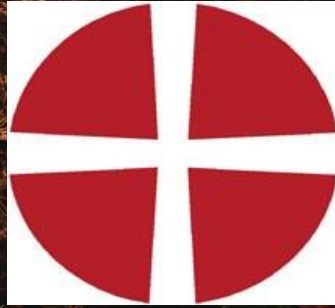


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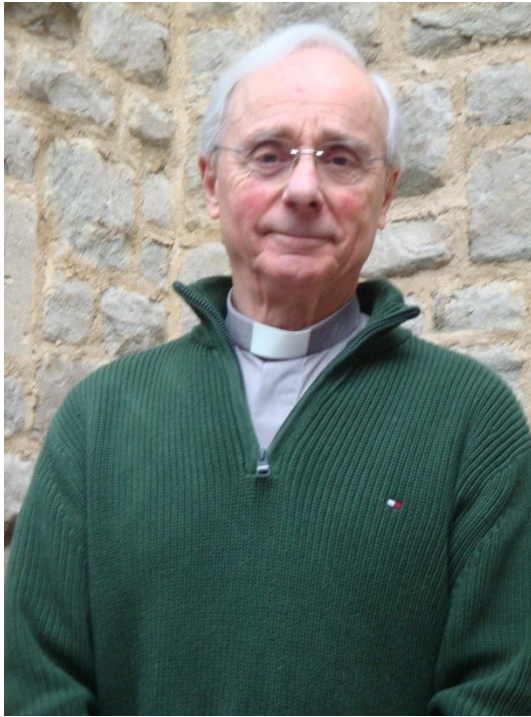
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*A Christ Centred Community Church*

*Autumn/Winter 2023*





## Rev. David

Dear Friends,

You may have noticed that we recently started a Julian group in our church. A Julian meeting is a meeting for silent prayer and meditation, a time of waiting on God without the words that normally fill our prayer and worship. There's nothing intrinsically wrong with words of course; they're often, perhaps usually, the most common and convenient way we have to express ourselves and communicate with each other. But there are undoubtedly times when words and language mislead us as much as they enlighten us; there are times when it's better just to keep quiet and listen.

I have always found it necessary to make time periodically to be alone with God. What always surprises me – and by now it shouldn't – is how these times bring me back to a renewed and enhanced sense of the overwhelming mystery of God. I'm a person who readily falls into patterns of order and discipline in what I do, which is perhaps one reason that I'm a Methodist. I find myself imposing order on the variety of my experience because I find it hard to live with disorder so it does me no harm to be faced with the sheer impossibility and yet the stark reality of God. I can bring only limited order to my experience of God and I find myself rediscovering how little we, I, really know of God, how much more there is than any categories I can devise, how little I at least can say of what I think I know and how limited and provisional my knowledge is. It's too easy to fall into the trap of protecting myself from my experience of God with layers of daily life, inside the church as well as outside it; periodically I need to peel back my shell and let God get to me.

That's why it's so important that we do all we can to understand our faith, not in any sense of arriving at a complete understanding but in the sense we find in 1 Peter 3, so that we can give a good account of the hope that is in us. Unless we in our own spiritual lives learn something of the mystery of the reality of God, whether we can articulate it or not, our lives as disciples of the Christ who embodied that mystery will be seriously compromised. We need to know in our own personal experience something of the sheer *isness* of God before we commend the faith to others. In this sense, knowing the truth of our faith as well as we can always precedes the living out of the faith. Remember Martha and

Mary? Martha is so busy she has no time to sit, be quiet and listen to Jesus. But Jesus points out that Mary has the better part.

Discipleship will only be successful if it is well grounded in the experience, understanding, life and proper hope of the disciple. So please, give yourself a fair chance of growing deeper into your personal discipleship by trying silent prayer for yourself. Learn to sit and listen; perhaps even come along to a Julian meeting and see how being with others in silence has a life, strength and depth all of its own. Before we are blown off course by the traditional inanities of the Christmas season, let's try to separate the wheat from the chaff.

May God bless us all.

*David*

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## **EDITORS' NOTE**

We hope you find this Autumn edition of The Indicator of interest. We will always be pleased to have any articles or suggestions for the future, so please let us have them. Thank you.

*Valerie and Christine*

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## **PRAYER TIME**



When we gather each Sunday morning before service we spend a few moments in silence, enabling us to come peacefully into the presence of God. We expressed to each other recently that this silence we felt in fellowship with one another had a special quality and was different from that experienced alone.

An invitation is open to anyone who feels they would like to join us as God is everywhere and his presence and peace is for everyone.

*Valerie*

## PERSONALIA



**Phyllis Wilson:** It is with sadness that we record the peaceful passing of Phyllis on 4<sup>th</sup> October. She, together with her late husband Peter, was a member of the church for many years. She was a retired teacher of RE at Langley Park School for Girls, a Local Preacher and a mentor to Local Preachers in the Circuit. She had a lively style of preaching. She will be very greatly missed by her daughter, Kathryn, son in law, Tom, and their children. We have them all in our thoughts and in our prayers at this time.

**Hayley Rosalie Gill:** Congratulations to Ben and Sophie on the birth of their daughter on 5<sup>th</sup> September. Granddaughter to Gordon and Ros Wilson.

Congratulations to **Rodney Kyei**, a former member of the church and elder son of Barbara & Isaac, who is marrying Chloe on Thursday, 26th October, in Ghana. Our warmest good wishes to them in their future life together.

**Birthdays:** For all those celebrating birthdays in November, December and January - Happy Birthday Greetings!

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## GORDON HUGHES EULOGY

Dad was born in 1925 in Bristol. He left school at 16 and became an accounts clerk in Bristol Docks Office. He joined the RAF at 18 and qualified as a flight mechanic joining the 151 Fighter Mosquito Squadron. While there he became fascinated by some secret radar equipment that was disconnected before he could work on servicing a plane, this inspired him to train to be a radar engineer and found himself working on the world's first auto landing equipment. In 1946 on a

very wet night on a 36 hour pass he met Gladys, who was working as a teacher in Bristol, and so started a remarkable friendship and partnership of 66 years with my mum. After the RAF he studied book keeping, accountancy and economics and successfully applied to work for Shell Mex and BP. In 1963 we moved to London and he was part of a small group at Shell Mex House working with the consultants McKinsey who were involved in reorganising the company. In the 70s his work in network planning included the splitting of Shell Mex and BP distribution network into Shell and BP. He retired early to take a 3 year counselling course and was a Psychodynamic Counsellor for 15 years during which he volunteered as a counsellor with the Croydon Pastoral Foundation. He was also involved in setting up a couple of charities. At South Bromley HospiceCare he volunteered as Appeal Director for two and a half years until they raised over half a million pounds and were able to appoint someone full time. It's now part of St Christopher's. With two others they set up Bromley Ablement which provided counselling for those with disabilities or serious illness. When we lived close to the lovely Kelsey Park he noticed some exotic birds which turned out to be mandarin ducks, finding out about them led with some others to the setting up of Friends of Kelsey Park, which he was closely involved in for many years. He enjoyed being a member of Beckenham Probus and gave some talks, I think including about Kelsey Park, local history which was another interest and more recently some of his reminiscences about his time in the RAF. Throughout his life he loved sport. He played rugby for Horfield Athletic in Bristol, becoming captain for a season. His brother John told me of his unique manoeuvre that always surprised the opposition and often scored a try from a line out close to their touchline. Unfortunately this trick failed when his first game in the RAF was against his old Bristol club teammates. In his 30's it took a broken collar bone to finally stop him from playing, much to Mum's relief. When he retired he took up playing bowls at the BP Club in Sydenham later joining Bromley South Hill Wood in 1994 where he did a stint as men's captain and became the only member to be president twice. If his plans for playing bowls were disrupted, I'd hear about it. Because he was bit hard of hearing I was with him when he first met the surgeon who was to replace his hip. I would have asked what was involved in the operation, his first question and main concern was when would he be able to play bowls again. The strong thread passing through his life was his Christian faith. He first attended the Methodist Central Hall in Bristol, before becoming very involved in Horfield Baptist Church in Bristol. Settling in Beckenham was a result of a chance meeting with his Baptist minister from Bristol. Dad had just had his interview at Shell Mex House, walking out he turned into the Strand and the first person he met was the Reverend Tosh, who had moved to Beckenham 3 years previously and spoke highly of the area for bringing up a family. When he arrived in Beckenham he

soon became Elm Road Baptist Church Sunday School Superintendent. At the time, Sunday school was not well attended, one of the first things he did was to change it from the afternoon to the morning, to the great relief of Alan and I. He came up with the idea of a club for children during the summer break, which was an unusual concept in the 60s. It became the Holiday Venture Club. He and other volunteers worked on arranging a lot of activities including crafts and sports. He had leaflets designed and posters printed. On the first day they thought they might get a couple of dozen but were flooded with 90 children, they ran out of refreshments, spread into other rooms but managed to cope, and as word got out, by the end of the week there were 120 children. It continued to be successful for many years. After 40 years with Elm Road Baptist Church, Dad and Mum joined Beckenham Methodist Church where they were warmly accepted into the church about 18 years ago. Dad never wanted to let anyone down. His main concern whilst waiting for a bed at A&E was the flowers he was due to arrange the following day. He was involved in many aspects of church life and very much appreciated the many friendships he developed. He was fortunate to be able to enjoy life to the full until the last few months. He was always modest and I don't recall him having a bad word to say about anyone. He was always ready to drop everything to help us and we are proud and lucky to have him as a Dad and will miss him very much.

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**CLOTHES BANK APPEAL**  
**SUNDAY, 5<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER**

Hi everyone! If you have any of the following in good condition please could you respond to this appeal.

**Menswear:**      **T shirts**  
                         **Trainers**  
                         **Anoraks**

**General:**        **Tea towels**  
                         **Towels**

The Living Well shop in Penge High Street is doing well and I understand has a variety of goods to sell.

Many thanks for your continuing support which is so helpful to those in need.

*Valerie*

## **FROM THE VESTRY**

We have been pleased to welcome back two visiting preachers this autumn. Rev Karen Jobson came down from Liverpool to lead our Anniversary and Gift Day service. It was good to see her after several years.

A more local friend of Beckenham Methodist, Rev Neil Draisey from Beckenham Baptist, led our Harvest service and blessed the generous amounts of produce donated to Living Well food bank in Penge.

### **Thanks from Living Well**

Dear members of Beckenham Methodist church family

A huge thank you for your very generous donation of £500 to Living Well Bromley.

Before Harvest we were spending an average £1200 a week on food for the foodbank, supporting 250 adults and 120 children. We have been overwhelmed with the generosity of our supporters this Harvest time. For the first time in months, we have a stock of food in our container. Now we shouldn't need to buy any essentials for the next month.

September saw our busiest month ever with us giving out 1414 bags of food. We also saw our highest number of new registrations – 68. With winter around the corner and the inevitable need for people to start to use their fuel more, we envisage that this trend will continue over the coming months.

Your financial donation will have covered the cost of 50 adult bags this week – a much appreciated contribution.

Thank you again for your continued support and please keep up to date with our news on social media.

Kind regards, Rebecca Day - Operations Manager

At Bromley Road, average numbers at Sunday services are good, with new people most weeks visiting to see if Beckenham Methodist is right for them. Obviously not all come back, but several have, and we hope to receive more people into membership at Easter next year.

As hoped, the Ghanaian Methodist Fellowship (now known as Freeman Ghanaian Methodist) began as a new church in the Bromley Circuit on 1st September in the church building at Clock House Road. We wish them well in their first year with new members, officers and committees, and a great choir.

The booklet commemorating worship and life at CHR has now been completed and is available from Bromley Road.



The Wednesday Class Meeting has used study materials produced by Embrace the Middle East this year. We will be using their updates from all the people and lands involved in these terrible times to keep them in our prayers.

*Jenny (Senior Steward)*

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## **ECO CHURCH – WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT ?**

As we all know the interlinked issues of climate change, bio-diversity and pollution are getting a lot of attention in the press and in the wider media generally. These are world-wide issues that transcend national boundaries. They demand a Christian response; it is our duty to look after God's creation. As a congregation in a corner of SE London we can only make a small contribution ;but the totality of all Christians (and indeed those of all faiths) can make a difference.

And at the 2023 Lent Course at St Johns, Eden Park, as one of four options, some of us learnt of an international Christian charity which is trying to support congregations in making a difference. That charity is "A Rocha". This title translates from Portuguese as The Rock. There are of course quite a few charities focussing on climate change but A Rocha has devised a scheme to support and encourage congregations to focus on things they can do. The Methodist Church, along with Christian Aid, Church of England and the URC church are corporate sponsors of A Rocha.

There are a series of over 80 challenges in a scheme that is divided into 5 sections.

1. Worship and Teaching
2. Building
3. Land
4. Community and Global Engagement; and
5. Lifestyle.

Most of the challenges can be attempted in stages; you get points for partial completion and more points later if you can fully complete. If you can get enough points in each of the five categories you can claim a Bronze Award; and further points can lead to Silver and Gold Awards . Of course it will be nice to receive an award but the main point of the scheme is to encourage congregations and individuals to take some steps towards sustainability. A few examples of the



challenges of the A Rocha scheme are given below but it is worth making three general points : -

- This scheme is not for eco warriors, such as “Stop Oil”, but it is a measured response to the crisis we are facing. All should be able to do their bit
- As Christians we should travel optimistically. There may be some inconvenience (of which ULEZ is an early example ) but working together, in the “Love thy neighbour” sense, is probably a good way forward
- The scheme is inevitably political – but not party political. We probably need to elect local and parliamentary candidates who lead on climate change matters rather than seek votes based on popular policies. With elections coming up next year we need to think very carefully.

The national Methodist Church is a corporate sponsor of the A Rocha scheme. At Beckenham Methodist Church the stewards meeting and the church council have both said “lets go for it”. A small group of us are working through the challenges and will be consulting and cajoling the congregation to see what they can do. A main method of communication will probably be the weekly news sheet which will have an “Eco Tips” section.

And here are some examples of the challenges in the A Rocha scheme :

#### Worship and teaching

WT03	Our church prays for environmental issues		Weekly		Monthly	X	Occasionally		Never
WT07	Caring for God’s earth features as a teaching theme in our church’s children’s work:		At least annually		Less often		Never	X	Need to find out

#### Building

B20	The water supply to our church premises is metered:			Yes	X	No		Need to find out
B32	Our church has given due consideration to the possibilities of generating renewable energy on our premises(e.g. solar   PV etc ):	X		Yes		No		Need to find out

#### Land

There is so little land around BMC that this section does not apply

#### Community and Global Engagement

CG07	Our church has organised and/or participated in a community clean-up project (e.g. local litter-pick)	X	At least annually		Less often		Never		Need to find out
CG08	Our church hosts a green fair, showcasing local produce and highlighting local environmental issues:		At least annually		Less often		Never	X	Need to find out

Lifestyle

Li13	Our church funds are ethically invested (e.g. current account and/or investments)		Yes		No	X	Need to find out	
Li15	As part of our life together, the members of our church undertake an environmental lifestyle audit		At least annually		Less often		Never	X Need to find out

There are a number of churches in Bromley taking part in the A Rocha scheme. They are working together under the umbrella body – Bromley Eco Church Network. We are doing quite well in our progress towards a Bronze Award. I am hopeful that we will be able to apply before Christmas. We have been fortunate in that there has been a major refurbishment to modern standards which has gained us extra points. The 20 odd year old boiler has recently been replaced with A grade modern boilers. And the Finance and Property Committee are seriously thinking of installing PV solar cells on the Bevington Hall roof.

You can find out more from the A Rocha website. **But there is a Bromley Eco Church Network meeting in Beckenham Methodist Church at 7.30 pm on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.** The speaker is from A Rocha and will describe their activities including the award scheme. All are invited – you do not have to belong to the Bromley Network. Invitations will be going to members of Churches Together in Beckenham (CTiB). A date for your diary ?

Thank you in advance for your support.

*David – Eco Church Team*

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## ROYAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND

As recorded in the last Indicator, we are now supporting the above charity who are willing to accept our used postage stamps and there has been quite a good response so far.

Please continue saving the stamps, putting them in the box provided on the table at the entrance to the atrium – I'm hoping for a box full at Christmas! Many thanks.

*Ena*

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## CATHEDRAL CONFABULATION



A magnificent House of Worship in the UK has the tallest spire of them all, (built in 1320) and stand-ing at 404 ft, is Salisbury Cathedral. Within today's boundaries the of "The Close", consider it the most picturesque setting imaginable, captured on canvas by prominent (and aspiring) artists from its 1220 conception. Inside this opulent, pioneering early English Gothic architecture, are some quirky facts. For a start – it's built on water – with foundations of only 4 ft. deep. Bishop Richard Poore (1228-1237) re-located the site from Old Sarum to its present position by shooting an arrow towards his preferred direction of location, killing a deer on landing. Salisbury Cathedral is built over its carcass. The best-preserved original Magna Carta is on view in the Chapter House and the Cathedral's original mechanical clock (1386), (the world's oldest working clock), stands in the North nave. Please visit, pray for and love Salisbury Cathedral.

*Jean*

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## MUSICAL NOTES BY DJ

The South London Singers would like to thank all those who supported the concert at Bromley Road on the 14th October, the first of the 42nd Season. We hope you all enjoyed the varied evening of music-making. The choir like to take their music to other venues as well and so the next event will be a **Christmas Concert on 16th December** at Christ Church, Beckenham, just off the High Street. It starts at 7.45 to allow for free parking in the Fairfield Road car park next door. Music will include Benjamin Britten's Ceremony of Carols and Irving Berlin's White Christmas Choral Medley as well as lots of traditional carols with audience participation. The season will continue in 2024 with a concert at St George's on **April 13th** and a return to Bromley Road for the **Summer Concert on July 6th**.

As a church, we are returning to having a Carol Service with candlelight this year so we hope lots of people will join us at **6pm on Sunday 17th December**. See elsewhere for details of other Christmas services.

Other Musical treats to look out for include two very different events at St George's. On **Saturday 4th November at 8pm** they welcome Buddy Holly and The Cricketers, a very popular tribute act, and then on Saturday 18th November St George's Chamber Orchestra present their first concert of the season. On **2nd December at 7pm** look out for the Beckenham Chorale's Winter Concert, also at St George's.

*DJ*



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## **FORTHCOMING DATES**

**Sunday 12th November**  
Remembrance Sunday

**Sunday 17th December**  
10.30am morning service  
6pm Carol service, coffee and mince pie

**Sunday 24th (Christmas Eve)**  
Circuit services:  
10.30am Bromley Road, Beckenham;  
4pm West Wickham;  
11.15pm Holy Communion at Bromley

**Monday 25th Christmas Day**  
10am service at BR led by Rev David Morris

**Sunday 31st (New Year's Eve)**  
10.30am Circuit morning service at Bromley MC  
10.00pm Watchnight service at Freeman MC

**Sunday 7th January**  
Covenant Sunday 10.30am Bromley Road  
Led by Rev David Morris

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### **News from Joy's Kitchen – Autumn 2023**



The very first Annual General Meeting of Joy's Kitchen was held in the Atrium alongside the kitchen on 30 July 2023. Seventeen of the twenty volunteers attended the meeting, and those three who did not, registered their apologies. A full house, what a result!

Deacon Laura chaired, extending a very warm welcome to all. Everyone had the opportunity to meet, greet and become socially acquainted with each other, especially with volunteers working on other days, who are not otherwise aware of who works when. A heartfelt touch was extended to the valuable contributions from the Mencap volunteers. They are an absolute brilliant bunch of

conscientious people, and are a great asset, keeping the wheels in motion with their work when Joy's Kitchen becomes super busy. All their helpful hands on deck are needed! I am informed that business is becoming better, what good news that is! Three of the four Mencap volunteers were singled out for recognition by way of an award for their efforts, each receiving a £25 'thank you'

voucher, clearly enjoying the attention they deserved. The volunteer, unable to attend the meeting, picked up the award last month.

A few kitchen tasks needed doing to ensure a smooth AGM, and Chairperson Laura filled them without difficulty because Joy's Kitchen volunteers are so delightfully willing to help!

Before getting on with a mention about an awesome and huge spread of delicacies offered for the end of meeting party, two important assets have been acquired. A lovely new feature is the 'al fresco' dining area, including tables, chairs and sunshades which are set out on warm, dry days and funded with donations received by the church in memory of Don and Muriel Staples. Grateful thanks are offered for the family's generosity, especially as Muriel used to volunteer in TC's, our former cafe. The other object of obsession is the brand new cappuccino coffee machine. Everyone seems all agog with the 'Gaggio'! Other coffee types are available from it. Please do remember too that Joy's Kitchen is open four days a week during term time and we would love to see you! Its popularity, prices and its recent five-star food grading have prompted immediate recruiting for cover volunteers so that we can remain open if one of our regulars is unavailable.

And so, the party was started. All Joy's Kitchen staff enjoyed a fantastic jubilee of delicious food, fun and friendship in celebration of its first full anniversary!

*Jean, Monday volunteer*

### UNUSED CHRISTMAS CARDS

Regular readers of this journal may recall that back in the spring, I gave advance notice that I would be making a plea for donations of unused, although not necessarily unloved, Christmas cards, with a view to selling them alongside the remaining TC's stock.

Well, the time is just about nigh, to start gathering the cards in, ahead of the actual sale.

For new readers of this journal, if you have any unused Christmas cards at home, that you're never going to send, I'd be happy to take them off your hands, so they can be given (sold to) a new home. Exact card sale dates will be confirmed in due course. In the meantime, please be advised that every Sunday, from 5 to 26 November inclusive, there will be a Christmas card collection box in the New Room, for card donations. The box will be clearly marked.

As a reminder, any money raised through the sale of cards, will go towards the causes the Church supports. Thank you,

*Sandra*





# *How social are we???*

During 2023 we have been trying to bring us all together with various social events. Regretfully a lot of social interaction was lost during the pandemic. Since January the following events have been organised:-

- January 15<sup>th</sup> Bring and Share Lunch
- June 4<sup>th</sup> Coronation Ploughmans Lunch & quiz
- July 2<sup>nd</sup> Bring & Share Lunch
- August 19<sup>th</sup> Church Garden Party (almost £300 was collected for Christian Aid on the day)
- October 7<sup>th</sup> Fish & Quiz Harvest Supper

Our most recent get together was at the Fish & Quiz Harvest Supper which we are pleased to say was very well attended and a good evening was had by all. We hope you have all enjoyed the other occasions too, as we have. Its good to meet together and get to know each other better.

**However we feel the time has now come for us to pass on the baton so to speak - for someone else to 'take up the reins' and organise events in 2024. We do hope that volunteers will come forward to take on this rewarding job, even if only for one event.**

Please get in touch with us if you want to know more or talk to one of the stewards with your ideas or offers

Thank you

*Valerie & Christine*

**Beckenham Quilters  
Exhibition**

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2023**  
10am to 4pm

**Beckenham Methodist Church,**  
Bromley Road, Beckenham,  
BR3 5JE

**Entry: £5 including catalogue**  
Children and students free

**Refreshments and traders**

**[www.beckenhamquilters.co.uk](http://www.beckenhamquilters.co.uk)**





## **CHURCHES TOGETHER in BECKENHAM**

There is not much to report since my last information in the summer Indicator. However a picnic was held in Croydon Road recreation ground after church on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> September. It was a very hot day which unfortunately meant some people could not attend. However several local churches put on a good showing so a good time was had all round. Lots of lovely chat and the younger ones amongst us played games. We hope this event will continue in the future.



Events across the Churches will again be organised for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, 18<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024. Further details will be given in the weekly notices.

There have been lots of changes within the local clergy over the last few months and, as previously reported Rev Andrew Jones is stepping down as Chair of CTiB. Andrew is remaining as pastor of Avenue Road Baptist Church on a half time basis until next summer which is good news both for Avenue Road and CTiB. Different churches have taken responsibility for organising the major events that CTiB arranges and supports. These are The week of Prayer for Christian Unity in January, a Lent course on a bi-annual basis, the Good Friday Walk of Witness and a summer picnic. We look forward to working with the other churches to make sure all these events happen.

David Keall and myself continue to represent our church at CTiB and are happy to talk to you at any time about CTiB and its activities.

*Christine*



## **FUND FOR HUMAN NEED**



**A REMINDER! Let's refresh our memories as to why this fund was set up and why we are giving to it.** It was founded in 1960 by people who believed they had a responsibility to heed Jesus' commands and offer help to the poorest and most needy people. Quote from its' 60<sup>th</sup> birthday card: "Our focus is on helping the destitute in communities all around the UK. We offer relatively small amounts of money in the name of the Methodist Church but we give hope and share God's love". The Trustees are led by Revd. Roger Cresswell (Chair), Mr Noel Schorah (Treasurer) Lord (Paul) Boateng (Patron) and Mrs Gill Mason (Administrator).

We had a healthy sum in our Benevolence Fund in 2016 and after prior consultation with our minister and with her agreement, at the Church Council following, I proposed that we send a donation of £700.00 (March 2016) to this fund which was agreed, followed by a further donation of £200.00 in October 2016.

It was then decided in 2019-2020 to send the proceeds of our after service coffees/teas to this fund and we donated the marvellous sum of £546.10.

As you can imagine, our donation for the year 2020-2021 was somewhat reduced, due to Covid restrictions, but we still were able to make a donation of £353.46.

You will all appreciate that, as FHN states in their latest handout, "Every year we rise to the challenge of helping people in the most desperate situations all over the United Kingdom".

**I am so pleased therefore to report that in 2022-2023 we have raised the magnificent sum of £929.43 which has been sent to the fund. Good news indeed!**

*Valerie*

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## **FLOWERS IN CHURCH**



There's no denying that the flowers in church, given by many different members of the congregation, provide both beauty and colour for us to enjoy. Many thanks to Margaret and others who arrange them.

### **ROTA for November/December 2023 & January 2024**

5 November	Margaret Hazlewood
12 November	Remembrance Sunday
19 November	Diane Chorley
26 November	Sheila Priestman
3 December	Comfort Lawson
10 December	Jan Duck
17 December	Valerie Wilson
24 December	Christmas
31 December	Circuit Service @ Bromley
7 January	Barry Stewart
14 January	Jan Duck
21 January	Valerie Wilson

**THANK YOU** to Margaret for her loyal service, over many years, in maintaining this tradition.

## **SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Bromley Road at 10.30am (unless otherwise stated)**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November**

Revd David Morris

**Holy Communion**

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> November**

Mr Jim Holman

**Remembrance**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> November**

Revd Karen George

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November**

Mrs Christina Messenger

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

Revd David Morris

**Holy Communion**

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr Jim Holman

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> December**

Mr David Lemmon

Revd Karen George **6.00 pm**

**Carol Service**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December**

Ms Alison Driscoll /

Mrs Christina Messenger

**Circuit Service**

Deacon Laura MacBean **4.00 pm**

**All Age Crib Service @ West Wickham**

Revd Karen George **11.15 pm**

**Christmas Communion @ Bromley**

Revd David Morris **10.00 am**

Mr Jim Holman

**Circuit Service @ Bromley**

**Watchnight Service 10.00 pm @ FGMC**

**7<sup>th</sup> January**

Revd David Morris

**Covenant/Holy Communion**

**14<sup>th</sup> January**

Dr. Clive Timehin

**Circuit Thanksgiving Service for the ministry  
of West Wickham Methodist Church @2.30 pm**

**21<sup>st</sup> January**

Pulpit Swap/Deacon Laura MacBean

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