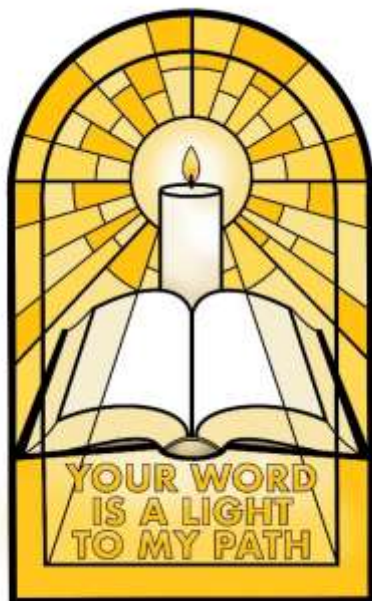


WINCHESTER NEWS

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Letter from Revd. Stephanie Njeru

Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that it's now June. The sun is shining, days are getting longer and the weather is warmer.

In my garden I am privileged to have birds nesting in the trees nearby and I make sure that there is food available for the parents to eat and take to their chicks. Seeing new life flourish in the warmth and sunshine is a beautiful thing. The birds protect and nurture their chicks more than life itself.

Thinking of this I am taken back to the reading in Matthew 10 where Jesus tells us God knows us and we are more precious to God than the sparrows, God has counted the number of hairs on our heads.

We have the privilege of knowing, and knowing the love, of a generous, faithful and ever loving creator God. It is God which we see in the nature around us, God that we turn to in times of need, and God that we see in one another's faces.

As we journey around and watch the marvel of the natural world, may you remember you too are part of the wonder God has created.

Blessings

Stephanie



Services –June & July

Sun. 4th June: (10.30) - led by Heather Hall
(6.30) - Circuit Service Shernhall

Sun. 11th June: led by Janet Tweedale

Sun. 18th June: led by Revd. Stephanie Njeru to include Communion.

Sun. 25th June: led by Cynthia Bonds

Sun. 2nd July: - led by Audria White

Other Services:

July 23rd – Farwell Gathering, for Tony Malcolm 6pm at Leytonstone

Aug. 20th- Closing Service at N. Chingford 4pm (p.7)

Sept.1st – Welcome Service for new Superintendent Rev. Mike Long
7.30 at Woodford

Weekly Zoom: Prayer Meeting – Mon. 12:30pm Bible Study – Wed. 7:30pm
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8345484534?pwd=UTBwdWFBaG1qK0k3Yys2a0xjUEY1QT09> Both on: Meeting ID: 834 548 4534 Passcode: 158039
Landline: 0203 051 2874 United Kingdom

Church Flowers:

Sun. Jun. 4th: - in loving memory of Joe Doyle

Sun. Jun. 18th: - in loving memory of
Eileen & Alan Norton

Sun. Jun. 25th: - in loving memory of
Dave & Jo Poste



The Way Forward!

At our Anniversary Service on 30th April, the congregation were invited to join groups during the service to discuss a number of topics:

“Growing in the Light of God” – which included ‘Growing as a Christian’ and ‘Types of Worship’

“Discipleship” – Helping people in their personal discipleship and enabling personal spiritual growth.

“Becoming an Eco Church”

“Social Justice”

“Working and Building Together”

This resulted in a **long** list of ideas for our church in the future, which were further discussed at the Annual Church Meeting. We are keen to develop as a church and look at ways to fulfil some of these ideas. Over the coming months we will be putting forward our plans and would encourage everyone to become involved.

We need your help if we are to make things happen!

We also need:

Stewards who are responsible for facilitating worship and overseeing the running of the church.

Representatives on Church Council which meets 3 times a year and makes decisions on behalf of the church.

Circuit Stewards to facilitate the work of the Circuit and assist Ministers.

Please speak to one of the Stewards for more information.

What's On

An Invitation to explore 'Revelations' in Bible Month:

We have a WhatsApp group where we will share our thoughts and questions in response to the daily reading. We plan to meet four times in June.

Wed 7 June 6.30pm - The Church Then and Now (Chapters 1-3)

Mon 12 June 6.30pm - The Triumph of the Lamb (Chapters 4-5)

Sun 18 June 6.30pm - Witness, Worship and Waiting (Chapters 10-13)

Mon 26 June 6.30pm - Heading Home (Chapters 17-22)

(It doesn't matter if you can't attend all four evenings)

To find out more or join either the daily reading group or the weekly discussions, please contact Rachel Lampard on racheljlampard@gmail.com

Saturday Coffee/ Lunches

Proceeds will be for Guide activities and church funds as specified.

17th June: - JMA

15th July: - 2nd Guides Camp



Please speak to
Janice if you are able to help.



**Coffee Mornings:- 4th Wed. and Fri. of the month
10.00 – 12.00**

**Please join us for a tea or coffee and a biscuit.
Money raised this term is for the Autistic Society.**

Next Coffee Mornings:- 28th & 30th June

Wellies & Wristbands Fundraiser
2nd Highams Park Guides

Bingo Night

Bingo – Prizes - Raffle
Refreshments

Tickets £2.50

Includes Bingo card, Tea, Coffee or soft
drink, homemade cake.

7.30 pm - Thursday 15th June
Winchester Rd Methodist Church Hall

Pre-booking essential. To book contact
Debbie Crawford on 07702165456 or
email
2ndhighamparkguides@gmail.com

Felicitas

musical director : Simon Winters



'If ye love me'

Saturday 24th June 2023 at 7.30pm

St Mary's Church, High Road,
South Woodford E18 2PA



A programme exploring the theme of love
in its different guises, including works by
Purcell : Hadley : Padilla : Walton :
Morley : Dowland : Eric Whitacre
✧ *Will Todd*



and settings of 'Ubi caritas' by
Durufé : Paul Mealor ✧ *Ola Gjeilo*

David Winters - accompanist

Tickets: £12 / £10 if purchased in advance)

Free for children & full-time students under 15

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Highams Park Arts Trail – 9th June to 25th June 2023

The Art Trail includes many venues and events as well as a wide variety of workshops including painting, drawing, pottery, basket making, stone carving and lots more.

Headline dates: Friday 9th June - Arts Trail Launch Party

Sunday 11th June – Arts Trail tour

Friday 16th June – Concert arranged by Waltham Forest Music Society at All Saints Church – Steele-Perkins (trumpet) And Jonathan Pease (piano)

Saturday 17th June - Vintage Market at Hale End Library

Friday 23rd June – Highams Park Live at the County Arms



**NORTH CHINGFORD METHODIST CHURCH
LONDON (FOREST) CIRCUIT
35/33 Station Road, Chingford, London E4 7HJ**

As you may know, worship at North Chingford Methodist Church will cease on 31st August 2023. You are invited to attend a Closing Service on Sunday 20th August at 4pm. to be taken by representatives from the London Methodist District and London (Forest) Circuit, with Rev John Lampard. There will be refreshments after the Service. If you will be coming, please let Debbie Freeland know by **Monday 31st July**, dfreeland24@hotmail.com / 07963048167/ 0208 529 7397 Cedarwood, Middle Street, Nazeing, Essex, EN9 2LQ

**Age UK Waltham Forest Waltham Forest Resource Hub (North) 58
Hall Lane, Chingford E4 8EU Tel: 020 8558 5512 email:
info@ageukwalthamforest.org.uk www.ageukwalthamforest.org.uk**

There are lots of activities and plenty of advice on their website. Below are a couple of forthcoming events:

Coffee Mornings - Wednesdays and Fridays 10.00 -1.00

Bingo and Fish & Chip Supper- Tuesday 27th June £12 (booking required)

Free Cycling Classes from 12th June for 6 weeks.

Wild Weeks are coming!

This **August** we're planning a wild week of summer holiday activities at The Hive (Formerly Suntrap). For five days your 8-11 years olds can join us each day for a range of nature-based activities. From Forest adventures to mini science experiments and, of course, some hands-on time with our animals.

Keep an eye on our website and social media for news of bookings.

Some Coronation thoughts.

The Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II took place when the country was recovering from the Second World War, food rationing was being lifted, the new National Health service was beginning to get into its stride, more goods were beginning to appear in the shops. Some people saw it as a 'New Elizabethan Age'. Our monarch was a young woman of 25 with a growing family and the coronation was seen as an exciting national event. Flags and bunting decorated houses and street parties were planned. At the heart of this was the Coronation Service held at Westminster Abbey on June 2nd, 1953, which was going to be televised for the first time.

I was age 15 when Queen Elizabeth was crowned, and my school was allocated a number of seats on a grandstand erected along the Embankment to watch the Queen drive past in the Gold Coach. Ahead of the event we were all assembled in the school hall and told that, whoever did not want to be included in the ballot for seats should leave the hall. Most of us, who came from homes which had one of those new television sets, left.

On Coronation Day some of my parent's friends joined us to watch the Coronation in our front room and I was allowed to invite my girlfriend to the 'party' which was the first time she had come to our house and met my parents. We watched the events on our small black and white TV and after the service my mother cooked her special smoked haddock fishcakes for all. No Coronation Chicken for us ! The next week my girlfriend and her classmates were taken out from school to stand on the pavement and wave as the Queen and Prince Phillip toured the East End of London.

The Coronation Service for King Charles followed the one used for his mother which was described by Archbishop Geoffrey Fisher in 1953 as a compact of loyalty between Queen and People and the consecration of the Queen with her people to true service. In the Oath she swears to govern her peoples according to their respective laws and customs, and to preserve true religion' Fisher claimed that what he called the historic anachronistic presentations enhanced the meaning of the service. Today many people found the giving of such items as the spurs, sword, rings, glove, rod and sceptre, out of tune with the modern monarchy, though most commentators voiced the view that when it comes to pageantry and pomp 'No one does it better than the British!'

Both Coronation Services included anthems, sung prayers and congregational hymns. At all Coronations beginning with Charles 1st in 1626 the monarch has entered the Abbey to the singing of Psalm 122. Traditionally the names of the Sovereigns are shouted out during the Psalm. In 2023 “Vivat Regina Camilla and Vivat Rex Carolus” (Long live Queen and King). The current version was written by Sir Hubert Parry in 1902 for the coronation of Edward VII. ‘*I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.*’ Other versions were written for coronations by such notable composers as Henry Purcell (1685) and William Boyce (1761). There was also a splendid new setting of Halleluia sung, and swayed, by a gospel group dressed all in white.

During the service King Charles was screened from the TV Cameras and congregation and anointed with holy oil from Jerusalem, a ceremony inspired by the Bible account of the anointing of King Solomon recorded in I Kings 1 v 38-40. Anointing of the Sovereign has



been performed at every coronation since that of King Edgar in 973 but it is best known from the splendid anthem composed by George Frederick Handel for George II in 1727.

*‘Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet Anointed Solomon King.
And the people rejoiced and said: God save the King!
Long live the King! May the king live forever Alleluia! Amen!’*

In 2023 the congregation was invited to join in the singing of three hymns during the service. The first, was a hymn written by a monk, and translated from the Latin by John Cosin, an English Bishop in the early 17th century, included in *Singing the Faith* -373.

*‘Come Holy Ghost our souls inspire
And lighten with celestial fire,
Thou the anointing spirit art
Who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.*

In this year's printed Order of Service each verse was printed in a different language, verse 1 (English), verse 2 (Welsh), v 3 (Scots Gaelic), v 4 (Irish Gaelic) though an English translation was printed alongside each verse for those who wanted to sing in English. After the crowning of Queen Camilla, the congregation sang the Hymn '*Christ is made the sure foundation and the precious corner-stone*' This hymn, which dates from the 7th or 8th century and can be found in a shortened modified form in *Singing the Faith* 677. It was translated in 1851 by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) who was brought up in a clerical evangelical home He studied at Trinity College Cambridge, and was influenced by the Anglican High Church Oxford Movement. Due to poor health, he was unable to serve as a parish priest and spent his short adult life as Warden of Sackville College a retirement home for poor men. He also founded a Sisterhood which trained young women for nursing. His reputation rests on the numerous hymns he wrote including Good King Wenceslas and those he translated from Greek and Latin e.g. All Glory Lord and honour (STF 262).

King Charles final hymn was Praise my soul the king of heaven written by the vicar of Brixham Devon, Henry Francis Lyte, who had the blessing of being married to a strong committed Methodist. Lyte is best known for the hymn Abide with Me. At the Coronation the congregation sang '*Praise my soul, the king of heaven to his feet thy tribute bring*' (STF 83)

The contribution of the choir soloists and orchestra, performing the music of Handel, Boyce, Byrd, Purcell and Parry made this service memorable but I will also treasure a number of other events; such as the marching brass bands playing in the rain; Archbishop Welby trying to wedge the crown on Queen Camilla's head; the Gold Coach; the crowned monarchs flanked by their pages on the Buckingham Palace balcony; the three cheers of the military lined up on the lawn and the crowd as they filled the flag decorated Mall and surged forward to the front of the palace.

If you are curious about my 1953 girlfriend, I can tell you that we married nine years later, and last year celebrated our Diamond Wedding Anniversary (60 Happy Years).
Allen Steel June 2023

Our Young Church

The Biscuit Club (11+) normally meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 10.30 and on the 4th Sunday from 5.30 – 7.00
Their next meetings will be Sunday 11th June at 10.30 and 25th June at 5.30.

Cookie Club (3-11) start in church every Sunday and then go out to room 2 for a session. The service starts at 10.30.

Creche (under 3) There are toys and books, in the church, near the Hub for families to sit and let the children play. This means that parents can stay and enjoy the service, although the Well Room is available for use with additional toys.

We are looking at ways we can support and expand our Young Church. If you would like to be part of the discussion, please speak to one of the Young Church leaders or Sarah Hayward.

Methodist Children, Youth and Families:

Methodist.org.uk have a section for Children, Youth and Families including 'The Well' which gives information on many activities and initiatives such as the one below.

Clean Air Day, 15 June 2023

Air pollution is the single biggest environmental health risk in the UK and young people are particularly vulnerable to the effects of poor air quality.

Walk, wheel, or use public transport to reduce your exposure and contribution to air pollution! Contact your MP or Local Councillors!



'A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another.' John 13:34-35

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: Carol & Dumisani Moyo, Pat Ovenden, Janet Dawe, Samuel Ebden

OUR SAFEGUARDING TEAM: - led by Jean Norton

CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE JULY/AUGUST NEWSLETTER

If you would like to submit an article, joke, photo, poem, prayer or item of interest, please contact Jan Dent -

jdent7@gmail.com or 07751603883

Deadline to submit items: **Monday 26th June**

This newsletter is available to download as a PDF from our website.