WINCHESTER NEWS

MARCH 2020

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Group: Winchester Road Methodist Church
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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WORSHIP DURING MARCH

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Don’t Forget!

Daylight saving time will begin at 1am on Sunday 29th March, so don’t forget to put your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night!
Dear friends,

St David was a Welsh Bishop of Mynyr during the 6th Century. He became the Patron Saint of Wales. He is believed to have died on 1st March and was buried in St David’s Cathedral in Pembrokeshire. Welsh people wear a daffodil on this day, the national flower of Wales. Other people might wear a leek, a reminder of a battle that took place in a leek field. Soldiers were advised to wear a leek in their hat to differentiate friend from foe. Welsh regiments in the British Army traditionally eat raw leeks on St David’s Day in honour of their Patron Saint. (Rather them than me!)

As God’s people, we are called to live out the Christian life by the way we conduct ourselves. Many people wear a cross, the symbol of Christ’s crucifixion. But not everyone is able to do so according to modern day rules and regulations. So we need to find another way of demonstrating that we belong to the Christian faith.

The Bible gives us many examples as to how we can show our Christian faith. By being kind and considerate to others, helping those in need, the poor, the lonely, the housebound. Visiting the sick, and being a friend to a person in need. Collecting food donations for the Foodbank actively demonstrates our concern for those who live below the poverty line.

We do not have to wear a symbol to show that we belong to the Christian faith. Our actions should demonstrate our love for the Lord we have come to serve.

As the season of Lent is upon us, think of something that you could do to demonstrate your faith from now until Easter. You never know, it may be something that you wish to continue beyond Easter Day. Every blessing,

Hilary
Raising funds to support international Guiding adventures!

Join us for a evening of fun and questions

Bring your own Drink & Nibbles

Sat 28th March 2020
7.15 pm for 7.30 pm start

Wingrove Hall, Beech Hall Road, E4 9NT

Tickets: £5 each or
Family ticket £15 (2 Adults + 2 under 16’s)

Tickets must be booked in advance. To book your place,
And make payment please contact

Deborah_crawford@Hotmail.com or call 07702165456
2020 Dates for your diary

All events held here at Winchester Road unless stated otherwise

For Lent Groups, please see page 11

Mon 2 March: Church Outreach Meeting, 7.30pm

Fri 6 March: World Day of Prayer, All Saints Highams Park, 10.30am

Sun 8 March: Uniformed Organisations Anniversary Church Parade

Sun 22 March: Mothering Sunday

Sun 29 March: Communion (not 15 March as previous stated)

Sun 12 April: Easter Sunday, including Communion

Sun 19 April: Church Review, following the morning service, lunch included (see page 10)

Sun 3 May: Communion

Sun 17 May: Church Parade

Wed 3 June: Church Council Meeting, 7.30pm

Sun 14 June: Young Church Anniversary, All Age Worship

Mon 27 – Fri 31 July: Holiday Club

Sun 2 August: Holiday Club Service

Thurs 8 October: Church Council Meeting, 7.30pm

First & Third Wednesday of each month: Open Fellowship, 2.30-4pm (see page 10)

Every Friday during term time: Coffee Morning, 10am-12noon, to support Waltham Forest Dyslexia Association (charity number 802993)
Many congratulations to Roger who has been selected to be the regional winner for London in the Methodist Insurance Church Volunteer Award. As the competition organisers say:

"we had some wonderful entries and the judges had a hard time picking the winners, so it’s a testament to the outstanding work of Roger that he was chosen."

Roger’s prize is £1,000 for our church and there is also some money for us all to celebrate with him. Roger has been recognised for the many roles he has played at Winchester over the decades and particularly for the way he has worked as our Property steward during the Pilgrim’s way project, sourcing and collecting its furnishing and fittings and more recently being in the role of volunteer caretaker and handyman, on call daily when problems with the building arise. An unsung hero who we are delighted has this recognition.

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 4th March: Rev Tony Malcolm: My Life
Wednesday 18th March: Kate Poole: Grandad
Wednesday 1st April: Rev Hilary Cheng: Topic tbc
Wednesday 15th April: Alan Burgoine: Will be playing the piano

For more information, please speak to Sylvia Dixon.
Winchester News will continue!

This is the last edition of the newsletter that I will be editing before I have a bit of time off when our boys are born.

I am very pleased to announce that Jan Dent will be taking over the reins and will be our new Winchester News editor in the meantime.

So please do continue to send photos, articles, dates of events, jokes, etc, but please send them to Jan. Her contact details are on page 16.

Thank you to everyone who contributes to the newsletter, to Dorothy who gave me a lot of advice when I took over from her, to my mum-Jo, Chris and Allen who proof-read and to Allen for his articles, and also Bob Borrow, our printer.

I look forward to picking it back up again in the future.

Best wishes,
Alex

Tee Hee!
I spotted a lion at the zoo the other day. She looks like a leopard now.

Prayer
O God,
We praise you for your undeserved and lavish love shown to us in the coming, the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus our Lord.
We praise you that you call us to love you and to share your love with the world. Grant that our love may be generous and indiscriminate like yours.
Amen.

Arthur Windridge, supernumerary minister, North Norfolk Circuit
... after winter, spring

I am one of those people who would like to hibernate to escape the cold, dark, damp days of winter. I cheer up when the days lengthen and the first flowers open, clumps of snowdrops and daffodils and pink blooms appear on our lofty Camelia bush, which is now over twenty feet high. The section of our Hymnbook (STF) labelled *Times and Seasons* is well stocked with autumn and harvest hymns but there is nothing which we can sing to herald the arrival of springtime apart from *We plough the fields and scatter* (STF 130), where the climatic references are to God sending the snow in winter, warmth to swell the grain, the breezes and the sunshine, and soft, refreshing rain. (We have plenty of the latter over recent weeks.) The only reference which I could find making the link between the seasons and the resurrection of Jesus is a hymn by the notable Methodist Minister and hymn writer Fred Pratt Green who died aged 97 in 2000.

*After darkness, light;  
after winter, spring;  
after dying, life:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!* (STF 292)

It is sung to the tune Ridgeway written by a former teacher and Methodist Minister (retired) Brian Hoare.

At a recent Worship Leaders service Carole Merriman reminded us that February 2nd, forty days after Jesus birth, is kept as the day when the church remembers he was presented at the Temple by his parents (Luke 2 v 22-38). This day called Candlemas by some churches, is the day when candles to be used during the year are blessed. Snowdrops which appear around this date are sometimes called Candlemas Bells for their whiteness represents the purity of Mary, the mother of Jesus.

On a wet February Sunday after morning service we visited the
garden of friends living in Nazeing who open their garden for charity, under the National Garden Scheme, to the public to enjoy the snowdrops. The photograph on the previous page shows one area of snowdrops in the lawn.

For many years there has been a custom to give Easter Eggs to the children at Joseph Clarke and Whitefield Schools and I am sure that the many children in our Young Church and local community receive a chocolate egg around Easter Sunday. Our grandchildren liked to take part in an Easter Egg Hunt searching for eggs around the garden. Cadbury has linked up with the National Trust to run hunts at a number of the Trust's properties around the country.

During Lent in the Middle Ages eggs and flour were included on the list of ‘forbidden foods' and so on the Tuesday before Lent, Shrove Tuesday, a batter was made and pancakes were served to use up the eggs so they would not be wasted. In France this day is called 'Mardi Gras' which means ‘Fat Tuesday'. It is thought that hens eggs, as the symbol of new life originated in ancient Persia where they were dyed different colours and given as gifts during a spring festival. The image of chicks cracking open an egg and emerging as new life was linked to the opening of Christ’s tomb on Easter Sunday and appeared in Europe during the Middle Ages. In many countries Easter Eggs were boiled and dyed red to symbolise the blood of Christ, though other colours and patterns soon developed. During the early nineteenth century in France and Germany solid chocolate eggs were sold and in England John Cadbury sold his first egg in the 1840s. It was not until the development of pouring, mouldable cocoa butter was developed that the hollow egg took off aided by the manufacture of Cadbury's Dairy Milk chocolate after 1905.

Fred Pratt Green ends his hymn with the verse:

Come whatever may,
God will have his way;
welcome, Easter Day!
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Allen Steel
March 2020
World Day of Prayer  
10.30am, Friday 6 March  
All Saints Church, Church Avenue, Highams Park, E4 9QD  
Please speak to Mary Burgoine if you would be willing to read.

BAPTISM  
On Sunday 16th February, we celebrated the Baptism of Adnin Mourin (Joy) and welcomed her into our Church family.

CHURCH REVIEW  
Sunday 19 April  
Join us on April 19th for a vision and mission planning day focussed on the future of our worshipping community; how we might challenge ourselves and build on our strengths. We will be joined by facilitators from the Learning Network to explore our past, present and future and begin to discover where God is calling us next. It should be an energising session, full of celebration and excitement. Please be praying for the day; that all our hearts would be open to hear the Spirit’s words and that we would draw closer to God’s will for us. Do reflect on where you already hear God speaking and whether you personally feel called to work in a new way in our church.

This will take place after morning service and will include lunch.

'Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.'  
~Proverbs 3:5-6
The following Lent Groups will be taking place:

- **Thursdays 8 – 9pm**  
  (from 27\textsuperscript{th} February to 2\textsuperscript{nd} April)  
  All Saints, Highams Park, E4 9QD

- **Mondays 10.30am – 12 noon**  
  (from 2\textsuperscript{nd} March to 6\textsuperscript{th} April)  
  Christ the King, 455 Chingford Road, E4 8SP

- **Tuesdays *see times below****  
  (from 3\textsuperscript{rd} March to 7\textsuperscript{th} April)  
  *3\textsuperscript{rd} March: 9.30-10.30am  
  *From 10\textsuperscript{th} March: 10.30-11.30am  
  United Reformed Church, Buckhurst Hill  
  See Jan Dent to book onto this particular group

"At some point between Verses 3 and 6, I'll signal for you to do an Emergency-Stop."
DAFFODIL DAY 2020
A SPRING FESTIVAL FOR CHRISTIAN ENCOURAGEMENT AND RENEWAL

'Best Of All is...'

WITH
Pam Rhodes – Broadcaster & Author
The Lord Mayor of Westminster
Revd Steve Wild – Chair of Cornwall District
Revd Nigel Cowgill – Chair of the London District
Hilary Evans – President of Methodist Women in Britain
Thelma Commey – Methodist Youth President
Anando Mukerjee – Lirico-Spinto Tenor
And the Methodist Central Hall Westminster Staff Team

MONDAY, 2ND MARCH 2020
2PM WITH COMMUNITY SINGING FROM 1.40PM
METHODIST CENTRAL HALL WESTMINSTER

Save the date for next year SATURDAY 6th March 2021
'Behold I am Making All Things New.'
Jesus, his disciples and his mother Mary had been invited to a wedding. The wedding was to last a week, but too soon the wine had all been drunk.

**READ John 2:1-11 to find out what happened.**

**Mouse Makes**

- How many water jars were there?
- What were the water jars made of?
- What did the disciples do?
- What was the water jars for?
- What had happened to the water when it was taken out?
- Which of Jesus’ miracles was this?

**What does this miracle show about Jesus?**

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**WEDDING • CANA • GALILEE • JESUS • MARY • DISCIPLES SERVANTS • RAN • OUT • SIX • STONE • WATER • JARS FILL • TOP • TASTE • TURNED • WINE • FIRST**
A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus told a story to help his disciples to be ready for the end of time. 'A rich man was about to go on a journey...'
David Marshall, founding director of the Meaningful Chocolate Company, looks back on the first million eggs sold…

The Real Easter Egg campaign has been running since 2010 and involves thousands of churches, schools and groups. It crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects.

The idea began in 2008 when I was given a chocolate Easter Egg. On the side of the box it read: ‘Easter is the festival of chocolate and loveliness’. I began to wonder – was it right for the manufacturer of an Easter egg to change the meaning of a religious festival in this way? Imagine the outcry if this had been done to Christmas.

I searched for an Easter egg which mentioned the Christian story of Easter. It became clear that out of the 80 million eggs on sale there was not a single manufacturer who was willing to mention the religious aspects of the festival. So, I started The Meaningful Chocolate Company to manufacture the UK’s first ‘Real Easter Egg’.

For it to be a ‘Real Easter Egg’, it had to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life and do three things – have a copy of the Easter story in the box, be made from Fairtrade chocolate and support charitable causes.

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010. It was a struggle, as the supermarkets turned down the idea. It was left to churches and schools to place orders and fund the making of The Real Easter Egg.

Ten years on, more than a million eggs have been sold, with over 750,000 eggs sent through the post directly to customers. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets.

Nearly £275,000 has been donated to charitable projects with Fairtrade Premium fees paid to farmers allowing them to buy everything from school-books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

For Easter 2020, there are five types of Real Easter Eggs available, all with new content. Each egg has an edition of the Easter story included. Both the Original and Dark 2020 eggs are plastic-free and all our chocolate is Palm Oil free.
If the person who named Walkie Talkies named everything:

- Stamps – Lickie Stickie
- Defibrillators – Hearty Starty
- Bumble Bees – Fuzzy Buzzy
- Pregnancy test – Maybe Baby
- Fork – Stabby Grabby
- Hippo – Floaty Bloatie
- Nightmare - Screamy Dreamy
- Socks – Feetie Heatie

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

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 APRIL’S NEWSLETTER
If you would like to submit an article, joke, photo, poem, prayer or item of interest, please contact Jan Dent on jdent7@gmail.com or 020 8527 7193
Deadline to submit items: Monday 23 March

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