). Thereafter, the group will decide which chapters it wishes to tackle. If you missed the Launch, and/or didn't purchase a copy, copies are available from me at the reduced price of £10.

Julian Templeton, Email: [julian@templeton.me.uk](mailto:julian@templeton.me.uk) Tel. 020 8441 0499

## Church Meeting, 29th September, Fit for Purpose

At our next Church Meeting we will hear reports from our four *Fit for Purpose* sub committees that have met a number of times to discuss the gospel, worship, our building, our relationship with other URC's, and our relationship with other local churches. Come and hear their findings and take part in the discussion.

## Harvest Festival Worship

11:00 am, 6th October



We will be collecting items for the Chipping Barnet Foodbank and HAB, Homeless Action in Barnet.

*"Due to increased demand there is now a shortage of the following non-perishable food for the Foodbank":* tinned rice pudding, tinned fruit, tinned meat, jar/pkt pasta sauces, coffee, fruit juices, biscuits, jam, tinned puddings, tinned vegetables (but not baked beans) and UHT milk.

HAB require toiletries and underwear items.

## Weds 4 Kids Club

The Weds 4 Kids After School Club starts again on 18th September meeting weekly from 4pm to 5pm. during term time. There will a range of craft activities to choose from as well as games to play, music and stories to listen to and juice and biscuits to enjoy.

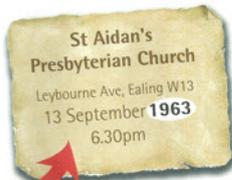
You are invited to join  
**Tony Alderman**  
as he reflects on

**50 years of Preaching**

Respite   Circumspice   Prospice

**The next 50 years**

**St John's URC**  
Mowbray Road, Barnet, EN5 1RH  
15 September 2013 6.30pm



"Choir Unlimited are holding a fund raising concert in the church hall on Saturday 21st September from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. Community Choir from Borehamwood are also performing. Tickets £3 in advance or £4 on the day. Tickets can be obtained from Alison Cousins."

# MESSY CHURCH

**AT ST. JOHN'S**

Songs  
Crafts  
Worship  
Fun

**Sunday 13th October,**  
**10:30am - 12 noon**

**At: St. John's United Reformed**  
**Church Hall,**  
**Mowbray Road,**  
**New Barnet EN5 1RH**

**This event is for families and children**  
**Children must be accompanied**  
**by a parent or carer**

**For more information call:**  
**Georgie Wilson 07916 404082**

# Calendar of Church Events

<b>September</b>		
Sunday 1st	11:00am	Worship with Holy Communion led by Julian Templeton
Wednesday 4th	7:00pm	Nosh and Natter at 10 Leicester Road
Thursday 5th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
	8:00pm	Management and Finance Committee, Vestry
Sunday 8th	11:00am	Worship led by Andrew Summers and Helen Snider
	8:00pm	Soul Food led by Julian Templeton
Tuesday 10th	8:00pm	Elders' Meeting
Thursday 12th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
Sunday 15th	11:00am	Worship led by Paul Elsdon
	6:30pm	Tony Alderman's Anniversary Service
Wednesday 18th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
	8:00pm	St. John's Fellowship, National Anthems, Julian Templeton
Thursday 19th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
Sunday 22nd	11:00am	Worship led by Alison Bond
	3:00pm	Causeway
Tuesday 24th	8:00pm	Prayer and Discussion Group at 37 Greenhill Park
Wednesday 25th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
	8:30pm	Men's Group at The Railway Bell
Thursday 26th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
Sunday 29th	11:00am	Worship led by Julian Templeton followed by Church Meeting
<b>October</b>		
Wednesday 2nd	7:00pm	Nosh and Natter at 10 Leicester Road
Thursday 3rd	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
	8:00pm	Reforming Worship Discussion, The Manse
Sunday 6th	11:00am	Harvest Festival Worship with Holy Communion led by Julian Templeton followed by Shared Lunch

## October

Monday 7th	3:30pm	Pastoral Team Meeting
Tuesday 8th	8:00pm	Elders' Meeting
Wednesday 9th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
Thursday 10th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
	8:00pm	Reforming Worship Discussion, The Manse
Sunday 13th	10:30am	Messy Church
	11:00am	Worship led by Dr Richard Bingle
Wednesday 16th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
Thursday 17th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
	8:00pm	Reforming Worship Discussion, The Manse
Sunday 20th	11:00am	Worship led by Julian Templeton
Monday 21st	8:30pm	Men's Group at The Railway Bell
Wednesday 23rd	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
Thursday 24th	12 noon	Prayer at Noon
	8:00pm	Reforming Worship Discussion, The Manse
Sunday 27th	11:00am	Worship led by Richard Harvey and Brenda Sandford (British Summer Ends)
	3:00pm	Causeway
Tuesday 29th	7:30pm	Area Forum, St. Paul's United Reformed Church, Newton Road, Bayswater W2 5LS
	8:00pm	Prayer and Discussion Group at 37 Greenhill Park

## November

Sunday 3rd	11:00am	Worship with Holy Communion led by Julian Templeton
Wednesday 6th	7:00pm	Nosh and Natter at 10 Leicester Road

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