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 style evening services held once a month (see below)

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| **Sunday 10th** 10.30am | Rev John Lampard  
  Remembrance Sunday  
  Sacrament of Holy Communion  
  6.30pm | Rev Jen Smith |
| **Sunday 17th** 10.30am | Rev Hilary Cheng  
  Christmas Shoeboxes & JMA  
  Uniformed Organisations Parade |
| **Sunday 24th** 10.30am | Mrs Gillian Farnfield |

OUR MISSION
We are a church at the heart of Highams Park which seeks to discern and follow God’s direction.
Our aim is to proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour through the life of the church and outreach to the community.
We promote worship and fellowship enabling us to grow towards God.
We are an inclusive church where all are welcome.

OUR STEWARDS
Senior Steward: Carole Merriman
Stewards: Janet Evans, Hazel Mathews, Carol & Dumisani Moyo, Pat Ovenden.

OUR SAFEGUARDING OFFICER
Laura Pease
Dear Friends,

I recently purchased a garment which had an interesting label attached. It said, ‘Made with love’ on it. I don’t usually read the label on a garment. Usually, it is cut off and discarded. But this label caught my attention.

It made me think about God’s love for us. He made each one of us uniquely and creatively, ‘with love’. A lot of thought went into our construction, and both Psalm 139 and Jeremiah chapter 1 tell us that God had us in mind from the day of our conception.

As the season of Advent approaches, we will be reminded once more of the love that Christ sent into the world, in the form of Jesus Christ, his Son. Jesus was made ‘with love’ too, and was delivered into the world as a baby, born of Mary. As he grew and entered his ministerial years, he shared God’s love with the people of his day.

Although we cannot see Jesus living amongst us today, we know that his presence is with us in the acts of kindness that people do for one another, and for the way in which the gospel stories have lived on down through the centuries to the present day. We have a living Saviour with whom we can communicate on a personal level. Our relationship with God should feel special because he put so much thought and care into our creation.

I shall enjoy wearing the top that was ‘made with love’. As we clothe ourselves in warmer garments, in preparation for the winter, may we be reminded of God’s care surrounding us and the love that he put into our creation.

Warm wishes

Hilary

‘For you created my inmost being: you knit me together in my mother’s womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made…’

~Psalm 139:13-14
Christmas Bazaar Raffle

As many of you will know the star prize on our Christmas Bazaar raffle is a giant Christmas Hamper filled with goodies for the festive period. What you may not know, is that the items in the hamper are kindly donated by church members.

If you would be happy to purchase an item for the hamper please contact me on deborah_crawford@hotmail.com as I keep a list of what is being donated to ensure we have a good range of products and avoid duplication.

Thank you for your kind support.
Debbie Crawford

Grandad was babysitting when he heard his little grand-daughter muttering the alphabet over in hushed tones. "What are you doing?" he asked her. "I'm praying," she replied. "I can't think of the right words so I just say all the letters. God will put them together for me 'cos He knows what I'm thinking."
2019 Dates for your diary

All events held here at Winchester Road unless stated otherwise

Sun 10th November: Remembrance Sunday, 10.30am

Sun 17th November: JMA; Christmas Shoebox Service; Church Parade

Fri 22nd – Sun 24th November: 3 Generate, Pontins, Southport

Fri 22nd November: Bazaar prep, 9-11am (see page 9)

Sat 23rd November: Christmas Bazaar, 10am – 3.30pm (3.30-5.30pm-ish clear up)

Tues 26th November: Church Outreach Meeting, 7.30pm

Sun 8th December: Bereavement service, Highams Park Baptist Church, Cavendish Road, E4 9NG, 3pm (see page 8)

Sun 22nd December: Carol Service, 4pm

Tues 24th December: Pop-Up Nativity (family-friendly interactive nativity), 4pm for 4.30pm start

Tues 24th December: Communion, 6.15pm (following Pop-Up Nativity)

First & Third Wednesday of each month: Open Fellowship, 2.30-4pm (see page 12)

Every Friday during term time: Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, to support Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association (charity number 802993)

‘Before I formed you in the womb I knew you…’
~Jeremiah 1:5
Can you help?

Dear Everyone,

As a church family, we have many roles to fulfil within the life of our church. Some older people feel that they need to relinquish roles that they once held because of increasing age, illness or frailty. This means that vacancies are becoming available and help is needed in certain areas of church life.

If you feel able to take on a role within the church, please speak to myself or one of the stewards.

We are looking for people, particularly younger members who can help and support those who work so diligently to keep our church running smoothly. If everyone helps, we can spread the load more evenly.

Thank you,
Hilary

Donations made between
1 September 2018 to 31 August 2019

I have detailed on the following page the donations made by the Church during the last financial year.

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Donations to Methodist organisations: £ 5,389.29
Donations to non-Methodist organisations: £ 4,583.16

£ 9,972.45
Award for the Bible Society’s Youth Bible

The Bible Society’s Good News Bible – the Youth Edition – has won the Christian Resources Together Bible of the Year award 2019.

The award recognises Bibles that have stood out among the many Bibles available and made an impact on Christians and non-Christians across the country.

The Youth Edition contains features such as YouTube videos, space for doodling and journaling, Big Issues, and interactive elements such as activities, colouring and highlighting.

It would make a perfect Christmas present for any young person!

For more details, go to: www.biblesociety.org.uk/products/9780564070374

Bereavement Service

Churches Together in Highams Park hold a Bereavement Service every year before Christmas and invite the community to remember their friends and loved ones who have died either recently or years ago.

This year the service will be held on Sunday 8th December, 3pm at Highams Park Baptist Church, Cavendish Road, E4 9NG.

The service includes carols, readings and an address, and there is an opportunity to light candles in memory of those who have died.

All are welcome to attend.
It’s time to start the countdown to the Christmas Bazaar which this year is being held on the 23rd November. As always, I have a list of the items that we are starting to collect.

Just as important as the physical donations of items are the offers from people to help with the preparation of the building, and the clearing away after the event. I have included the dates and times that I am looking for people to help in the table below.

If you have items to donate then I can collect them at church on Sundays, or come and see me at Brownies on Mondays (6 - 7.30pm). If you have any large items then it would be appreciated if you could save them for bazaar week - that would be a great help.

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**Friday 22nd November**
9am till 11am
We need a couple of able bodied people to help move all of the items downstairs to the stalls.

**Saturday 23rd November**
at 3.30pm
Help to take down tables, move items upstairs and generally clear up for approximately 2 hours.

Sarah Hayward
Tel: 07779 109 727  Email: sarahhayward78@hotmail.co.uk
Top of the Hymns

We are often asked to vote for a favourite piece of music, book, film, TV programme sportsman etc... so it should not surprise you that the BBC asked Songs of Praise viewers to name their favourite hymn and then compiled a list of the Top Ten Hymns. The 2019 selection was sung through recently and at the top was a non-hymn referred to as Jerusalem. I must begin with a definition of a hymn which my dictionary defines as ‘A religious song or poem in praise of God’, and in my opinion Jerusalem does not meet this criteria. Jerusalem, with words by William Blake and tune by Sir Hubert Parry has a religious theme but it is not a hymn. The compilers of Singing the Faith did not include it in their selection for the new hymnbook and in the old 1932 Methodist Hymn Book it is easily overlooked printed amongst the indexes sandwiched between some Amens and a collection of Additional Tunes. (My thanks to our organist Bruce McSweeney for pointing this out.)

The hymn is based on legends concerning Joseph of Arimathea who is recorded in the Bible as the person who provided the tomb for the burial of Jesus. These legends say that he was a merchant who came to Britain seeking Cornish tin bringing with him his nephew the boy Jesus. This visit is supposed to have happened at some time between Jesus boyhood visit to the Temple and his Baptism by John. Other legends say that Joseph returned to Britain alone later bringing to Glastonbury the Holy Grail, the cup used by Jesus at the Last Supper with his disciples. Joseph also planted his staff there and it grew into a tree, a variety of hawthorn unique to the area. Diarmaid MacCulloch, Professor of Church History at Oxford University, dismisses the legends as "totally implausible; why should a carpenter’s son from the eastern Mediterranean even think of coming here? It is just silly English self-promotion."

William Blake born in 1757 was a poet, painter and engraver (according to another BBC poll he was number 38 in their poll to find the Hundred Greatest Britons). He was strongly influenced by the Bible and religious themes but was hostile to the Church of England and some other forms of organised religion. His artwork for which he is best known was dismissed by many of his contemporaries as being the product of a disturbed mind. Jerusalem was written around 1895 as the preface to a longer work called Milton. In it, Blake poses the question which became the first verse of the well-known 'hymn':

And did those feet in ancient times
walk upon England's mountains green
and was the Holy Lamb of God on England's pleasant pastures seen?

The poem brought into the language two oft quoted phrases, dark satanic mills which many interpret as describing the squalor of the industrial revolution, and the contrasting reference to England's green and pleasant land. In the final verse Blake takes up the theme of building a new Jerusalem which occurs in the biblical Revelation of St John, I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, prepared and ready (GNB Revelation 21 v 2.

In 1916 at a low point in the Great War the Poet Laureate Robert Bridges asked Hubert Parry to write a rousing tune to fit Blake's words which could be sung at a planned public meeting to support the war effort. It was this tune, later orchestrated, which ensured its popularity and led to it becoming the 'anthem' of the Women's Suffrage Movement and later the Women's Institute who were granted the copyright of the music. During the 1950s it was introduced into the Last Night of the Proms in the Albert Hall. At my secondary all boys school Jerusalem and For all the saints (STF 745) were the only two hymns that were sung with gusto at the school morning assembly.

Many people consider it to be England's anthem and it has been played to mark gold medal successes for England in the Commonwealth games and before the start of international football and rugby matches when England is playing. It was said that King George V preferred it to the British National Anthem. Questions have been asked in Parliament about its status to which a government minister replied that "as there is no official English National Anthem each sport must make its own decision." The idea in the last verse of creating a New Jerusalem has been an aim that has appealed to politicians and the words have been sung at party conferences and quoted by party leaders. Prime Minister Clement Atlee ended his speech in 1951 with the final verse

I will not cease from mental strife
nor will my sword sleep in my hand
till we have built Jerusalem
in England's green and pleasant land

Blake died in 1827 and was buried in the Bunhill Fields Dissenters graveyard in City Road opposite Wesley's Chapel.

Allen Steel
November 2019

[Image: Joseph of Arimathea as imagined by William Blake]
How Armistice Day began, 100 years ago

It was 100 years ago, on 11th November 1919, that the first Armistice Day (now Remembrance Day) was marked in the UK. King George V had issued a proclamation calling for a two-minute silence at 11:00am to remember the members of the armed forces who lost their lives in the line of duty.

The two-minute silence was in fact adopted from a South African idea that had spread from Cape Town through the Commonwealth in 1919. The first minute was dedicated to those who died in the war, and the second to those left behind – families affected by bereavement and other effects of the conflict.

The Cenotaph was erected temporarily in Whitehall for a peace parade for Armistice Day in 1920. After a tremendous nationwide response, it became a permanent structure, and in the following years war memorials were created in other British towns and cities.

In 1939, the two-minute silence of Armistice Day was moved to the nearest Sunday to 11th November, so that it would not conflict with wartime production. This tradition continued after World War II – Remembrance Sunday is still marked with a national service, and by special services in most churches throughout the country and beyond. Americans mark Veterans Day instead.

Courtesy of www.parishpump.co.uk

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 6th November: Bruce McSweeney: A medley of tunes
Wednesday 20th November: University of the Third Age: Singers
Wednesday 4th December: Barbara Chapman: Christmas poems
Wednesday 18th December: Party

For more information, please speak to Sylvia Dixon.
Thank You

Earlier this year, a talk was held about Prostate Cancer. Unfortunately the weather was terrible and our speaker had to travel quite a distance in a snow storm. Thus attendee numbers were very low. However, with the help of the Wednesday Night Keep Fit class, the Church was able to send a donation of £100 to CHAPS (registered charity 1045849).

My first cheque was lost in the post, so I sent another and last month I received a reply. Here is an extract:

"I believe a belated thanks are due for your donation to our charity. My sincere apologies for the delay, but please be reassured that your donation has been put to very good use both in raising awareness of Men's Health in general and organising Prostate Cancer Screening in particular. Many thanks again and best wishes, Chris Booth, Clinical Director"

This letter and further information can be found on the Notice Board.

Barbara Chapman

Health and Keep Fit

On the subject of good health, and following Joyce Roden's testimony (during the service of Sunday 20th October) of how she came to be at Winchester Road Church, may I remind folk of the Keep Fit Classes here?

- Parkinson's Keep Fit Tuesdays at 3pm (see Joyce Roden);
- Tuesdays 4.30-5.30pm "Healthy Hearts" A class taken and supervised for those with heart problems;
- Wednesdays 8pm - 9.30pm Ladies Keep Fit;
- Thursdays 2pm Keep Fit for over 60's.

Barbara Chapman
The 2019 Marriage and Relationships report

Following a talk from Rachel Lampard during a morning service in September, she referred to a new set of principles outlining the qualities of good relationships which was discussed at the Methodist Conference earlier this year.

The report, “God in Love Unites Us”, makes a number of proposals, including:

- principles or qualities of good relating
- an understanding of cohabitation
- to allow same-sex couples to marry in Methodist churches
- providing resources and liturgies to celebrate civil partnerships
- prayers for when marriages end in divorce

The report is available for prayerful discussion and response.

There are two hard copies being circulated in the church or you can download online in small or large print:


Two meetings were in held in October at the Church to discuss the report.

There are also 2 District Conversation Days being held in November – see next page for further information.
District Conversation Days: Marriage & Relationships

As a District, we are aware that there will be many diverse views on the subject of Marriage and Relationships and the particular resolutions that were passed at the Methodist Conference earlier this year. The three District Conversation Days offer a way of ensuring that all voices are heard and two will take place across London in November (one was held in October) for those who would like to engage with the wider context of the District. Please register your attendance at Eventbrite.

- Thursday 14th November @ Methodist Central Hall Westminster from 6pm
  www.londonconvo-westminster.eventbrite.co.uk

- Saturday 30th November @ Barking Methodist Church from 10am
  www.londonconvo-barking.eventbrite.co.uk

www.methodistlondon.org.uk
admin@methodistlondon.org.uk
020 7654 3850
There used to be a seafood restaurant on the south coast where you could pick your own fish straight from the tank. It was super popular; people would flock from all over, and the menu was always changing. Except for one fish. Often found hiding in a corner was a scrawny green squid. It looked so unappetising, no one had ever wanted to try it: It was a sickly green colour with large watery eyes and a massive hairy lip.

One day a man came in to order food. He’d been before but today he was feeling particularly adventurous.

“I’ll have that little green squid in the corner.” He told the waiter “The one with the weird looking lip.”

“Certainly Sir” replied the waiter and called out for the chef. "Gervais! This gentleman would like the green squid in the corner."

A little French chef appeared (holding a large knife), “The one with the fuzzy lip? Are you sure sir?”

“Definitely” said the man “I’m feeling particularly adventurous today, and I must know what it tastes like.”

The French chef fished the little squid from the tank and put it on the fish chopping board. As he looked down at the squid, the squid looked back with its large watery eyes and quivered it’s large hairy lip. “Sir” said the chef “Are you sure you wouldn’t rather try something else? It’s just that, well, this squid's been in the tank for such a long time, and I would be sorry to see him go.”

“No.” said the man “My heart is set – I must eat this squid.”

The chef turned again to the squid, and raised the knife ready to chop. The squid looked at him sadly, his massive hairy lip quivering fearfully. The chef stopped.

“I’m sorry” said Gervais in a French accent “I can’t do it. I haven’t the heart to: this little fella’s almost like a pet”

The man turned to the waiter. “Waiter, I must have this squid! I'm a paying customer here.”

“Well,” said the waiter. “We’ve got a new dishwasher round the back, Hans, and he could kill anything. I'll see if he can prepare it for you.”

The waiter left, returning shortly with a massive burly German man in an apron. Hans nodded at the customer and raised a meat cleaver above the squid. The squid quivered his lip. Hans stopped short, composed himself, and raised the cleaver again.

He started swinging the cleaver down but then he saw the squid again, looking at him with his sad old eyes. The squid quivered his lip, and Hans broke down.

“Sir!” he cried, his own lip starting to tremble “Do not ask me to kill this squid! I cannot do it. I see him every morning sitting peacefully in his tank. This squid... he is like a brother to me!”

"Well," said the waiter, turning to the customer "I guess it’s true what they say: Hans that do dishes can be soft as Gervais, with mild green, hairy lip squid."
Bible Journeys

Where did Noah’s ark come to rest after it’s journey?

- Genesis 8:4

Where did God tell Samuel to travel to to find a new king?

- 1 Samuel 16:1-4

To which city did God send Jonah?

- Jonah 1:1-2

Which town did Joseph take Mary to before Jesus was born?

- Luke 2:4

Where did Mary and Joseph flee to to get away from Herod?

- Matthew 2:13

Where was Saul (Paul) going to when Jesus spoke to him?

- Acts 9:1-18

“Lord, if I go east where the sun rises or go to live west beyond the sea, even there you will take my hand and lead me. Your strong right hand will protect me.”

- Psalm 139:9:10

“God is our God for ever and ever. He will be our guide even to the end.”

- from Psalm 48:14

“People can plan what they want to do, but it is the Lord who guides their steps.”

- Proverbs 16:9
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 7:7-11, Luke 11:5-13

To teach about praying, and God's good gifts, Jesus told this story: 'If you have a visitor arrive in the middle of the night...'

Oh no! I have no bread to feed him! I am so ashamed! What can I do?... I know!

You would go round to a friend's house.

Bang! Bang!

What's the matter?

I really, really need some bread for a visitor.

Don't bother me. We're all in bed.

I need that bread!

He's not going to go away, is he?

Jesus concluded...

So keep on asking and it will be given, seeking and you will find, knocking and it will be opened... And parents, if your hungry child asks for bread,

'...would you give them a stone?

And if they asked for a fish...'

'...would you give them a snake?'

'Or if they asked for an egg...'

you'd give a scorpion?

If you, who aren't perfect parents, give good gifts to your children, then don't you think that gifts from your perfect Father, God, will be even better?
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; I 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
"I've given up asking rhetorical questions. What's the point?"

HALL & ROOM HIRE
If you would like to hire one of our halls or rooms, please contact admin@winchesterroadchurch.org.uk or 020 8531 8663

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR DECEMBER’S NEWSLETTER
If you would like to submit an article, joke, photo, poem, prayer or item of interest, please contact Alex Fletcher on wrmc.newsletter@btinternet.com or 020 8531 5047
Deadline to submit items: Wednesday 20 November

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