WINCHESTER NEWS
JULY & AUGUST 2019

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Young Church Anniversary (see page 12).

Janice Pettit presenting Debbie Crawford with her Region Chief Commissioner’s Award for Girlguiding (see page 18).
SUNDAY SERVICES

10.30am Morning worship and Young Church
   Biscuit Club for ages 11 +
   Cookie Club for ages 3 - 11
Crèche available for babies, or there are red toy bags available at
   the back of the church

Refreshments are served in the Hub following the
   morning service every Sunday

Alternative evening services held once a month (see below)

WORSHIP DURING JULY & AUGUST

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Dear All,

I remember July 1969 very clearly. It was the month when Apollo 11 went to the moon and the first men, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin, walked on the moon’s surface. The Eagle lunar module landed on the moon on July 20th, watched on black and white televisions by millions of people around the world. It was a monumental moment as first one and then the second spacemen walked on the moon’s surface. They gathered a substantial amount of the moon’s surface to bring back to earth for analysis so that we could learn more about the moon. As Armstrong said, ‘A small step for man, but a great step for mankind’.

Before leaving earth, Buzz Aldrin obtained permission to take bread and wine into space so that he could give himself communion. Once the capsule had landed on the moon, Aldrin took the bread and wine, the first foods ever served on the moon. He read some scripture and then partook of the bread and wine. Armstrong listened but did not partake.

Other astronauts including three Catholics, one Jewish man and a Russian Orthodox, practiced their own religion whilst in space.

I remember well, the lunar module bursting through the atmosphere as it returned to earth on 24th July, and landed in the Pacific Ocean. As it bobbed on the waves, the door suddenly opened, and the three astronauts were hailed as heroes.

Soon after his arrival back on earth, Buzz Aldrin was interviewed about his experience of Holy Communion is space, and said, ‘At the time I could think of no better way to acknowledge the Apollo 11 experience than by giving thanks to God’.

Every month, within the life of the Methodist Church, we celebrate Holy Communion. The great prayer of thanksgiving is spoken and the story of the last supper is retold. The elements are blessed and then we share the bread and wine to remember that Jesus gave his life for us. It is a special moment.
It is good that we remember all that Jesus did for us, both through his death and resurrection. He has made it possible for us to know forgiveness of our sins, and to find the way to heaven. But it is also good to give thanks to God, for his generous love to us, wherever we are on earth or in the solar system.

Next time you receive the bread and wine, remember what it cost Jesus to go to the cross for you. In the words of the great prayer of thanksgiving, praise God for his wonderful care for you and that Jesus is the greatest star the world has ever known.

God bless,

Hilary

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**Prayer**

Restless God, we come to worship as travellers, exiled from the world.
We come to worship as searchers, seeking life and meaning.
And you, travelling, searching God, you meet us here.
For you are the originator love and the fulfiller of promise.
Amen.

*Fiona Green, local preacher, Ashborune Circuit.
From The Methodist Church Prayer Handbook 2018/19.*

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Thank you to everyone who gifted money for the Church Anniversary this year. We have raised a total of £10,558.00, approximately half of this amount was Gift Aided, which means that we will be able to claim 25p for every £1 that has been Gift Aided from HMRC.

Your generosity is much appreciated and £7,500.00 has been placed in the Memorial Hall Roof Fund.

Jean Norton
Church Treasurer
Building a people of power

In the First Ten Minutes on 23rd June I followed the ongoing theme of different people being built together by God. Everyone in Church had a Duplo brick (courtesy of Key Stage 1) which they labelled with a word describing themselves.

The congregation described themselves as follows:
- I am kind, a problem solver, happy (x3), busy, retired, helpful, loyal, shy, musical, friendly, a night owl, blessed, thoughtful, nice, short, tall, funny, organised and old
- I like life, eating, music, futsal, magic, praise, worship, singing and love
- I am a teacher (x3), a door steward

With the help of some expert Duplo builders we then made a model symbolising Winchester Road – everyone is different and so we are being built by God into something unique and special.

Then we sang:

‘Build your church, Lord, make us strong, Lord...
Make us one, Lord, in your body, in the kingdom of your Son.’

Laura Pease
2019 Dates for your diary

All events held here at Winchester Road unless stated otherwise

**Sat 20**

**th** **July:** Winchester Café, 10am-4pm

**Sat 20**

**th** **July:** Safeguarding course – Refresher, 7.30pm, Leytonstone Methodist Church

**Sun 21**

**st** **July:** Church Picnic, after morning service, The Highams Park

**Wed 24**

**th** **July:** Safeguarding course – Foundation, 10am, Leytonstone Methodist Church

**Mon 29**

**th** **July – Fri 2**

**nd** **August:** Holiday Club (see page 11)

**Sat 3**

**rd – Fri 9**

**th** **August:** Methodist Summer Fellowship, The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick [www.methodistsummerfellowship.org](http://www.methodistsummerfellowship.org)

**Sun 4**

**th** **August:** Holiday Club service

**Sun 18**

**th** **August:** Communion

**Sun 22**

**nd** **September:** Harvest Service & Church Parade

**Tues 24**

**th** **September:** Church Outreach Committee meeting, 7.30pm

**Sat 2**

**nd** **November:** London District Forest Circuit Safeguarding Conference on Spiritual, Loughton Methodist Church (see page 23)

**Sun 17**

**th** **November:** JMA; Christmas Shoebox Service; Church Parade

**Fri 22**

**nd – Sun 24**

**th** **November:** 3 Generate, Pontins, Southport [www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate](http://www.methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/3generate)

**Sat 23**

**rd** **November:** Christmas Bazaar

First & Third Wednesday of each month: Open Fellowship, 2.30-4pm (see page 23)

Every Friday during term time: Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, to support Action for Kids
The Olympic Park at Stratford

As many of you may know, I started volunteering as a 'Park Champion', about 18 months ago. It all started when Mike and I attended a festival in the Park to celebrate the re-opening of the unique, Carpenters Lock. I met a parent of a child I used to teach and her enthusiasm in being a Park Champion was infectious.

My main role is to help out in the information point near the entrance to the Park. We have a stream of visitors, especially in school holidays, coming in for maps, tips on where to visit and lots of other information. We also have a Mobility Buggy which drives round the entire park once an hour from 11am to 3pm. It is available to book for anyone with mobility problems and you can have a free guided tour, which lasts about 50 minutes. Thankfully, if you go on the buggy, you will not find me driving, but I do assist the driver by unlocking gates and bollards, as well as talking about the park. We often pick up people around the park, when we have the room. There are also wheelchairs and mobility scooters for hire.

I have also been privileged to help at numerous events. The most notable were the concerts last year, with the Rolling Stones and Beyonce, a swimathon, where I had to tattoo the numbers on the arms of the competitors, clearing the poppy bank using a pick axe, pond dipping with local schools and guided tours of the park. I have also had the opportunity to undertake training including, disability awareness, first aid and sighted guiding.

If you have not been to the Park, it is well worth a visit. On the upper level, there are 5 venues still in regular use. The Aquatic Centre, London Stadium, Copper Box, Velo-park and the Hockey and Tennis Centre. I never tire of people’s reaction when they go into the Velodrome for the first time. Benedict can tell you how good it is to ride in there. There are play areas and seating all around the park.
and if you want more of a thrill, the Orbit has the longest slide in the UK. Some days you can even see people abseiling from the top, something Susan Knights did two years ago!

The lower level consists of many paths along the River Lea and other waterways. Down there it is much more peaceful and you can see a variety of wildlife. There are kingfishers, swans and cormorants, as well as all the common birds, and hopefully this year a couple of otters may move in to the purpose-built holt. They were seen a mile or two upstream last year. There are boat tours along some of the waterways in the park and I was lucky enough to go on a longer boat tour recently, that went through the lock and up as far as Bow and Leyton. As summer approaches the Park is coming alive with a variety of plants from across the globe. You can even become a 'human sundial' in the Great British Garden, hidden away by the side of the stadium.

If anyone wants a tour of the Park, I am always happy to show you around and share some of the history and lesser known bits of the Park. Or if you want any other information please ask. I am so glad to be a 'Park Champion!

Jan Dent

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**Happy Birthday Bob!**

Bob Borrow lived in Chingford and was an active member, and performer, in CADOS (Chingford Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society).

He printed posters and programmes for a variety of groups and has been printing our newsletter for over 12 years. Thank you Bob!

Bob will be celebrating his 90th birthday in July, and we send our birthday wishes.
Defibrillator installation

With the support of the Church Council and grants from the British Heart Foundation and Walthamstow Circuit Trust, we have been able to install an AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) on the outside wall of the Church.

A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest.

Parents of the children who attended last year’s Holiday Club donated money to the Church, and this has been used to purchase Paediatric Pads (which administer a reduced energy shock level, designed for use on children aged 1 - 8 years).

The Defibrillator has been registered with the London Ambulance Service and is in an unlocked cabinet for easy access to everyone.

Although there is no requirement to be trained before using one, if anyone would like to watch a very short DVD on how to use it, please send an email to admin@winchesterroadmethodistchurch.org.uk and arrangements will be made.

Thank you to everyone who has supported this project.

Jean Norton

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Adult volunteers for Holiday Club

If you are interested in helping for all, or part, of the week, please email Laura Pease: pease_in_our_time@live.com
Monday 29th July - Friday 2nd August
9.30am - 1pm each day, and until 3.30pm on Wed.
Thank you
We will be running our 13th Holiday Club again this year for children aged 5 to 11 (Reception to Year 6), during the Summer Holidays from Monday 29th - Friday 2nd August.

There will be all sorts of fun activities each day, around the theme of

Let's Celebrate!

The club will start at 10am and finish at 12.45pm each day.

On Wednesday we will have a picnic, which we will provide, in the Highams Park, and activities during the afternoon, finishing at 3.30pm.

On Sunday 4th August, we will be leading the church service and share some of the activities of the week with the congregation.

We have a church policy for Child Protection and all adult volunteers will be DBS checked.

It will cost £15 per child for the week.

To book, or if you have any questions, please email Jan Dent: jdent7@gmail.com or look out for a booking form.
Young Church Anniversary

On Sunday 9th June, the Young Church led our service to celebrate the Young Church Anniversary. The Uniformed Organisations joined us too as it was Church Parade (although due to Gilwell Fun Day clashing-see photos on page 28-numbers were a bit thin on the ground).

The theme of the service was ‘Spirit of God unseen as the wind’, so there were various ‘wind’ related activities and games during the service.

The children started off with a game of ‘Blow Football’ (blowing the ball through straws), before pennies were collected for the charity JMA (Junior Mission for All).

Then there was a very active Fish Game (where paper fishes were blown down the aisles by the children flapping a paper plate) with lots of cheering from the congregation. After this, there was a quick competition to see who could blow out the most candles with one breath.

A dramatized reading followed where the younger members of Young Church did very well to remember how to say ‘hello’ in a number of different languages.

Small paper kites were then given out to everyone in the congregation. On each kite was written ‘Spirit of God make me strong’ and everyone was asked to write on the kite a situation where they need help to be strong.

The children had written prayers and had their own ideas about times when they needed to be strong.

Well done to Joel, Dean, Jaina, Pouran, Davinia, Larissa, Adora, Adiel, Zal and Jason.

Thank you to the Young Church leaders for all of the behind the scenes preparation.

See photo on page 2.

Tee Hee!

Have you heard the joke about the thirteen inch ruler?
Never mind, it’s too long.
Care Highams Park – Sunday lunches

For about 25 years, Care has provided Sunday lunches on 10 Sundays per year (not January or August) for up to 50 guests, mainly elderly people who live in Waltham Forest and who live alone (we have occasionally had couples attending but have none at the moment). We also provide lunch for any of the helpers who would like it.

All the cooks are members of Winchester Road, some have been involved with lunches from the beginning; have “only” been involved for the last 20 years or so as a cook; a few of the helpers have also been helping for several years and one has been helping for 20+ years and has indicated she would like to stand down. Obviously we are all ageing and some of us, myself included, are finding it more tiring nowadays. Although we usually have a good team of volunteers to help with serving lunch and clearing up on the Sunday morning, including quite a few from the Baptist Church, we do still need help – on the Saturday morning, when most of the preparation is done, and also on the Sunday morning to help set everything up, and to help deal with the heavy saucepans and baking trays. Volunteers to help with washing up plates and cooking pans for up to 60 people are always welcome. New cooks to join our small team would also be much appreciated.

If you were able to help even once a year, this would be very helpful. If you would like more information, do please contact me – my e-mail address is maryrose.french@btinternet.com and my mobile number is 07808 121347.

In the meantime, many thanks to all those who have helped in the past and who are continuing to help us now. Without their support, we would not have been able to provide this service which our clients tell us they much appreciate, and which we very much hope to be able to continue to provide with the help of new volunteers.

Mary Rose French
Methodist Conference 2019: Presidency

What's it all about?

The Conference is the governing body of the Methodist Church and meets annually to discuss matters affecting the life of the Church, the nation and the world.

During the ceremony, the new President receives a Bible that was used by John Wesley. During his lifetime John Wesley chaired the Methodist Conference but after his death the Conference determined to elect a President annually. The President is always an ordained minister, and the Vice-President is a lay person or deacon.

The 2019 Conference took place from 27 June – 4 July at the Hilton Birmingham Metropole. The theme for the year is a question: ‘So What’s the Story...?’

New President of the Methodist Conference for 2019/2020:
On Saturday 29 June, Revd Dr Barbara Glasson was elected and inducted as the new President, taking over from Rev Michaela Youngson.
You can read Barbara’s address here:

New Vice-President of the Methodist Conference for 2019/2020:
Professor Clive Marsh was inducted as Vice-President, taking over from Bala Gnanapragasam.
You can read Clive’s address here:

The prayer card, detailing the President's and Vice-President's engagements over the presidential year, will be available at the back of the church later in the year, or go online:
Christmas Shoeboxes

Time is going by so quickly and in late September I will be starting to fill the shoeboxes. I am not sure what or how many items I have as I have not yet been able to check them and get them in specific groups, i.e. cuddly toys or pencils. (This is due to my present situation which I hope will soon improve and maybe with my daughter Janet's help, as she is breaking up from school in a couple of weeks, I will be able to get organised.)

Items suggested to go into Children’s shoeboxes are: toothbrush and toothpaste, hair accessories, comb, brush, soap and flannel, exercise books, pens, pencils, coloured pencils, crayons, felt pens, rubbers, pencil sharpeners, hat, scarf and gloves, new socks and underwear, jewellery etc.

Other items than could also be included - puzzles, colouring books, small musical instruments, cars, toys like Spiderman, farm animals, spinning tops, sweets (use by date June 2020), and maybe a photo of yourself.

We also send a few Homecare shoeboxes to elderly ladies. Items for these can include candles, plastic containers, t-towels, hairbrush, plastic utensils ie bowls & cups, small Christmas decoration, small decorative item, maybe a bit of jewellery suitable for an elderly person, chocolate, clothes pegs, soap, washing up clothes, headscarves.

Please do not include - Food, medicines, war related items, glass, ceramics, aerosols, sharp items or books with words.

Please put them into the tub which is situated at the back of the church on the right hand side as you come in.

Many thanks,
Sylvia Dixon.
Crossword

Across

1  ‘I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being’ (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
4  ‘Saul’s father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel’ (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
7  ‘Praise the Lord, O my — ’ (Psalm 103:1) (4)
8  See 5 Down
9  Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
13 ‘Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?’ (Luke 12:25) (3)
16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
17 ‘Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams’ (Acts 2:17) (3)
19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
24 ‘If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates’ (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
25 ‘The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus’ (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

Down

1 ‘For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls’ (Matthew 11:29) (4)
2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
4 ‘Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate’ (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: ‘Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ’ (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
6 ‘Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist’ (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
10 Trout (anag.) (5)
11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
14 “It is one of the Twelve,” he replied, “one who — bread into the bowl with me”’ (Mark 14:20) (4)
15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)
21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)
23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Answers on page 23

Courtesy of www.parishpump.co.uk
'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.'

~Philippians 4:6

**Congratulations**
Following the Young Church Anniversary & Church Parade service on 9th June, Debbie Crawford was presented with a Region Chief Commissioner’s Award. This is awarded for ‘inspirational volunteering, to volunteers who go above and beyond and who motivate and improve quality girl led Guiding.’

Well done Debbie! (See photo on page 2.)

We are delighted to announce that the Government has committed to supplying free period products to schools starting Jan 2020. Details are still being finalised but there is no doubt that the petitions and collections organised by groups such as the Red Box Project have helped to drive this decision.

Thanks to the generosity of the people in Waltham Forest, we have sufficient products to continue to supply the local schools until the Government programme kicks in. We are therefore closing our donation points, including the one at this church.

Once again, thank you to Hilary and the congregation for your support for this initiative. It is great to know that no girl will miss out on her education due to period poverty.

Debbie Crawford
Guide Leader, 2nd Highams Park Guides
Friday Coffee Mornings
10am – 12 noon (term-time only)

Coffee or Tea and a biscuit 60p
Juice and a biscuit 40p

All money raised is donated to charity.

So far this year (Sept 2018-July 2019) we have raised £600.92 for:

my AFK
working with disability

(charity number 1068841)

Our other special events raised:
• £237 for Macmillan in September 2018
• £171.49 for Christian Aid in May 2019
• £135.92 for Olive’s school in Kenya in June 2019
(This, added to other efforts during the year, means we have reached our target of £450 to help fund new toilets for the school.)

Many Thanks for all your support during the year.

Our charity for the upcoming year (Sept 2019-July 2020) will be:

Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association
Opening doors for dyslexics since 1989

(charity number 802993)

They provide help and support for children in local schools, including regular individual and group sessions.
5th Highams Park Guides fundraise for Charity

A few weeks ago some of the 5th Guides spent the evening making lots of cakes which they then sold to their parents before they went home. They were raising money for Cancer Research. Below are some of the letters written by the Guides which accompanied their donation:

‘To help support cancer research the 5th Highams Park Guides baked lots of yummy cakes and biscuits and sold them to our parents and carers. We raised £40. We all enjoyed our bakes and wanted to send you what we had raised to help find out more about this terrible illness which is destroying families across the world.’

‘Dear Cancer Research. In order to support your charity our guide group made cakes and cookies which we sold to our parents. We raised £40 by selling the cakes for 50p. I really hope you use the money for a good cause.’ Lily

‘Last week we raised money for Cancer Research. We sold cakes and cookies to our parents that we baked ourselves. We managed to raise £40 and are proud of it. We really wanted to support your charity and hope it will help. We are devastated that there are people with cancer, an illness that can’t be cured. We hope that our fundraising helped.’ Ferne

Tee Hee!
If you feel like bursting into song, a group chorus of ‘The lion sleeps tonight’ is only ever a whim away.
Hymns for the Nation

The D Day Invasion of 1944 which was marked by services broadcast from Portsmouth and from the British War Cemetery at Bayeux in France included nonagenarians recalling their part in the landings on the Normandy beaches. The hymns sung sent me off on a hymn search beginning with Singing the Faith, then Hymns and Psalms and finally to the old 1933 Methodist Hymnbook. The MHB alone included a section of forty four hymns titled National and Social Life. It began with thirteen hymns dedicated to Queen and Nation, including the National Anthem which was left out of both the 1983 Hymns and Psalms and the 2011 Singing the Faith hymnbooks. None of these forty plus hymns can be found in Singing the Faith. Among these omitted hymns are some which the older members of our congregation may remember including....

- God bless our native land
- May Heaven's protecting hand
- Still guard our shore
- May peace her power extend,
- Foe be transformed to friend
- And Britain's rights depend
- On war no more (MHB 880),

Which ironically is sung to a tune called Moscow!

Two hymns which were sung at the D Day services were Abide with me (STF 141) and I vow to thee my country. Abide with me was written by an Anglican Priest Henry Francis Lyte, Vicar of All Saints Church Brixham in Devon. Lyte had a difficult childhood because his father was, according to a biographer, 'a ne'er do well' interested chiefly in shooting and fishing. He arranged for his two eldest sons to attend a boarding school in Ireland and then deserted his wife and younger son who both died shortly after. Henry Lyte aged 9 was orphaned and without financial support but his poetic talents were recognised by the Headmaster who took him into his family and paid his school fees. Initially Henry thought of becoming a doctor but finally decided to study Divinity winning a scholarship to attend Trinity College Dublin. After graduating he served for a short period as a curate in Ireland where, due to developing lung problems, he was advised to seek a parish in a warmer area. This brought him to Cornwall, where he married, and then on to Brixham in Devon where he served as Vicar for 23 years. One biographer wrote: 'He was greatly loved by his parishioners, mostly fishermen and their families. He took a great interest in their welfare and they looked forward to his many visits to their boats when they returned to harbour. He wrote a book of hymns and prayers for the sailors' use at sea, as well as sea shanties that sailors love.' There are two other hymns by Lyte in the new book including Praise my soul the King of heaven (STF 83) which is the best known.

cont…
In later years Lyte's health deteriorated and suffering from Tuberculosis he spent winters in North Africa, Italy or Southern France. Conscious of his approaching death he wrote his last hymn, *Abide with me* during 1847 and left a draft copy with his daughter before leaving for Nice in France where he died in November age 54. The hymn quotes words from the Biblical account of Jesus' meeting with two of his followers on the road to Emmaus after his resurrection who urged the 'stranger' to 'Abide with us for it is toward evening and the day is far spent'. (Luke 24 v29). Lyte knew that his life was ebbing away so in verse two he writes *Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day*, and in the first verse prays *Abide with me; fast falls the eventide, the darkness deepens, Lord with me abide*, leading the compilers of our hymn books to include it amongst the evening hymns. In the final verse he prays

*Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;*
*shine through the gloom and point me to the skies;*
*Heaven's morning breaks and earth's vain shadows flee;*
*in life, in death O Lord abide with me*

Though Lyte wrote a tune for it the hymn is firmly tied to the tune 'Eventide' written by the 19th century organist and composer William Henry Monk.

The second hymn sung in those D Day services *I vow to thee my country* (MHB 900) (which I have written about before), was written by Cecil Spring-Rice just before the First World War. It is controversial because of its claim that Christians owe a vow of loyalty and love to two Kingdoms, in the first verse loyalty, some writers say unquestioning loyalty, to the nation where he/she was born and in the second verse to the Kingdom of God. In the first verse Spring-Rice writes about the nation

*I vow to thee my country, all earthly things above*
*The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test*
*that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best.*

but the second verse tells of Gods Kingdom

*And there's another country, I have heard of long ago*
*the closing line of the verse being based on the Biblical text from Proverbs 3, v7 (KJV)*

*And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths are peace.*

I suspect that this hymn's survival is due in part to the tune (Thaxted) which the noted composer Gustav Holst adapted from the movement Jupiter in his Planet Suite.

*Allen Steel*
July/August 2019

Henry Francis Lyte
1793-1847
London District Forest Circuit Safeguarding Conference on Spiritual Abuse

Saturday 2\textsuperscript{nd} November
Loughton Methodist Church
Keynote Speaker: Dr Lisa Oakley.
The Superintendent expects all staff, Local Preachers, Worship Leaders and leadership to attend, with all volunteers actively encouraged to do so.

WINCHESTER ROAD OPEN FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

A varied programme of speakers and members’ interests.
Meets on first and third Wednesday of the month, 2.30pm-4pm.

Wednesday 17\textsuperscript{th} July: Cream Tea and planning for next session
No Meetings in August.
Will resume on Wednesday 4\textsuperscript{th} September (programme yet to be arranged).

For more information, please speak to Sylvia Dixon.

Answers to the Crossword on page 16

ACROSS: 1, Riches. 4, Abner’s. 7, Soul. 8, Damascus. 9, Statutes. 13, Add. 16, Craftsmanship. 17, Old. 19, Redeemer. 24, Walls are. 25, Wise. 26, Target. 27, Thieve.
DOWN: 1, Rest. 2, Courtyard. 3, Sadhu. 4, Arm he. 5, Nose. 6, Round. 10, Tutor. 11, Timid. 12, Sense. 13, Ashbelite. 14, Dips. 15, Echo. 18, Lhasa. 20, Exact. 21, Erect. 22, Flog. 23, Mede.

OUR STEWARDS

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When famine came to Bethlehem, Elimelech took his family to the nearby country of Moab. The two sons married local girls.

But Elimelech and his sons died, leaving Naomi, Orpah and Ruth as widows.

Naomi told her daughters-in-law she was returning to Bethlehem.

The girls cried, and Orpah left, but Ruth stayed.

Go back to your parents' homes.

I will stay with you. Your people and your God will be mine.

Call me 'Mara' not 'Naomi' because God has made my life bitter.

So Naomi and Ruth went back to Bethlehem.

'Mara' means 'Pleasant' 'Naomi' means 'Bitter'

It was the start of the barley harvest. Poor people were allowed to glean - to pick up the ears of grain that had been dropped. Ruth went out to glean.

She picked a field, asked if she could glean, then worked hard.

The field's owner, Boaz, arrived. Who's that girl?

That's Ruth, who came from Moab with Naomi.

Boaz told Ruth she was welcome to work in his fields.

He told her to join his workers at lunch-time, and made sure she had more than enough to eat.

Ruth worked hard and took home a huge bag of grain. I worked in Boaz's field.

Ruth worked all through the barley and wheat harvests in Boaz's fields.

He is a near relative!
Naomi and Ruth had returned to Bethlehem as widows. Ruth had worked during the harvest in the fields of Boaz, a near relative.

Naomi told her daughter-in-law Ruth, "You need someone to marry and look after you. I have a plan."

Ruth said, "I will do all you ask of me."

So Ruth went to where the grain was threshed. Boaz was on guard that night, but she stayed out of his sight until he was asleep.

Then she uncovered his feet and lay down by them.

At midnight, Boaz woke, and was shocked to find her there.

You have a closer relative; I will ask him tomorrow. If he will not marry you, I will do so gladly. Lie down now, and sleep.

As my relative who must look after me, will you marry me?

Just before dawn, Ruth returned to Naomi.

Boaz went to the meeting place, and waited for the relative to pass.

Naomi wants to sell the land she inherited from her husband, and as nearest relative, you get first refusal.

I want to buy the land.

Then you must marry Ruth as the land must be inherited by her son.

In that case, I don’t want to buy it.

Then I will buy the land and marry Ruth.

So Boaz married Ruth and they had a son.

My life is no longer bitter!

and he was an ancestor of King David!
Who did Jesus choose as His first disciples? ___________ and ___________. Matthew 4:18

Which disciple was a tax collector? ___________. Matthew 10:3

Who was John’s brother? ___________. Matthew 4:21

Which disciple betrayed Jesus? ___________. Mark 3:19

Which Apostle wrote Revelation? ___________. Revelation 1:1

Who became the Apostle to the Gentiles? ___________. Acts 13:9
Acts 9:1-18

DID YOU KNOW?
Some of the Apostles recorded the stories of Jesus and wrote about what it means to be a Christian.
Matthew and John wrote gospels.
Paul wrote many letters to the new Christian churches. (Look at the New Testament to see how many he wrote.)
James, Peter, John and Jude all wrote letters.
John wrote the book of Revelation.

DID YOU KNOW?
Four of the disciples were fishermen: Andrew, Peter, James and John. They would have used two different nets to fish: a circular one in shallow water and a large dragnet in deep water.

Can you find JESUS and all the Apostles in the word search? PETER • JAMES • JOHN • ANDREW • PHILIP • BARTHOLOMEW • MATTHEW • THOMAS • THADDEUS • SIMON • JAMES • JUDAS • MATThIAS • PAUL

Mouse Makes

In the time of the disciples it was usual for men to have two names. Which second name belongs to which Apostle?

JUDE BOANERGES
MATTHEW SIMON
JOHN DIDYMUS
PETER THADDEUS
THOMAS SAUL
PAUL NATHANIEL
BARTHOLOMEW LEVI

Word Search

AJO JES JUD PAUL J
TM JUD MATTHEW WA E
JAOD JAMES SIMONS
ATH AD DEUS LE HD U
MTNSMATHHIA SRS
ENOTHOMASPETER
SABARTHOLOMEWS

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A group of Brownies, Guides, Cubs and Scouts set off to the PGL Activity Centre in Surrey during the early May Bank Holiday weekend. They were kept very busy with abseiling, climbing (right), giant swing (above), fencing (below), ultimate tag, tunnelling and eating! Everyone had a fun, if somewhat exhausting, time!
The Cubs had a lot of fun at Gilwell Fun Day on 9th June. Karting and rafting were just some of the exciting activities on offer.

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We promote worship and fellowship enabling us to grow towards God.
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