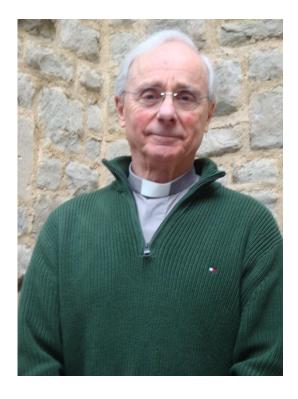
# THE INDICATOR

# **Beckenham Methodist Church**

A Christ Centred Community Church





#### **Rev. David Morris** Not what but why

I've just finished reading a book by the American writer Marilynne Robinson called Reading Genesis. It isn't a commentary or anything like that; Robinson is a novelist and essayist, she's a winner of the Pullitzer prize for one of her novels, Gilead. This latest book is an extended reflection on Genesis as a whole, not on one or two snippets that we might hear on a Sunday morning. Robinson is a life-long Christian, a

Presbyterian. In Reading Genesis she traces the constancy and the sheer persistence of God's love through the ups and downs, arguments, betrayals, lies and deceits of the people involved in the story. In a joined up way we're taken through reflections on the stories of Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph and all the ways that God's constancy is the ever running current in their lives.

The human beings in the stories are a constant source of disappointment to God even though some of them, like Abraham, have met God face to face and know that they are destined to be the ancestors of people as numerous as the stars in the sky. Great things are in store but ordinary human life overwhelms them and sometimes they act like people who have never known or heard of God. Yet God absorbs their failures, he soaks up the way that the pressures of living in the world lead them to act. God goes on slowly building his purposes for humanity in ways they can't imagine unless, occasionally like Joseph, they can look back and see where God has been in their story.

All this reminded me yet again that it is the over-arching direction of travel that matters more than particular incidents. The characters in Genesis do literally travel a great deal; they regularly have to uproot and move on because they face famine (Jacob and his sons) or they have

murdered someone (Cain) or stolen valuable goods (Jacob at least twice), or have been betrayed and abandoned (Hagar, Joseph) or are in the wrong place at the wrong time (Lot and his wife). Sometimes they meet God in their moment of crisis, sometimes they don't. Life happens to them, just as it happens to us.

It is the world we know, the world of fundamental human experience, that Robinson is pointing up. Genesis doesn't hide its horrors or offer palliatives to soften the blows. It offers encounters with the living God who is mystery, beyond explanation, but who can be known by those willing to entertain his presence. It is humanity's place in the universe and our role in creation which is at issue here in these stories built around the ordinary lives of ordinary people.

Most of us are not murderers or thieves and so on but we do have our moments of crisis. In our crises we are tossed around by the world just as much as Esau, Jacob, Joseph & Co were. And it is in all this that we who are prepared to entertain the idea of the love of God actually know and bear witness to the gracious and ever creative presence of God. This is the strength and power of the story of God's Christ. We in our day are as much part of this continuing story as were the characters of Genesis in their day. These great stories begin in the banality of ordinary lives lived out against the backdrop of God's covenantal grace and love. In our stories today, whether our travels are literal or metaphorical, we too can always know and turn again to God. It is what we allow God to make of us that matters in the end.

#### David

Our sincere thanks to David who, as our 'Minister having Pastoral care' over the past two years, has made himself available to us at all times with kindness and understanding which has been so much appreciated.

Thank you, too, David for your thoughtful preaching ministry.

#### **EDITORS' NOTE**

**Church Editors** 

Member editor 2023

We hope you find this Summer 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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#### FATHER OF ALL

God is not far away: He is not out of reach He, who existed before the universe, Who created us And has the power over all things Is here. In our worship. He is not brown or black or white He is the Father of all.

He is with us in all the confusion Of modern life. He comes to us in Jesus Christ, To live among us; To make himself known to us, Yesterday, Today, and tomorrow.

Anon

#### **PERSONALIA**



**Martin Ball:** We are sad to record that Martin, who was one of our regular organists for several years, died in February just before his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We will all remember him and, in particular, for the beautiful music he played at the close of services.

**Birthdays:** Happy Birthday Greetings to all those who have birthdays in June, July and August.



See differently

#### **ROYAL INSTITUTE for the BLIND**

**USED POSTAGE STAMPS STILL NEEDED!** Please keep them coming and thank you for your continuing support which is appreciated.

Ena

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## PRAYER TIME



**HOW:** During Rev Barbara Calvert's ministry a survey of the various areas of church life was conducted.

WHY: Because there was an interest in praying in a group and the late Ruben Martin and I found ourselves leading this group on Sunday mornings before service. Ruben chose a more formal style,

whereas I pray more topically and personally on behalf of the group and invite all members to feel free to pray also. This, however, is entirely up to individuals and there is no pressure to do so.

**WHO:** can join this little group meeting in the Wesley Lounge from 10.10 - 10.25 am on Sunday mornings – absolutely anyone. So feel free to join us – you would always be welcome.

Valerie

#### MARTIN BALL EULOGY

Martin spent his early years growing up in Catford, with his parents, sister Maureen and brother Michael. His father worked for the Midland Bank (later HSBC) and his final appointment was as Manager of the branch in Elmers End ( yes, the banks had lots of local branches in those days - we've just heard that the final Beckenham branch of any bank apart from the Nationwide will be closing in a few months). Do you remember seeing those ornate oak devices for scrolling up the day and date on office desks back in the day? Martin had the one from his father's desk by the phone in his kitchen and had made the point of scrolling it on to Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January the morning before he sadly died.

When Maureen and Colin got married they lived in Beckenham and when they moved to a bigger house in Manor Way after son, Steve, was born, the rest of the family moved to another house in the same road. That remained Martin's home until his parents died and he moved into his own house in The Drive, which was conveniently close to the station for trips to London and beyond.

Meanwhile, Martin had been a Chorister at King's College, Cambridge, under the direction of Harold Darke and Boris Ord and received his first organ tuition from the Organ Scholar at the time, a certain David Willcocks. He went on to Bryanston School and from there won a scholarship to the Royal College of Music, studying the organ with John Dykes Bower and composition with Herbert Howells. He was a finalist in the 1964 St Alban's improvisation competition and was a prolific recitalist and composer. He taught at the RCM Junior Department, Westminster School, Dulwich College and Hill House School and we'll hear more of that later. After leaving the RCM, he was appointed Organist at Chelsea Old Church, which had recently been rebuilt following extensive war damage, and stayed there for many years.

Back in the 80s Mary and I helped found a chamber choir here at this church which we called the South London Singers. Many of you may have heard us and I'm pleased to say it's still going strong. Martin was a regular supporter and back in 2003, following the unexpected departure of our regular accompanist, we managed to persuade him to work with us for rehearsals and concerts. He played for us for a whole season but didn't really want the regular commitment beyond that. The Director at the time was John Nightingale.

After that season, Martin only came and accompanied rehearsals for us, often at very short notice and having to sight read the music. I think it was at one of those sessions that we were practising an anthem, which I think may have been O Thou the Central Orb by Charles Wood. At the end of the evening he confided in me that he really hated that piece, so much so that, when he was a boy chorister at King's, he recalled going round tearing it out of everyone's books so that they couldn't sing it! Robert Hazell, who is here today and was a contemporary at King's, might be able to tell us whether that was really true! To close what I have to say, I thought we would just listen to a short excerpt from one of the South London Singers CDs, recorded here in this church. Martin in fact only played for the rehearsals for this and didn't fancy playing on the day but the piece I've chosen is the Nunc Dimittis from the canticles written for King's College Choir in 1945 by Herbert Howells, known to singers as the Coll Reg. I'm sure Martin must have sung it there even if he wasn't actually present for the first performance. The choir is conducted by John Nightingale, the organist is Paul Isom and the soloist William Gould. "Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace."

# FROM THE VESTRY

Bromley Circuit with Orpington & Chislehurst Circuit held conversations to consider merging. Churches unanimously agreed to move forward together as the Widmore Circuit from September 2024.

On Easter Sunday, four people were made new members, twelve members were transferred from West Wickham and one from Beckenham United Reformed Church. We are delighted that they have felt a welcome at Beckenham Methodist Church.

It is hoped to hold Stay & Play sessions on Tuesdays on a regular basis during school holidays.

Graham would welcome volunteers for assisting on those Tuesdays and for planning ahead for future sessions.

Thanks to all volunteers and especially Graham for his enthusiasm.

This Lent we followed the Methodist Bible Study course 'Let Justice Flow' based on the book of Amos. A good number of people joined with Rev David Morris for good discussions.

This will be my last 'From the Vestry' as I come to the end of my time as a church steward at the end of August. I do recommend that anyone who is able considers being part of the Church Council and the Stewards' team. You learn so much about the workings of the Church, its mission and future as part of the new Circuit.

I would like to thank everyone who contributes to the life of the Church, whether enabling worship on a Sunday, keeping the fabric of the church under review, or supporting meetings and activities during the week. Not forgetting Sarah, whose administration we appreciate greatly. *Jenny (Senior Steward)* 

#### **Editors** Note

Jenny has served the Church as senior steward for a long period. Many of us have found ourselves saying 'ask Jenny she will know' and she always had the answer! Although she is now standing down she will, we are sure, still be there answering questions and doing all the other jobs she has also been doing whilst a steward.

So for all your dedicated service as senior church steward over quite a few years a huge thank you.

Graham is also standing down this year following many years as steward at Clockhouse and more recently Bromley Road. A grateful thank you to him too for all he has done and we know is continuing to do.

E is a quality of mind. If you have left your dreams behind t hope is cold. IF you no longer plan ahead IF ambitions all are clead then you are old. But if you make of life the best And in your life you still have zest, If love you hold -No matter how the years go by No matter how the birthday You are not old.

The poem was handwritten and framed by my mother Barbara Stotesbury. It is a poem entitled "How old are you" by H S Fritsch who was born in 1878 in Illinois. He was a pastor and a poet. He died in 1933 and is buried in Jacksonville Florida.

It lives on the window sill by my computer!!!!

Sheila G

#### 4<sup>th</sup> Beckenham South Scout Group



It has been a long time since I have written an article for The Indicator to update people on the Scout Group. As a Group we continue to thrive with active sections of Beavers, Cubs and Scouts. The big challenge we are currently facing is the loss of leaders who have served the group faithfully for many years.

Sadly, Ian Woodrow (our Group Scout Leader or Group Lead Volunteer in the new terminology) and his wife Christine (Assistant Leader in Cubs) have decided that now is the time to retire and we will be sad to lose them. I am sure we will still see them around as their sons Robbie and Ben will still be involved with Cubs and Beavers. Also in the summer, Mike Spencer (Assistant Scout Leader) and his family will be moving to their new house just outside Canterbury. For some reason Mike has advised that this is too far for him to commute every Wednesday evening! We will miss all 3 of them as having all worked together now over many years we have become good friends.

If you can help or know anybody who might be interested in helping either in a leader capacity or a behind scenes volunteer then please do get in touch as we do now urgently need to recruit more help.

Our Cubs and Beavers are holding a joint camp at Frylands Wood Campsite this month which will be the first overnight activity of 2024. They will enjoy a range of activities at the camp including archery. Their weekly programmes are varied and active with lots of cooking, craft and skills activities taking place. All three sections enjoyed an evening from a representative of the RNLI who provided an insightful and thought-provoking session for all those who were there.

The Scout section have mixed traditional Scout activities such as knots and lashings, first aid and cooking with a variety of games where we often try new variations on existing games. We also had a fantastic board games evening where we introduced several different games to the Scouts with no electronic devices!! A number of Scouts took part in the Bromley District, "Scouts of Steel" competition which is an assault course race at a local campsite. They all worked well together and despite it raining constantly on the Saturday when the course was being built we had a lovely Spring day for the event on the Sunday. The event was very successful with over 200 young people taking part.

The big event for Scouts this summer is a district camp to France where we have 7 Scouts and 3 Leaders attending. We will be travelling to the Ardeche to enjoy a fantastic week doing mainly water based activities on the river. There are about 120 people from across the District going so it should be a memorable event.

Gordon Wilson Scout Leader

#### MUSICAL NOTES BY DJ

As I write, some of us have just enjoyed an afternoon of May Music in the church on Sunday, organised by one of our newer members of the congregation, Jean Low. A varied programme of songs from the shows and operatic numbers was well received by an enthusiastic audience of over sixty people and donations amounted to £110 after expenses which has been put to the ongoing Organ Fund.

Talking of the organ, a notable event in early April was the Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the life and work of Martin Ball, who had been playing for many of our services since 1995. He was very much part of our church family and is greatly missed, having died just two weeks short of his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday. We have an audio-visual recording of the service which included tributes and wonderful music if anyone missed it. We are pleased though to be welcoming two young teenage players to our rota of regular organists, something which would have really pleased Martin. Both are pupils of John Webber and we are enjoying their contributions to our worship, as well as those of David Keall who has been able to step into the breach again. John's wife Maggie is one of our cafe volunteers on a Monday and, apart from being Director of Music at St John's East Dulwich, John also conducts the Beckenham Junior Choir, Youth Voices and the Elm Singers who are returning for another joint concert in our Church in November.

Before that, the South London Singers ( with six church members in their ranks ) will be staging their Summer Concert here at 7.45pm on Saturday July 6th. The music will be a mix of Sacred and Secular, suitable for a summer evening. This year sees the centenary of the death of Charles Villiers Stanford and we are marking that with his Te Deum in B flat. Although Irish by birth, Stanford is credited with leading the renaissance of English music in the late 19<sup>th</sup> C, being both Professor of Music at Cambridge University and Professor of Composition at the Royal College of Music simultaneously for nearly 40 years. His secular music will be celebrated with his Songs of the Fleet, a suite of five riotous nautical songs for baritone soloist and

choir. Also in the programme will be Mozart's glorious Missa Brevis in F and a selection of madrigals, a truly magical musical evening.

In the next few weeks, there is a varied programme of musical events over the road at St George's as they build up to their annual Arts Festival in the last week of June. Everything from The Blues Band to Beckenham Chorale, from the music of Simon and Garfunkel to the XBY Concert Band, from the Bootleg Beatles to their own professional Chamber Orchestra and from Roger McGough to a celebration of the music of Frankie Valli and the Four Seasons. Do pick up a programme and support them if you can.





DJ



Stanford's Songs of the Fleet and Mozart's Missa Brevis in F (K192) Plus a selection of madrigals & light choral music

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There was a wonderful list of events celebrating Easter this year. This what we managed to achieve in a few short days. <u>Maundy Thursday</u> 8pm communion service at Bromley. <u>Good Friday</u>

• In the morning we joined in the local Churches together in Beckenham on the annual Good Friday walk of witness. As usual the walk started at St Edmunds and

finished at St Georges. This year the final act of worship was held in St Georges. The walk was very well attended and we were pleased to report that the church really was "packed to the doors".

• In the afternoon a Circuit Service and tea was held at Beckenham, Bromley Road

#### Easter Saturday

A drop in coffee and hot cross bun morning was held on Easter Saturday morning. As in earlier years we were asked to help decorate a cross with flowers for display outside the Church. Unfortunately numbers attending were low but they still produced a wonderful cross to show to Beckenham. <u>Easter Sunday</u>

10.30 am at Bromley Road, Beckenham. Holy Communion. We were happy to receive new members and members transferred from other churches at this service. A very warm welcome to all of them.

# **NEWS FROM JOY'S KITCHEN - SPRING 2024**

Joy's Kitchen continues to go from strength to strength, with Tuesdays now equalling Thursdays in customer numbers. It can still sometimes be a challenge to keep to our advertised opening hours and we're very grateful for the flexibility of all volunteers, when it comes to covering 'shifts' at short notice. We have a new bookkeeper, Mark Cheesman, who has recently taken on this role, from Glenys Brightwell and we are grateful to both Mark and Glenys for their support in making the



numbers tally.

Over **Lent**, we offered homemade, meat-free soup with crusty bread, in addition to the regular menu and this proved very popular. Home-made cakes are another very popular item on the menu and we would love it if people signed up to donate cakes

occasionally, to keep everyone's sugar levels at the required level. Regular home bakers have all had to register with Bromley Council, to be allowed to supply cakes baked at home. We realise, however, that this is quite cumbersome and daunting and actually, not necessary for occasional bakers, so we are creating a simple, in-house registration form for our ad hoc bakers and will share this with you very soon. We have been able to make some more charitable donations and this year, we donated to *Smalls for All*, a small charity based in Scotland, which provides new pants and new or gently worn bras to people in Africa and the UK who cannot afford these items, because, as they say; 'dignity matters'.

We also donated to *Young Roots Croydon*, a local charity which supports young refugees and asylum seekers aged 11-25, most of whom are alone in the UK without their families.

Here are extracts from their messages of thanks:

'thank you so very much for talking about Smalls, this is wonderful news and we really appreciate your support. Please pass my thanks on to everyone who contributed. We really appreciate your support for Smalls'.

and

Thank you for reaching out on behalf of Joy's Kitchen and for choosing Young Roots as the recipient for your generous donation. We are delighted to accept your offer towards our work. Your contribution will make such an impact on the lives of the young people we support. To put your donation into context, it could provide 7 nights emergency accommodation for a young refugee while our caseworkers identify longer-term solutions. Thank you so much for standing with young refugees.

As you have no doubt seen, we have been advertising for a manager to take the cafe forward from September 2024. This is so that Deacon Laura can be freed up to do other work across the new Widmore Circuit. Laura will continue to chair the café's management committee meetings and will also line manage the new manager.

Our next AGM will be on Sunday 21 July at 3pm. Church Council members are especially invited, with others also very welcome. Refreshments will follow once official business has been concluded.

Sandra







#### **ZIMBABWE VICTIMS' SUPPORT FUND**

This year political and financial troubles have been compounded by a devastating drought that has wiped out crops (the main food source for much of Zimbabwe's rural population). This means that most of the harvest, normally collected around March time, has yielded nothing for this year.

Closer to hand, our team in Zimbabwe are reporting widespread food shortages and data from the World Food Programme and Famine Early Warning Systems Network indicates how the current drought, attributed to the El Nino weather phenomenon, has impacted agricultural production and water availability, leading to hunger and malnutrition, particularly among vulnerable and rural populations.

Against a backdrop of continued economic turmoil and sparse employment opportunities, ZVSF continues to distribute mealie meal to the most needy in our communities, along with supplies of soya chunks and the ePap nutritional supplement as funds allow. Our work would not be possible without our supporters.

In 2023, we delivered an average of 11 tonnes of mealie meal per month. We would like to ask for your support to aspire to providing 30 tonnes of mealie meal per month until March 2025 which will provide for more than 15,000 people each month.

A donation of £20.00 per month can feed a family of five or six (including children) for a whole month. We hope that this example illustrates just how impactful your donations could be to people who do not know when they will get their next meal.

(The above is excerpts from ZVSF's Special Appeal) Sheila Priestman says – 'Sadly I know that this fund has been in existence for many years and the wonderful Christian team in Bulawayo are constantly working against the odds delivering what mealie meal they can obtain and listening to peoples' concerns in the rural communities.

John the Baptist answered them, "whoever has two tunics should share with him who has none, and whoever has food should do likewise". SO LET'S DO IT – LET'S SHOW OUR NEIGHBOURS THAT WE CARE BY SUPPORTING THE TEAM IN ZIMBABWE, ALL WE CAN, TO ACHIEVE THEIR AIM

Valerie

## **MEMORIAL STAINED GLASS WINDOWS**

Before the recent renovations there was a small chapel in the west transept which was dedicated in 1952. Two of the four memorial windows given by former members are set in this area.



HUBBARD/STRAKER WINDOW: Given by the children of the Hubbard/Straker families. Connie, daughter of Arthur and Mary Hubbard, was actively engaged as Junior Church pianist (she was also a piano teacher) and formed and trained the Junior Church choir who performed on various occasions. Concerning Charles and Gertrude Straker, he owned a printing business and was responsible for much of the church's printed material, whilst Gertrude was a member of the

Ladies' Working Party (sewing/knitting towards the annual sale in aid of Action for Children). Son Roland – married to Connie (mentioned above) - on becoming blind in later life, memorised and gave out the notices at Sunday services.

Subject: This depicts the Angel at the tomb following Christ's Resurrection on Easter Day.



MASON WINDOW: Given by Wendy Mason in memory of husband Howard Robert and their middle son, Edward Revel (known as Teddy). Howard and Wendy had three sons – Tony, Teddy and Peter – all of whom attended Junior Church. Tragically, Teddy died at 24 in an accident while serving in the Fleet Air Arm. A plaque at the foot of the window records the passing of Wendy. Subject: This depicts the Transfiguration of Christ

surrounded by His disciples.



SHELVOKE WINDOW: Given by daughter, Mary, in memory of her parents Frank and Rose. Frank owned a somewhat chaotic umbrella and sports equipment shop in Bromley which was always fun to visit! His wife, Rose, was an able organiser of teas, particularly at the aforementioned annual sale and was a member of the Ladies Working Party.

Subject: This depicts Christ talking with two disciples and includes the elements of Holy Communion in the loaves of bread and the grapes of the vineyard.



PILBROW WINDOW: Given by members of this large family, Mr Pilbrow was always known as 'AJ' and was a Local Preacher. Equally, his wife was, to me, always known as 'Grannie Pilbrow' and was a dear, gracious lady. Their daughter, Frances Hancock, was mother of David and Ruth, David, until his death in 2022, maintaining his membership. Subject: This depicts the ascended Christ extending the crown of life to a soldier and servant with an Angel holding the Bible. Note the star in the shoe - 'Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path'.

#### Valerie

# NAMES ON DOORS



WESLEY LOUNGE: Named after the founder of the Methodist church, Revd John Wesley, who was born in 1703 and who died in 1791 following an amazing itinerant ministry.

EPWORTH ROOM: So named because in 1697 Revd Samuel Wesley – Father of John and Charles – became Rector of Epworth in Lincolnshire. John was born in the Rectory and when he was six years old, he was rescued from the building which was completely destroyed by fire. The Rectory was rebuilt shortly afterwards.

RICHMOND ROOM & HANDSWORTH ROOM: (the latter is the kitchen upstairs): These rooms were named after Methodist Theological Colleges formerly set up for the training of candidates to the Methodist ministry.

THE NEW ROOM: (the present church entrance area) Now, as formerly, this is used as a meeting room and was named after the New Room building in Broadmead, Bristol, which was Revd John Wesley's first meeting room and dwelling place dating back to 1739. It was from here that he travelled the length and breadth of this country on horseback preaching the Gospel to all.

Valerie



# **CHURCHES TOGETHER in BECKENHAM**

Following the very successful Walk of Witness on Good Friday the next activity scheduled for CTiB is a picnic following our various services on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July at St Pauls Church, Brackley Road. A good time is had by all at these events so please try to join us, together with your picnic and, if possible, a folding chair. There are some seats available but its always better to have more! Should the weather be too inclement for us to go ahead on this date it will be re-arranged for 15<sup>th</sup> September.

The Rev Andrew Jones from Avenue Road Baptist Church has been Chair of CTiB for many years. Andrew is retiring this summer and we wish him well for the future. His final service at Avenue Road Baptist Church will be held on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Following the service a light lunch will be offered following an afternoon get together. All are very welcome to all or part of this day.

David Keall is a representative to the clergy/lay meetings with me and if anyone has any questions or would like more information **please** speak to either of us. We hope that Rita will be joining us shortly.

Christine

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## FUND FOR HUMAN NEED



Thank you to everyone who serves the coffee/tea each Sunday, not forgetting those who provide tasty birthday cake from time to time! But added to that, thank you to everyone who contributes each week to this tremendously worthwhile fund. The total raised this year will appear in the autumn edition of the Indicator.

Valerie

## **FLOWERS IN CHURCH**



#### **ROTA for June, July and August**

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Comfort L
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Paulette T
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Margaret H
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Barbara K
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Ben A
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Ena H
Sunday 21st July	Sheila P
Sunday 28th July	Comfort L
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Jenny N
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Valerie W
Sunday 18th August	Brenda H
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	Marie G

Once again may I say a big thank you to all who help with arranging the flowers. I am pleased to say that we have another flower arranger, and if there is anyone who would like to join the team please see me. There is a flower rota in both the atrium and the new room and if you see any gaps and wish to donate please let me know. The flowers are distributed each week and I try to ensure that everyone

The flowers are distributed each week and I try to ensure that everyone receives at least one bunch a year. If you haven't been lucky enough to receive one, please let me know. *Margaret* 

#### **SUNDAY SERVICES**

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

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Rev David Morris + Holy Communion
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Deacon Laura MacBean
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Bennie Harms
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Rev Derek Stanworth
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	Jim Holman
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev David Morris + Holy Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup> July	Rev Karen George
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	Roli Dagazon Johnson
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup> July	Deacon Laura MacBean
Sunday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	Rev David Morris + Holy Communion
Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Rev Karen George
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	Mike Tinson
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	David Lemmon

**Special Circuit Service** to celebrate the inauguration of the new Widmore Circuit and the welcome of Rev Hannah Faal-Heim at <u>10.30 a.m. on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2024</u> – at <u>Farrington's School,</u> <u>Chislehurst</u>. Preacher – Rev Dr Jonathan Dean, Chair of the London District of the Methodist Church.

Note: There will be no other services on that day.

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