

THE INDICATOR

Beckenham Methodist Church

February & March 2017

Spring will soon be here



Dear Friends,

Listen, hear the story!

Before Christmas I sent a letter to everyone inviting answers to three questions:

What do you like best about Beckenham Methodist Church?

What is your vision for the church in 2020?

What can you contribute to the redevelopment of the church?

(If you haven't replied yet it is not too late. We need everyone to make a response!by email is fine: barbara.calvert@methodist.org.uk)

I have been 'listening' to the answers. It is really encouraging to get feedback and hear the positive comments people have to make about our church. The most frequent answer to the question 'what do you like best?' is: *friendliness*. As a church we seek to offer a warm welcome to all. This is an essential part of thinking in our redevelopment plans. The new build on the side of the church will be glazed. We all know how much more likely we are to enter a café or restaurant which we can see into. (And how difficult it is and courageous to go through heavy wooden doors not knowing what you might find on the other side!). Our new atrium will be light, warm, comfortable providing ample social space for everyone who comes to our church.

Growth is the most frequent response to the second question: a vision for our church for 2020. Clearly the welcoming social space as described above will help but it isn't enough on its own. Church growth depends on each one of us. A church grows through contact. That is contact with one another and contact with Christ. We grow by getting to know one another, by loving and caring for one another, by imitating Christ's humility in our relationships with one another, as St Paul illustrated in Philippians 2. Through the transforming grace of God a loving community is formed to which people want to belong and become followers of Christ.

Prayer is a frequent response to the third question. Many people have said they would like to be part of a prayer group. That is really good news. If you are one of those and would be willing to head up a prayer group then please let me know.

It is exciting to enter this New Year and to be able to contribute to taking forward the redevelopment. There are social events coming up, fundraising events, an opportunity to get artistic with the ‘Design a logo’ competition. And there are further opportunities for prayer and fellowship through a Lent course we will be offering on a Wednesday evening.

On my recent study trip to Northern Ireland the four ‘Ts’ that the former President of the Methodist Church in Ireland, the Rev’d Harold Good said had been vital in the peace and reconciliation process have remained with me. Namely, Trust, Truth, Talk and Tea! These four ‘Ts’ have much to say to us about our life together as a church. Do we talk enough? Often we hear remarkable stories about people we have known well only at their funeral. That is so sad. I was very excited to hear the story that June had to tell (see ‘My Cousin’ in this magazine).

Do you fancy a spot of journalism? How about making a regular contribution to The Indicator by interviewing one of our members and writing it up. This would be another way of affirming one another, getting to know each other better and showing how much we value each other as fellow pilgrims on the amazing journey of faith to which Christ invites us all.

Jesus said: ‘I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.’ John 10.16

Barbara Calvert January 2017

“Can you tell a plain man the road to heaven? Certainly, turn at once to the right, then go straight forward”.

William Wilberforce

My Cousin by June Hopkins

A conversation one Wednesday morning in TCs...

J: 'Have you seen the film 'A United Kingdom?'

B: 'Yes.. fantastic film. I'd never heard of Seretsi Khama and Ruth Williams before but what an inspirational story. Ruth didn't realise when she fell in love with Seretsi that he was heir to the African kingdom of Bechuanaland (Botswana).



Their marriage (in 1948) sent shockwaves through the establishment and defied an empire. Their love overcame the prejudices of their age.'

J: 'Ruth was my cousin'

Stunned silence

B: 'Really?!'

J: My grandmother had thirteen children. The eldest was my Aunty Daisy. She had two girls Muriel and Ruth. My mother was the youngest of the thirteen so my cousin Ruth was quite a few years older than me. I can remember visiting as a small child. It was Muriel or Ruth's birthday. I wouldn't eat the sandwiches. I wanted the cake with the silver balls on.

J continues: 'Ruth met Seretsi just after the war and they fell in love. I visited Ruth and Seretsi with two of my aunts. They were living in a flat in Blackheath. This was the only time I met him but my abiding memory is that Seretsi was an absolute gentleman.'

Independence of Bechuanaland was achieved in 1964. As a result of the legacy of Seretsi and Ruth Botswana is one of the most stable countries in Africa. President since 2008 is Ian Khama, son of Seretsi and Ruth.

*P.S. June – do you realise you are first cousin once removed to the
President of Botswana?!*

BC January 2017

DESIGN A LOGO



to represent and celebrate
the life of
Beckenham Methodist Church
on
MUGS

to include lettering and a pictorial image.
The mugs will be white with a maximum of two colours
used in the logo/picture.

Designs can be submitted digitally or on paper.

They will be for sale and also will be used by church and
TCs.

We hope they will be produced in time for Easter
breakfast.

Barry Stewart and Jane Sharp have agreed to be judges.

Please send designs by 28th Feb to Mary Sawyer
marsawmus@aol.com
or by post to:

Flat 2, Shelbourne Place, 6a Lawn Road,
Beckenham BR3 1RH

TCs NEWS.

As you will know, we have re-opened TCs following the Christmas break and we will be delighted to see more church members for a hot drink and/or a lunch any day. Thankfully our regular 'outside' customers continue to appear each week and it is good to see them all.

In the last Indicator I reported on the different charities who had benefitted from our operational surplus and I invite you to take time to see the display on the left hand notice board in the New Room and read subsequent progress on projects received from some of the charities.

Lastly, our thanks go to our volunteers, helpers and customers who, by their faithfulness in keeping TCs open, play a part in enabling unknown people, and especially children, around the world as well as in the UK to know the meaning of hope.

Valerie Wilson

METHODIST CHURCH—FUND FOR HUMAN NEED

In acknowledging our last gift from the Benevolence Fund the Treasurer, Mr. Alan Hickox, wrote thus:

“I am delighted to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 22nd October enclosing a cheque in the sum of £200.00 being a further donation for the Fund for Human Need from your Benevolence Fund at Beckenham Methodist Church.

We are now overwhelmed with grant applications, particularly following the launch of our website last year, and last month we received 84 applications, and approved 72 grants. Sadly, in order to reduce the number of appropriate applications we have to turn down, we have had to reduce the amount paid to most beneficiaries.

We are therefore enormously grateful for your continuing support, and that of other churches and of individuals who have supported our work for the first time in recent months, as well as those who have helped sustain our work with those in need over many years”.

I therefore hope we will be able to make a further donation from our Benevolence Fund following the Church Council meeting in March.

Valerie Wilson

BECKENHAM METHODIST CHURCH

LENT COURSE

at Clockhouse Road Church in the Long Vestry

Wednesday Evenings 7.45 – 8.45pm
8th MARCH to 12th APRIL inclusive

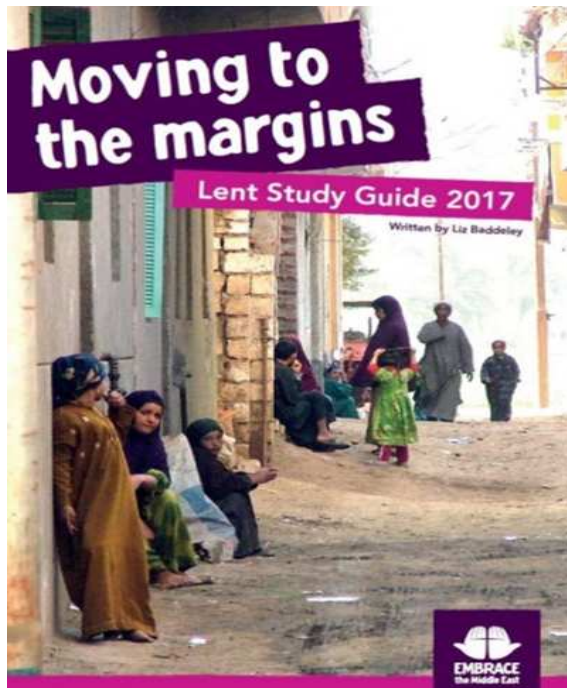
All sessions include Bible study, prayer, information, stories and actions.

Each session will introduce you to a different part of God's big story, demonstrating God's transforming love to those who are marginalised and focusing on the Middle East today.

28 colour page booklets available at £1 each from Jenny Nichols to bring to the course, or to use on your own.

Also available as a free download at www.embrace.org

Please join us if you can. Transport is available.



From the Vestry INFECTIOUS ENTHUSIASM

At our recent Stewards' meeting, we agreed that we would lead the way forward into 2017 with enthusiasm, enabling positive feelings and reactions to come to the fore.

So we look forward to lots of fun ideas for getting to know each other and working together for the future of Beckenham Methodist Church.

I read the following article recently in the Methodist Church's 'the Connexion' magazine from Spring 2016, by Jo Simpson from Plymouth and Exeter District:

'I come alive when I help people enthuse about life and direct them to what is good, beautiful, delightful and possible. Enthusiasm creates motion and momentum towards the possibility of life in all its fullness.

That's why I like people. I like difficult, risky, edgy, damaged, quiet, loud, angry, lonely, brash people. I like people who are messy and chaotic, and people who seem to have life sewn up. I like it when they disagree.

I enjoy tense conversation, and prefer to be in situations which are painful and difficult rather than safe and sterile. I get my best ideas when listening to stories of struggle. I like facilitating conversations to help those involved realise that it isn't some grand plan of mine which will change people, but conversations with each other and with God.

But, in my experience, such spaces where God forces us to engage with diversity and think differently are rare in our churches. So I create those spaces. I become the grit in the oyster; the one who says the difficult thing, who provokes passionate outbursts, who holds the silence while people struggle - and God works.

That is not what people are expecting when they invite me to help them think about reaching more families, or how to be better at mission. There is an expectation that I will bring ready-made answers and programmes. But there are no shortcuts to church growth, only gut-wrenchingly honest conversation in which those involved realise that they had the answers all along!

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The process of change is painful. It helps, I think, that I am by nature forthcoming about my own struggles and constantly challenged and fascinated by the person of Jesus. It helps that I believe that faith is a gift which is about questions, and not answers.

When we put people at the heart of everything we do, when we say “if you are here, then you belong, you are valuable, your story is important,” then people feel safe enough to become passionate. Then change becomes possible. People start to feel brave enough to question the status quo, to think the unthinkable and direct their time, resources and talents towards what is important. I’m learning that enthusiasm is infectious.’

We were delighted to welcome people we had not met before over Christmas. Several had seen our banner on the railings announcing our Christmas services.

The Stewards are looking at the further use of banners and posters, so that people know we are here; so that they know what is happening inside our building; so that they know they are welcome to come inside and find out more.

SMILE PLEASE

Better a smile than a frown,
Better a laugh than a tear,
Building folk up, not putting them down;
Building confidence rather fear.

God, give me humour and fun
To lighten the load of the sad;
To point to the warmth of the Son,
Whose Spirit can make the world glad.

To enhance the Saviour’s renown
Better a smile than a frown.



[barnabas101.com](http://www.barnabas101.com)

OWN ARRANGEMENTS

On our **Circuit Plan for March - May**, each church has been allocated Sundays for 'Own arrangements'. This means, as it says, that no Minister or Local Preacher has been allocated for those particular Sunday morning services.

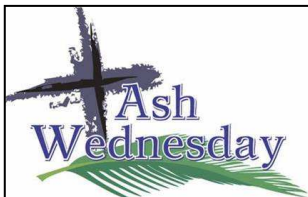
Clock House Road held a very successful service last year, which they had arranged themselves.

Bromley Road has been allocated Sunday 23rd April and Clock House Road has been allocated 2nd and 23rd April.

A congregation can choose how they would like to worship on these occasions: Traditional / discussion time / 'Songs of Praise' / prayer and meditation etc.

Please let Graham McLeod know of any thoughts you have concerning Clock House services and me or any Steward for Bromley Road.

Jenny Nichols, Senior Steward



LENT AND EASTER 2017

1st March – 8pm Circuit Service at
Bromley Road

Wednesday 8th March – 7.45pm at CHR Lent course of
6 weekly sessions begins. (see Page 7)

Thursday 13th April – 8pm Maundy Thursday Service of
Holy Communion at Bromley Road

Good Friday 14th April – CTiB Walk of Witness (see Page 19)

3pm Circuit Service and tea at West Wickham
Methodist Church

Easter Sunday 16th April - Joint Services at Clockhouse
Road:

A pilgrimage to Faversham

We left St Edmunds RC Church at 10 am., sixty-four people in a large coach and a mini bus. Father Steve Wymer who came with us, led us in prayer before the coach set off. As we reached the countryside we enjoyed the beautiful autumn colours of the trees and hedgerows.

This is the first pilgrimage I've been on in England. We were going to **St Jude's Church in Faversham Kent**, where there is a shrine to St Jude with his statue and a relic. This is in a special chapel which you reach through the 'Holy Door'. Not much is known about St Jude (one of the 12 Apostles) but he has a short letter in the New Testament. Amongst Roman Catholics he is known as "the patron saint of lost causes" and is often prayed to for help in finding lost articles! As one of the Friars explained, 'none of us, as people, is a lost cause with St Jude or God'.

The church of St Jude is looked after by the **Friars of Mount Carmel** who in the first place were hermits on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land. On arrival we were welcomed by one of the Friars and enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee in the hall. After the pilgrimage was explained to us we split up into small groups to talk and get to know one another better. Mainly it was a parish affair from St Edmund's but all were welcome. Later we went to the special shrine for quiet prayer and we could light a candle. I realised by people's attitude it meant more to some people than others. It was very peaceful but crowded as we were a large group.

We ate our packed lunches in the hall. Later we went to the lovely little church for a quiet time and some people went to confession. Then we all joined in the Mass with some rousing hymns. I just went up for a blessing knowing the RC rule, however later some members said that as it was a special occasion I could have received also - alas - too late!

Before departing at about 5pm in our coach we had a group photograph. I was with a Roman Catholic friend whom I know from meeting at the 'Drop In Café's weekly' at St Edmund's Hall. I will end with a prayer from Pope Francis. Our pilgrimage was the last chance to take part in the Pope's Jubilee 'Year of Mercy':

"We constantly need to contemplate the mystery of mercy.

It is the wellspring of joy and serenity and peace.

Our salvation depends on it."

We again had prayers before the coach moved off and we returned home carrying with us some of the peace we had found on our pilgrimage.

Christine Gaskin

HELPING THOSE IN NEED

How are we doing this?

Every gift in 'that box' in the New Room helps us to help in this way, so if you would like to join in, please do. The items required are shown at the back of the box. Thank you in anticipation!

How are the churches in the area, including ours, doing this?

By running the Beckenham Clothes Bank at Holy Trinity Church twice a month on a Saturday morning and serving all those who come in and helping to clothe them with coats, shirts/tops, gloves, socks and toiletries, etc. given by local churches as well as ourselves.

Also with a committee under Churches Together in Central Bromley **By reorganising the Bromley Homeless Shelter** at Bromley United Reformed Church (in 2015 it was formally registered as a charity with the above name). This is a charity run entirely by volunteers and receives no funding from government or local authorities.

During the winter months, homeless people are given a warm safe place to sleep and a hot meal. The Shelter tries to help their guests find longer term accommodation and get their lives back on track. Most of the guests come from the Bromley area.

Living rough is caused by many factors and also can create many issues. Often homeless people begin to suffer from mental or physical health problems. A major part of the work is to try to overcome these issues and help them return to a more normal existence. This is done in collaboration with other agencies such as Oxleas Mental Health Trust and Bromley Council. The result is that many of the guests (20 last winter) move into permanent accommodation and some start employment.

Last November, a year round service from the Bromley United Reformed Church was started to guide those homeless, or at risk of homelessness, to appropriate services. This will be in cooperation with LATCH, an organisation that helps young people with accommodation issues.

Colin & Valerie Wilson



Many thanks to all who have been knitting at home or in TCs, donating wool and needles or completed items. Especial thanks to June Hopkins for stitching squares together to make 1 cot size and 1 single bed size blanket.

At the end of January, Barbara Calvert and Jenny Nichols took the following to Knit for Peace in North London:

Hundreds of squares

3 completed blankets of squares: 1 cot; 1 single; 1 double

32 children's jumpers

5 scarves and 5 hats

We are very glad that there are volunteers at **Knit for Peace** who are willing to sew donated squares together for us. We are continuing to make items needed in this cold weather e.g. hats and scarves.

Do join us if you can on Wednesdays between 10.30am and 12 noon, if TCs is open. We welcome chat as we work even if you're not keen on knitting or crochet.

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March 2017

Christ Church, Beckenham at 2pm, followed by refreshments

'Am I Being Unfair to You?'

Prepared by Christian Women of the Philippines

Just as they began to write this service Typhoon Haiyan struck the Philippines and caused much destruction. The people of the Philippines earnestly need our prayers.

Life in these islands must go on despite all the natural disasters and the different living conditions. The people go on in faith, knowing that God is with them.

REDEVELOPMENT SCHEME

LATEST NEWS

Bromley Council have received the planning proposal for demolition of the existing single storey Scout and Guide huts and the erection of a part one / two storey front/side extension.

We are required to display the application notice prominently and members of the public may inspect the application, and make representations about it, up to 21 days from the notice being displayed.

A small Group is meeting with the Architect imminently to resolve the issue of the staircase and the Redevelopment Group will meet early in February to move the project forward.

As worship would continue in the **Bevington Hall** while work is going on in the Sanctuary, it is proposed to redecorate the Hall, Entrance, Toilet and Kitchen and maybe improve the lighting this Easter in readiness.

Matters are progressing, though it seems slow at this stage. I will keep you informed as much as I can. See also Pages 24 & 25

Jenny Nichols, Senior Steward



The Foxes pull ahead in the rowing/floor polishing race!



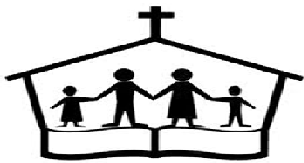
Making her Promise at Heartsease

Engineering with marshmallows and spaghetti

Doing her best....



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NEWS OF OUR CHURCH FAMILY

Alice Lavender was in hospital just before Christmas, but is now recovering steadily.

Daniel Everest went out to Australia for a year in December, in time to celebrate Christmas on the beach in Sydney. In a few weeks he will be going north to Cairns to work on a banana farm for three months.

Wendy Richman: We offer our love and sympathy to Wendy whose sister, Lynn, died just before Christmas. Lynn grew up among us and went all through our Sunday School, being one of Valerie Wilson's 10 year olds in the Juniors!

Josh Wilson (grandson of Colin and Valerie) will be returning to the UK in February from New Zealand, having spent a year exploring the delights of the country! and working in Wellington.

Gordon Hughes has had a successful hip replacement operation and is in process of full recovery. It is good to see him back at church!

Brian Hermon OBE 1930 – 2016 A good number of Beckenham Methodists past and present attended the funeral at St. George's Church on January 12th of our old friend and colleague, Brian Hermon, who died on December 12th after a long battle with cancer. The church was packed to hear glorious music, a moving tribute from his son Chris and a poem read by his daughter Jenny. Brian and Joan met on the tennis court and were married at Bromley Road on April 2nd 1955; Brian played an active part in our church life for some 65 years. His hallmark was his enthusiasm for all the activities he undertook.

He was a member of the Bevington Club and Bevington Players and later leader of the Wesley Youth Club with Mary Goodison, before handing over to Sydney Bowyer, and had a great influence on countless young people's lives. He was a Church Steward, Missions Treasurer, Welcoming Steward and Covenant Secretary. In recent years he attended St. George's partly through love of the music becoming part of the Church life there as a Server and was involved in their Arts Festival. He retained his membership at Bromley Road though and was very keen to work in our Community Café, TCs, until he was unable to stand and make tea or wash up. Thursdays in TCs will never be the same again and his involvement with the Management Committee and weekly cashing up of the till will be sorely missed. **Our prayers are with Joan, Chris, Jenny and her family at this time.**



OPEN **DOOR**



**Wesley Lounge at Bromley Road
Mondays 2 to 3.30pm**

FEBRUARY 2017

- 6th** **David Dingley**
- 13th** **London miscellany**
- 20th** **Revd Barbara Calvert**
- 27th** **Women's World Day of Prayer (The Philippines)**

MARCH 2017

- 6th** **Lent**
- 13th** **Revd Barbara Calvert**
- 20th** **Art Posters: Prayer and Holy Communion**
- 27th** **Hope is the Promise (Psalms)**

Always time for a chat and refreshments.

ALL WELCOME

MEN'S FORUM - PROGRAMME 2017

Since our last report The Men's Forum has continued to meet regularly at 11.00am on the second Saturday of each month.

We have continued to worship monthly on Thursdays at 12.15pm at Bromley Methodist Church followed by lunch.

Spring programme 2017:

Saturday Feb.11th: Rev Derek Stanworth on his evangelical work

Thursday Feb. 25th: Bromley Methodist followed by lunch

Saturday March 11th: Jim Holman - 'The adventures of teaching'

Thursday March 23rd: Bromley Methodist followed by lunch

Saturday April 8th: Revd. Barbara Calvert

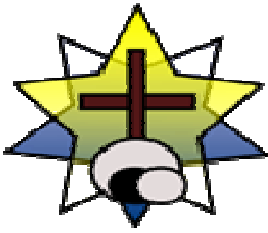
Thursday April 20th: Bromley Methodist followed by lunch

Saturday May 13th: A visit to Woolwich, including the Thames Barrier, followed by lunch.

A warm welcome is extended to join us at our meetings, which present a forum for discussion on all matters of interest and to share in visits.

New members are always most welcome.

Please contact David Keall or Graham McLeod



CHURCHES TOGETHER in BECKENHAM

CTiB has a lot organised for the coming months in Beckenham. The following events will be taking place:-

A Lent Course has been arranged which will be held each Tuesday evening of Lent at St Johns Church Halls, Eden Park Avenue. There will be 5 separate groups that you can sign up for and full details are in the leaflet that is available in the New Room at Bromley Road and the Long Vestry at Clockhouse. The dates are 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March and 4th April. You can also see details on pages 21 & 22 of this Indicator. This sounds like a very interesting and worthwhile course

On Good Friday there will once again be a Walk of Witness down the High Street from St Edmunds to the Green at St Georges. 11am from St Edmunds. It is hoped that once again there will be a good turn out for this.

Christian Aid Week is 14th to 20th May. Watch for the Notices as it is likely there will be a CTiB service during this week.

A Picnic on the Green will be held this year on 25th June. If anyone would like to make suggestions regarding a theme for this, or indeed any activities we as a church could provide, please speak to myself or Revd. Barbara Calvert..

All this activity is great for Beckenham but it does bring lots of work in its wake. The present chair, Rev Neil Draisey from Beckenham Baptist Church, is doing a great job but is looking for a little help on the admin side. This would only entail a few hours a year (yes, I did say a year) to help with booking the green for events such as those outlined above, liaising with the police when we are all out together as on Good Friday etc. If you feel you could offer a hand do speak to me and I will put you in touch with the Chair.

I am sorry to report that Maureen Bull has retired from being a representative to CTiB and I would like to thank Maureen on behalf of you all for all she has done for us Ecumenically over the last few years. So if anyone would like to offer to come along we would be pleased to hear from you.

Christine Handel

Church Flowers - Bromley Road

February 2017	5th	Wendy Richmond
	12th	Ena Hamblyn
	19th	Wilson Broom
	26th	Sheila Priestman
March 2017	5th	Margaret Hazlewood
	12th	Gordon Hughes
	19th	Christine Handel
	26th	Barry Stewart

Church Flowers - Clock House Road

February 2017	5th	TBA
	12th	TBA
	19th	TBA
	26th	TBA
March 2017	5th	TBA
	12th	TBA
	19th	TBA
	26th	TBA

If anyone wishes to join in these Rotas please contact
Margaret Hazlewood for **BR** or Irene Antwi for **CHR**



Churches Together in Beckenham Lent Courses 2017

Course facilitators:

David Storey is a Member of St Paul's, Brackley Road

Chris McShane is a Member of Penge Congregational Church

Tina Kelsey is the Assistant Curate at St George's

Andrew Jones is the Minister of Avenue Baptist Church

Maggie Wilkinson is the Associate Rector at St George's

Neil Draisey is the Minister at Beckenham Baptist Church

The aim of this event is for us to share together with one another in fellowship and learning. We often have a chance to discuss and be part of groups in our own churches, and these 5 evenings in Lent offer a great opportunity to get together with folk from different churches in our area, to hear and understand both similar and diverse viewpoints and experience worship and fellowship together.

A Programme of 5 evening sessions at St John's Eden Park, Eden Park

Avenue,

Tuesdays 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th March, and April 4th. The last session on April 4th will be all together and we will hear something from each of the groups

Format of the Evening:	7.30pm	Arrivals, Coffee & Fellowship
	8.00pm	Welcome & Opening Worship
	8.10pm – 9.00pm	Lent Course Workshops
	9.00pm – 9.15pm	Closing Worship

Please note that there is limited parking at St John's so you might like to consider car sharing with others who are planning to attend. There are buses that stop at the end of the road: 194 and 358, and Eden Park Station is also only a 5 minute walk away.

Choose from one of five courses:

Course 1

“Come and Sing ‘Messiah’ Choruses” led by David Storey

(Member of St Paul’s Church)

Handel's 'Messiah' tells the story of Christ's birth, death and resurrection. We shall have four sessions to briefly consider the biblical texts that Handel used as we learn to sing some of the passion choruses. We hope to present them to the other groups at the final session. All are welcome to join - even if you have never sung in a choir before. Music will be provided at the first session.

Course 2

“Exploring the Bible through art” led by Chris McShane (Member of

Penge Congregational Church)

Over the 4 weeks we build up a single piece of artwork exploring the imagery of the ark, the crossing of the Jordan, the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan, and the Worship of the Lamb in Revelation, and present it on the 5th week.

Course 3

“Franciscan Spirituality” led by Tina Kelsey

(Asst. Curate St George’s Church)

Franciscan spirituality has its roots in the life of St Francis and his understanding of humanity's relationship with God and creation. Today there are three branches, or Orders within the Franciscan family. We will begin this course with a general discussion as to what spirituality means for us, and then in the subsequent three weeks we will look specifically at each of these Orders through the lives of their founders and patrons: St Francis of Assisi, St Clare of Assisi and St Elizabeth of Hungary, relating their lives to our own through discussion and a writing activity. Each session will finish with a time of silent prayer.

Course 4

“The Lord’s Prayer” led by Maggie Wilkinson (Associate Rector) &

Andrew Jones (Minister, Avenue Road Baptist Church)

This course consists of 4 sessions exploring the Lord's Prayer by discussing and reflecting on various passages from scripture. A course booklet will be needed for this course and copies will be ordered when we know how many will be attending and provided at the first session

Course 5

“Decisions, decisions” led by Neil Draisey

(Minister, Beckenham Baptist Church)

We make decisions every day – big and small, unimportant and life-changing, good decisions and wrong, easy and hard to make. We can ask God for his help and search the Scriptures for guidance, but ultimately decisions are ours alone. In this course, we will explore different aspects of life’s decisions through Bible passages, personal experiences and discussion. The material is taken from the Lent study course of the same title by Nick Fawcett.

Booking forms at BR/CHR to be returned to Christine Handel on/before 26th February.

Shopping in Bromley on a Thursday?

*Why not take a break at the Methodist
Church (just beyond Sainsbury's) ?*

COFFEE MORNING

10.00 am to 12 noon

*Tea, coffee &
excellent home made cakes!*

LUNCHTIME WORSHIP

In the Vine Chapel 12.15 - 12.45 pm

Fine spiritual food!

*'Angel voices' - you should hear them,
singing every line.*

*Angel harps? No, we don't need them -
Frank's piano's fine!*

Care to join us? You'd be welcome.

All are welcome in the Vine!

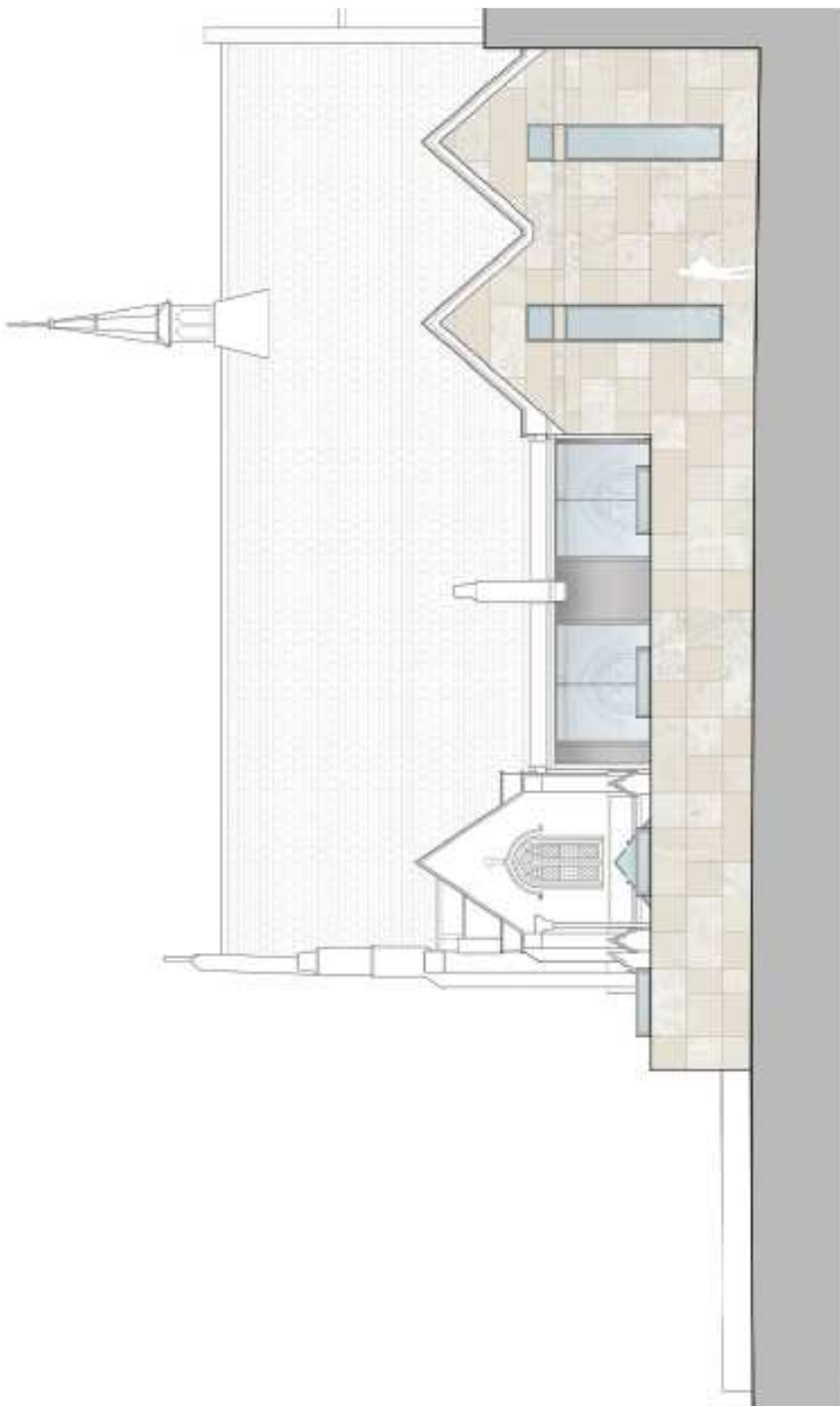
*We believe that God rejoices
in our prayers and praise.*

*And he speaks through preachers' voices,
teaching Gospel ways.*

These few lines just tell our story:

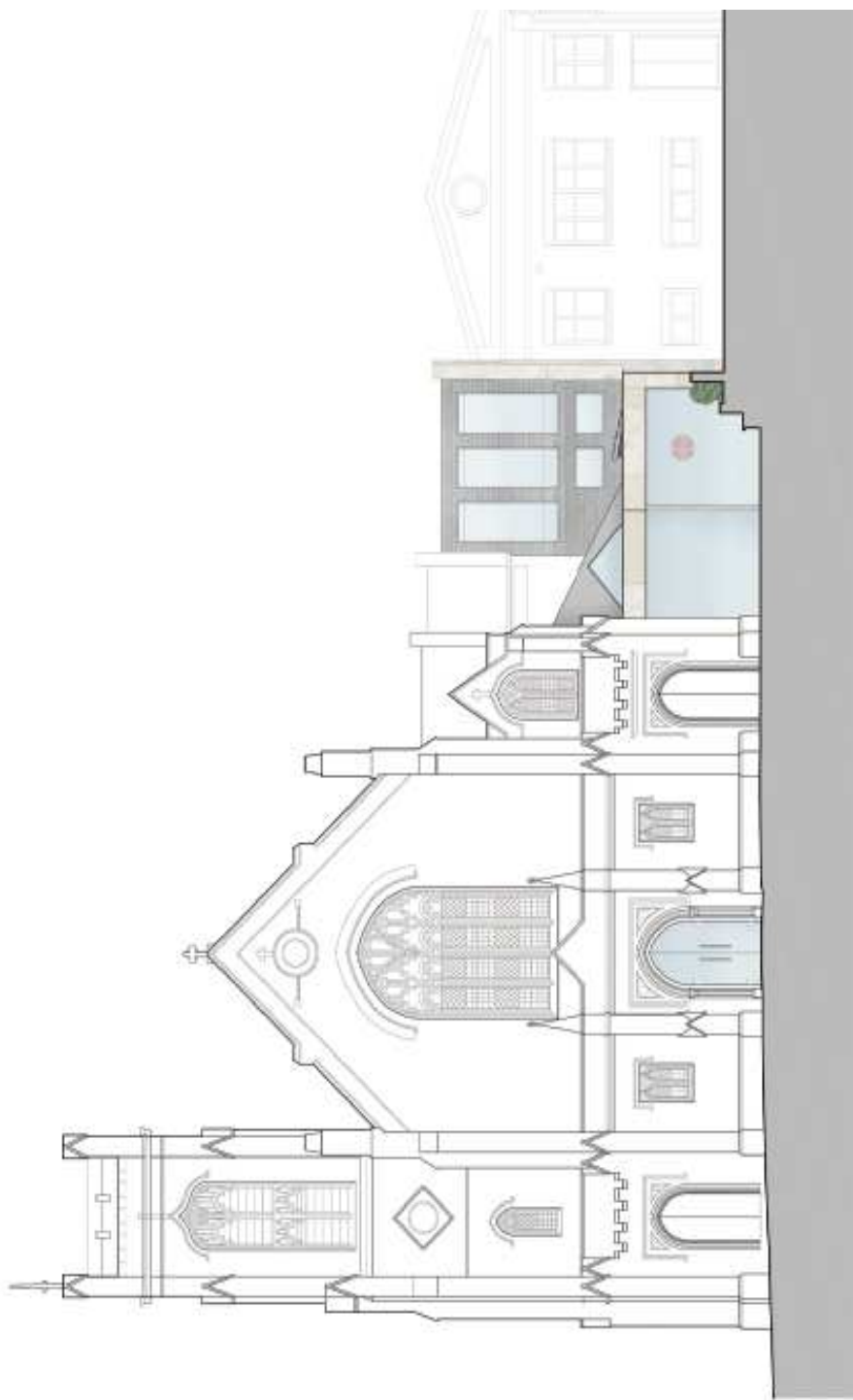
Give God glory on Thursdays!

(Tune 'Angel Voices' StF 39)



PROPOSED WEST (SIDE) ELEVATION

NIGEL BIRD ARCHITECTS
CHARTERED ARCHITECTS ENGINEERS AND INTERIOR DESIGNERS



PROPOSED NORTH (FRONT) ELEVATION
NIGEL BIRD ARCHITECTS
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Sunday Services

Bromley Road

11.00am

Revd. Barbara Calvert
Holy Communion

Major Cliff Kent

Ms Alison Driscoll

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Mr Jim Holman

Deacon Laura MacBean

Revd. Barbara Calvert

5th February

12th February

19th February

26th February

5th March

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19th March

26th March

Clockhouse Road

9.30am

Revd. Barbara Calvert
Holy Communion

Mr John Morley

Mr Jim Holman

Revd. Barbara Calvert

Mrs Christine Messenger

Mr Mike Tinson

Ms Alison Driscoll

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Holy Communion

SNIPPETS

“ Words which do not give the light of Christ increase the darkness”.

Mother Teresa

SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORLD

A group of students were asked to list the present Seven Wonders of the World. Though there were some disagreements, the following received the most votes:

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| 1. Egypt’s great pyramids | 2. Taj Mahal |
| 3. Grand Canyon | 4. Panama Canal |
| 5. Empire State Building | 6. St. Peter’s Basilica |
| 7. Great Wall of China | |

While gathering the votes, the teacher noted that one student had not finished her paper yet. So she asked the girl if she was having trouble with her list. The girl replied ‘Yes, a little. I couldn’t quite make up my mind because there were so many’. The girl hesitated then read: ‘I think the Seven Wonders of the World are:

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|-------------|------------|-------------|----------------|
| 1. To see | 2. To hear | 3. To touch | |
| 4. To taste | 5. To feel | 6. To laugh | 7. And to love |

The room was so quiet you could have heard a pin drop. The things we overlook as simple and ordinary and that we take for granted are truly wondrous! A gentle reminder!

Quote from ‘The Pensioner’

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