

The Messenger

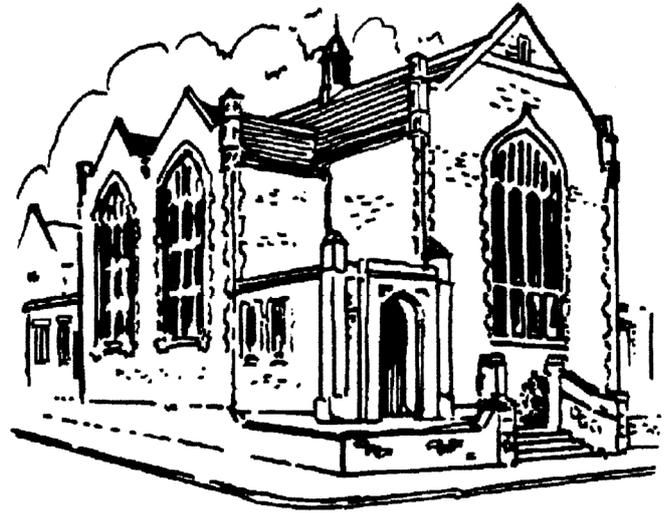


Trinity United

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Upminster



Dec 2017 / Jan 2018

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Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Another year is nearing its end and another new year awaits us.

All around us, the world is preparing for the highlights marking the end of this year: Christmas and New Year's Eve (& Day).

I myself am preparing for a number of things at the moment:

- 1 Christmas Day Service,
- 2 Nativity plays,
- 3 Preschool Nativities
- 4 Carol Services
- 5 sessions at Ministers' Residential (luckily only attending, not leading)
- 6 more Church/ Elders meetings
- 7 other occasions for carol-singing
- 8 other meetings (at least)
- 9 Sunday services (until Christmas)

... *and a partridge in a pear tree!!* I didn't quite get to the 12 Activities before Christmas I intended to list - there will surely be more as time moves on.

Among the business of the season, we are invited again to pause and reflect on the arrival of Christ: in our world, in our lives and in our Christmas celebrations and preparations.

Some of us will make time for prayer, stillness, devotion, reading. Some may attend special Advent Bible study meetings. Some of us may spend every waking moment preparing for the practicalities of Christmas. Some of us may make extra time to meet with those special to them and share food & fellowship. And some may try to avoid most of the activities traditionally expected during Advent and at Christmas.

Vicar's wife and author Amy Boucher Pye makes a beautiful point: "no matter what we do - or don't do - Christ still comes. Emmanuel is still with us. Even if we did NOTHING, Christmas would still be Christmas."

Where will we meet Christ this Christmas? How will his life and birth touch our lives this Christmas? Wherever you find yourself this Christmas - may Christ's Peace fill your heart!



Minister's letter (cont.)

Let me end with a poem written by Amy Boucher Pye, based on the familiar passage of Isaiah 9:2:

Darkness
Deep Darkness
Walking and stumbling
Feeling our way

Feet in the muck
Sucking us down
Helpless cries
Feeling lost

But slowly a turning
Our spirit lightening
Darkness to dawn
Light breaks through

The Son appears
His light not hid
The secret places revealed
Giving hope and health

We welcome him
That light now within
In us; through us
In him we dwell

Our cracked clay pots
Shine forth bright
Once dirty and broken
Reveal patterns of light

The people walking in darkness
Have seen a great light
On those living in darkness
A light has dawned

Come, Lord Jesus.

With love & God's blessings for Advent, Christmas and the New Year,
Dorothee

Family News

We pray for Elaine, Rae and Ken's daughter as she continues her treatment.

We continue to remember those who are unable to attend church:

Doreen Leeder

Doris Rulton

Joyce & Les Marshall

Joan Walker

Please let your Elder know of any items of news to be included in the messenger.

Social & Fundraising

Don't forget the CHRISTMAS MARKET is on Saturday 9th December..

Please come along to support the final fundraising event for GOSH.

BARGAINS—CAKES—TEA/COFFEE –GOOD FELLOWSHIP

10am—2pm

Letter of thanks from the Women's Refuge

Dear Friends at Trinity United Reformed Church,

We would like to offer our heartfelt appreciation for the kindness and support to our women's refuge. We are so very grateful for the wonderful food donation the members of your church have collected at your recent Harvest festival service to help our families through this difficult period in their lives and the time.

As you may be aware families enter the refuge in emergency circumstances and are often on a very low income, being able to offer them food is so very important and without the kindness of our community this is something we would not be able to offer.

We would also like to say a huge thank you for the donation of £260, which you were able to raise from your auction. This money shall be used to provide a Christmas party with an entertainer for the families living at the refuge. We hope this is something you are able to share with your church.

So once again we would like to thank you all for your support and send our best wishes to all the members of the church.

Message from Adam Woodgate

'GHISPMas' Concert – Saturday 9th December 7.30pm

We are holding a festive concert on the evening of Saturday 9th December, 7.30pm to 10pm in Trinity URC, Upminster.

This will be to raise funds for the 2018 expedition to The Gambia, including projects developing a new regional headquarters and improving the local hospital in Basse. This is part of the Gambia and Hornchurch International Scout Project (GHISP) which was started in 2009. For more information on the projects please see www.ghisp.org.uk

Attendance is free with donations on the night towards the project please, the interval will include mulled wine and mince pies.

There will be songs from some local beaver and cub sections, songs from the expedition participants and some songs from experienced singers in a group led by Matthew Beyer-Woodgate.

Please come along, support the project and enjoy the evening.

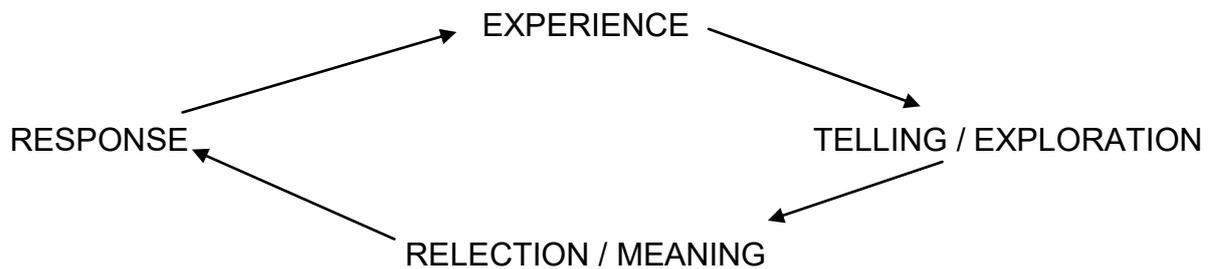
Adam Woodgate

GHISP Project Lead

Dig Deeper

Dorothee is leading us on a journey through our faith. On 30th October and 13th November a group of up to 16, mainly from Trinity but also from other Heath & Havering Group churches met at Trinity for the first two of three introductory sessions where we have shared together our personal journeys and experiences.

In the first session we thought about the process we all use of experiencing life, telling others of it, exploring it, reflecting on it and considering its meaning.



We noted that none of us starts from square one as we all have experiences that we explore and of which we seek to make sense. We have already used that in our church life. We all have Biblical knowledge - we are all theologians.

In the second session we thought about worship. The word 'worship' comes from an Old English word meaning to give homage, reverence (or due worth) to a human being or God. Liturgy is a particular form of worship. We considered what made worship for us individually and what make it live. We thought about things that made it not work.

Our next session on 27th November will look at 'Fruitful reflection on faith, tools for reflection'. In the New Year there will be a series of sessions on the Bible and then Theology. Dates for these are yet to be set.

All are welcome to join these informal and friendly group sessions.

Mick Hewitt

KINGSLEY CHORAL GROUP – CHRISTMAS CONCERT

FRIDAY, 15TH DECEMBER 2017 at 7.30pm

This Christmas the KCG has chosen to support a charity called Little Legs Coady (50% of the concert proceeds will go to the church as usual). This fund has been set up to help 3 year old twins Lennon and Layla Coady to be able to walk. They were born 12 weeks prematurely and have complex health problems. Their parents are serving police officers who hope to attend the concert, or to send a family representative, in appreciation of our fund-raising for these beautiful children.

Tickets are STILL only £7-50, which includes seasonal refreshments, and there will be a raffle. See Sonia for tickets

Message from Paul Smith



Paul would like to thank everyone who contributed so generously to the Poppy Appeal. He managed to raise the sum of approx. £70 by being in attendance at two coffee mornings and the service on Trinity lawn on 11th November

Churches Together

Come and join local people at a Churches Together event at Thames Chase Forest Centre, Pike Lane.

Ann Woodhurst will be leading carol singing at 3.30pm on Sunday 10th December .

It would be good to see lots of people from Trinity to help swell the singing.

Coffee/tea and cakes will be available to purchase

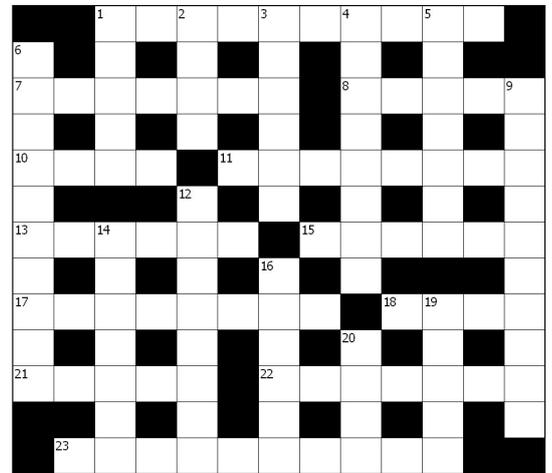
Puzzle Page (answers on page 13)

Across

- 1 Provisional meeting place of God and the Jews (Exodus 25:9) (10)
- 7 David's third son, killed when his head got caught in a tree during a battle with his father (2 Samuel 18:14,15) (7)
- 8 They ruled much of the west coast of South America in the 15th and early 16th centuries (5)
- 10 Small deer of European and Asian extraction (4)
- 11 Seized control of (Numbers 21:25) (8)
- 13 Terror (Luke 24:5) (6)
- 15 First World War heroine shot by the Germans in Brussels, Nurse Edith (6)
- 17 Stormy (8)
- 18 A bitter variety of this, together with lamb and unleavened bread, was the Passover menu for anyone unclean (Numbers 9:11) (4)
- 21 Arson (anag.) (5)
- 22 How John Newton described God's grace in his well-known hymn (7)
- 23 Habitation (Isaiah 27:10) (10)

Down

- 1 and see that the Lord is good (Psalm 34:8) (5)
- 2 The wicked man flees though no one pursues, but the righteous are as ... as a lion (Proverbs 28:1) (4)
- 3 One of the exiles, a descendant of Parosh, who married a foreign woman (Ezra 10:25) (6)
- 4 He escaped from Nob when Saul killed the rest of his family and joined David (1 Samuel 22:19,20) (8)
- 5 City and lake in Central Switzerland (7)
- 6 Offer your bodies as living , holy and pleasing to God (Romans 12:1) (10)
- 9 Pouches carried by horses (Genesis 49:14) (10)
- 12 One who accepts government by God (8)
- 14 Aromatic substance commonly used in Jewish ritual (Exodus 30:1) (7)
- 16 He asked Jesus, 'What is truth?' (John 18:38) (6)
- 19 Are (Romans 13:1) (5)
- 20 You are to give him the name Jesus, because he will ... his people from their sins (Matthew 1:21) (4)



Message from Chris

CHRISTMAS CARDS

As is Trinity's custom, we will be having a board in church for anyone to display a card that they wish to send to all the congregation. If anyone wishes to donate the cost of not sending individual cards, there will be a donation box for the charity 'Embrace the Middle East'.

If you prefer to send individual cards to members of the congregation, please place them in the front pews of the parlour. Please note, that there is no facility to send on cards to people who are unable to attend church.

NATIVITY/GIFT SERVICE

This service will be held on December 10th. I have contacted the Welfare Department at Sunflowers Court (based at the Goodmayes site) and they would be grateful for **unwrapped** gifts to give to patients who would otherwise not receive a Christmas present. As in previous years, gifts such as chocolates, sweets, toiletries, slippers, socks and handkerchiefs would be most welcome.

ST. FRANCIS HOSPICE COFFEE MORNING & CAROL SINGING

On December 16th we will be having our annual coffee morning for St. Francis Hospice from 10am-12. There will be carol singing outside the church from 10.30am-12 (with a coffee break halfway through).

If you can help in any of the following ways, could you please let me know:

- Providing cakes
- Providing raffle prizes
- Selling raffle tickets
- Singing carols (no choir experience needed – just enthusiasm!)

If you are unable to help, then please just come along and enjoy coffee and cake and maybe win a raffle prize!

There will also be carol singing on 23rd December; again from 10.30am-12.

Junior Church Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following celebrating birthdays in December / January

Abbie Sutherland who will be 14 on 21st December

Samuel Woodgate who will be 15 on 26th January

Messenger Deadline for February Issue

Please submit articles for the February Messenger by 6 pm on Wednesday 24th January up to and including Sunday 3rd March 2018. The Messenger will be ready for distribution on Sunday 4th February

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The Other St. Paul's by Hazel Stainer

We are unafraid to reason, laugh and explore."

Ask anyone in London the way to St Paul's and they will inevitably point you towards the magnificent cathedral by the river. Yet, so many Christian churches have been dedicated to Paul the Apostle that it can be guaranteed that Sir Christopher Wren's famous architecture is not the only building in London with that name. In fact, there are over a dozen "St Paul" churches in the capital alone, one of which is probably walked past by thousands of tourists every day.

Located on Bedford Street overlooking Covent Garden, is C of E's St Paul's Church. With a heritage designation Grade 1, the church, whose architecture reflects that of an early Roman temple, was built at the same time as the famous piazza during the 17th century. Still in use today, St Paul's offers services throughout the week, its main one being at 11am every Sunday. However, visitors are welcome to visit during the week for a look around the historic building or to sit quietly and pray.

St Paul's Church was designed by the famous architect Inigo Jones (1573-1652) whose other notable buildings include the Queen's House in Greenwich and Whitehall's Banqueting House. Jones was employed by Francis Russell, the 4th Earl of Bedford, to build a square (Covent Garden) surrounded by mansions and a church.

Purportedly, Lord Bedford requested a very basic church "not much better than a barn", which Jones countered with: "Then you shall have the most handsome barn in England!"

Building began in 1631 and was quickly completed within two years, becoming the first church to be built in London since the Reformation – hence its Church of England denomination. Constructed from stone, the eastern end of the church looking over Covent Garden is fitted with a portico supported by four columns. It is this feature that most resembles the Etruscan-style temple that Inigo Jones so favoured. The main entrance, however, is at the rear of the church, through a less impressive facade.

Inigo Jones' original plan was to have the main entrance at the east end so that the congregation could enter the small 50x100ft building from the main square. However, Christian tradition dictated that the altar must be at the east side and not the west where it had initially been placed. With the altar preventing anyone from entering through the portico, the entrance was bricked up, and a fake door erected in its place.

The church has undergone a few changes since its completion in 1633, however, it still largely corresponds to Inigo Jones' original plan. A decade after it opened, St Paul's Church was extended to add a gallery along the south wall, then, twelve years following that, another gallery was added on the north wall. Finally, in 1647, one more gallery was added, this time on the west wall.

In 1788, Thomas Hardwick (1752-1829), the English architect and founder of the Architects' Club (1791), began restoration of the building which had already seen its first centenary. Unfortunately, a fire in the Bell Tower consumed the rest of the building, destroying the majority of the structure. Mercifully, the original pulpit was saved and the church was reerected to Inigo Jones' archetype. The final major change was conducted by William Butterfield (1814-1900), a local Gothic Revival architect, in 1872, who raised the altar and was responsible for the positioning of the fake door on the east wall.

The interior of St Paul's Church has been updated within the past century, including a restoration between the years 1981 and 1990. Changes such as the installment of electric lighting, sound systems, and heating were inevitable as technologies became readily available and affordable, however, other aspects of the church have been updated too. In 1945, the main altar was redecorated to include a copy of Botticelli's *Madonna of the Magnificat* (1480-1).

During the Second World War, St Paul's Church was fortunate to avoid a direct hit from falling bombs, nevertheless, nearby explosions shattered the original windows. In 1969, the Reverend Clarence May paid for, as a parting gift, brand new stained glass windows, which are still in place today.

To the side of the main altar is a much smaller altar for the purpose of prayer to St Genesius, the Patron Saint of actors, clowns, comedians, dancers, and musicians. This is due to the church's long association with the theatre community for which it received the sobriquet "The Actor's Church".

Covent Garden in the West End is London's main theatre and entertainment area. Therefore, St Paul's Church was predestined to have some connection with the acting industry. The first relationship developed as early as 1662 when the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane was created. The same year saw the first ever production of the puppet show *Punch and Judy* – something of great significance in the area, emphasised by the pub of the same name on the west side of Covent Garden. Another significant link was established in 1723 when the Covent Garden Theatre was built (now named the Royal Opera House).

Many famous names have passed through the doors of St Paul's Church. As early as 1710, baptisms were taking place for soon-to-be-famous people, such as Thomas Arne (1710-78) and J.M.W. Turner (1775-1851). Of course, at the time, these babies were unknown to the world and were only baptised at the church due to their parents living in the parish. No one knew that the boys would grow up to compose the patriotic song *Rule Britannia* or produce over 2000 paintings. Similarly, there have been a few well-known burials, but, most interestingly, the first victim of the Great Plague of London. On 12th April 1665, Margaret Poneous was laid to rest in the churchyard.

The Other St Paul's (cont.)

Burials were stopped in the 1850s resulting in headstones in the graveyard being removed and a garden laid in its place. However, this did not stop the people of St Paul's Church commemorating the lives of well-known people associated with the church.

Adorning the plainly decorated walls inside the church are simple plaques stating the name, birth, and death of many actors, playwrights, singers and so forth who became part of The Actor's Church during their lifetime. Theatrical personalities such as Charlie Chaplin, Noel Coward, Terrence Rattigan, Vivien Leigh and Ivor Novello are just a handful of names located around the building. Although burials had stopped, the ashes of Ellen Terry and Dame Edith Evans can also be found.

The theatre memorials began after the Second World War, however, plaques have been raised for people who lived many years before then. This includes Thomas Arne, who was buried as well as baptised in the church and Grinling Gibbons (1648-1721), a Dutch-British woodcarver who worshipped at St Paul's. Gibbons is responsible for the limewood wreath near the entrance to the church and may have been the producer of the original pulpit saved from the fire in 1795.

Most of the memorials are very basic with no embellishments, however, there are a few that have a more decorative appearance. One of these belongs to the memory of Charles Macklin (1690-1797), an Irish actor and dramatist who spent most of his career at the Theatre Royal, Drury Lane. His memorial features a carving of a theatrical mask with a dagger positioned through the eye socket. This may seem a peculiar choice of imagery, however, it is significant to the actor's downfall. In 1735, Macklin was sentenced for manslaughter after an argument over a wig with fellow actor, Thomas Hallam, spiralled out of control. In a fit of temper, Macklin thrust his cane into Hallam's eye. Although he did not intend to kill him, the cane pierced through the eyeball and into the brain. Considering the circumstances, Macklin got off fairly lightly and was still honoured with a plaque inside St Paul's Church.

Since the graveyard was removed and garden laid in its place, St Paul's Church owns one of the quietest grounds in the busiest city in England. Whilst the portico faces the bustling shopping piazza, the reverse opens up onto a small, peaceful area with two lawns and plenty of benches. Visitors are encouraged to spend time in quiet reflection away from the hustle and bustle of the city around them. Just as the church often gets overlooked by tourists, the gardens almost feel like a secret with only a lucky few stumbling over its existence. St Paul's Churchyard is a lovely place for a picnic, place to sit and enjoy the atmosphere, read a book or recuperate after braving the hordes of tourists in Covent Garden. St Paul's welcomes everyone, although, in order to keep the idyllic enclosure the much-loved peaceful environment, visitors are asked to respect the wildlife, avoid playing music, abstain from drinking alcohol, and not to feed the pesky pigeons!

St Paul's Church has been extremely supportive of the theatrical world and, after almost 400 years, continues to be a pillar of support in the community. In 2007, the Iris Theatre was established in order to aid and encourage the next generation of professional theatre practitioners. The charity puts on regular shows at St Paul's Church, relying on audiences and supporters for funding. St Paul's hosts over 300 events a year, many as a result of the Iris Theatre. The company has a stimulating repertoire with different shows tailored to a variety of tastes. From opera and classical theatre to circus-style performances, there is something to entertain everyone. The last performance was a musical titled *Fidel*, which explored the life of the longest standing political leader, Fidel Castro, and the Cuban revolution. With tickets at £15, the show was performed twice on 16th November 2017. The final show of the year will be *Xmas Factor* on 1st December.

Another charity that began at St Paul's Church is the Theatre Chaplaincy UK (established 1899). The charity offers pastoral and practical support to anyone engaged in the performing arts regardless of their faith and background. Although a Christian charity, the chaplains are not there to convert non-believers; their only goal is to provide support and guidance for those aspiring to develop their acting career.

Of course, St Paul's Church is first and foremost a religious establishment with regular Christian services and festivals throughout the year. It is important to keep this in mind whilst exploring the historical structure, relaxing in the garden, or enjoying a theatre production. It may not be as impressive as the famous St Paul's Cathedral; however, it does play a significant role in the community and has an interesting background. The theatre memorials are an invaluable feature, attracting tourists of all faiths and none

"We welcome people of faith, all who seek faith and friendship, and all who doubt."

Services are held every Sunday (at 11am) and most weekdays. The Eucharist is celebrated at 11am each Sunday. Weekday Eucharists: Tuesday & Wednesday 1:10pm. All are welcome.

Hazel Stainer at www.hazelestainer.wordpress.com

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

GIVEN BY

KINGSLEY CHORAL GROUP

Director: **TOM JOHNSON**

Accompanist: Carol Lucas

FRIDAY 15th DECEMBER 2017

**TRINITY CHURCH,
UPMINSTER 7.30 p.m**

***Admission £7.50 including
Seasonal refreshments***

Proceeds to:

***"LITTLE LEGS COADY"
and Trinity Church***

On 12th July 2014 Lennon and Layla arrived at just 28 weeks gestation. Both were admitted to the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU) where they remained until they were strong enough to be moved into the Special Care Baby Unit, some five weeks later. Lennon spent a total of seven weeks in hospital with Layla staying for ten with severe breathing and feeding difficulties.

During their time in the NICU both Lennon and Layla were subject to regular body scans to check that their tiny organs were developing correctly. Ultrasound scans showed that they had developed bleeds to their brains.

Layla has been diagnosed with global development delay and a recent MRI scan has confirmed that she has PVL (damage to the brains white matter). Layla's consultant suspects that she has mild cerebral palsy.

Layla is currently able to sit, crawl and pull to stand but is unable to walk or stand independently. It is unknown whether she will be able to walk.

Layla has been seen by the Neurodisability team at Great Ormond Street Hospital who have advised increased therapies to allow her to achieve her maximum potential.

Lennon's consultant has stated that he has cerebral palsy affecting his lower limbs—spastic diplegia.



Synod Report from Martin

Synod: random thoughts of Martin.

Synod was held in Hitchin, Hertfordshire. The venue was Christchurch Methodist and United Reformed Church. The minister, Reverend John Hardaker, gave a small presentation about the various churches in the North Herts group of churches. The church we were in had a membership of 275 and there was a variety of activities for the community including Messy Church, a family film club, a parent toddler group, an art space group and so on.

The day started at ten, finished at four and a variety of discussions followed, including, staff changes, budget proposals, and funding for the building of a new church in Newham.

Random Thoughts

1. Thames North Synod is a rich synod with its funds augmented by the receipts of closed churches, this year amounting to over £3 million. There is a desire for the money to be spent through a variety of grants, not just for building projects, but for anything that will ensure greater mission. You just have to know how to apply.
2. The recognition of two more local area groups was formalised, namely Central London and Good News.
3. Permission was given for the development of Christchurch, Newham following a well presented case. The Synod will be giving them a grant of £325,000 plus a bridging loan of £550,000 which will be repaid from completion of the sale of one of their buildings.

Presentation by the Christian Broadcasting in Pakistan, which is a television channel called Bible TV. This is the initiative of Noble Samuel, under the umbrella of SHADO charity (Social Harmony and Development Organisation) and more can be found on the website www.thebibletv.co.uk

1. Monies paid to Ministry and Mission goes straight to the national URC to pay for stipends and other associated costs. Synod receive nothing from the national funds, therefore, their income is purely from investment income, loan income, and rental income. And, because the Synod does have funds available, it runs a deficit budget. In 2018, expenditure over income is estimated to be £549,000.
2. In the afternoon, an innovative approach by the Discipleship Committee pulled together nine "Holy Habits", and we were invited to join in one of these sessions. The Holy Habits included fasting as form of devotion, how to grow faith by breaking bread, how to pray silently, Christian meditation, and the running of a quiet day.
3. The Discipleship Committee presented a new initiative called Walking the Way. There will be a number of resources available to churches for use within their congregations. Much can be found on the URC Resources website, including new weekly prayers.
4. The moderator gave a presentation concerning the two year transition period of moving into local area groups and the benefits it now provided. Whilst not perfect, I came away with a sense that we were more focused and had less meetings to attend, allowing us the opportunity to be disciples of Jesus.

The main benefit of Synod, apart from passing resolutions, and worshipping together, for me is the ability to meet people who I either have not seen for a while or who I wish to see to help me in my ministry. I recommend attending because it is important that we understand the wider church and many of the issues which it confronts.

This is clearly not an exhausted list of our six hours together but I wanted to offer you a flavour of the day.

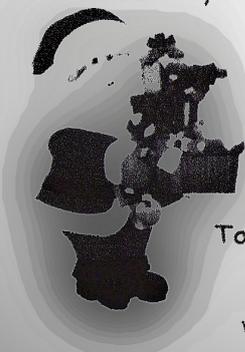


2017 Alone this Christmas?

Why not join us at the St Mary's Christmas dinner being held at St Mary's School Hall, 213 Hornchurch Road, Hornchurch

Monday 25th December 2017 at 12.45pm - 4.00pm

For anyone (irrespective of faith) who is retired or alone this Christmas



Your day will include:

- Traditional Christmas Dinner
- Transport door to door (if required)
- Christmas Carols
- Gift from Santa

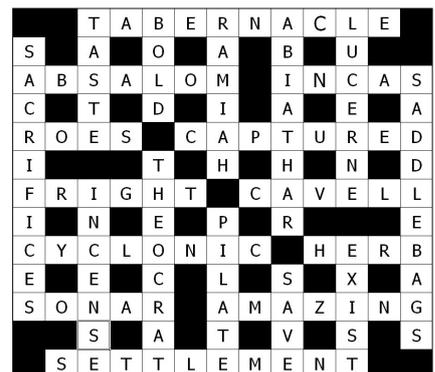
To reserve your place please contact Josie or Peter on 01708 457549

We would appreciate a small donation towards the cost of this event (suggested amount of £10)



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*...no I don't think you're the real Father Christmas!
I think you're up there pinching lead off my roof!!*



Children's Page

Mouse Makes

Colour in one star a day as you countdown to Christmas

"I bring you **good news** that will bring great **joy** to all people. The **Saviour** has been born today! ...
 Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth to those with whom God is pleased".
from Luke 2 vs. 10,11,14

C H R I S T M A S

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 GOOD NEWS • JOY • SAVIOUR • BORN • CHRIST • LORD • LIGHT
 PRAISE • GLORY • GOD • PEACE • EARTH • HEAVEN • CHRISTMAS

Saturday Coffee Rota

Dec 2	Chris Hewitt	Mick Hewitt	Giovanni Anastasi
Dec 9	Margaret Sida	Sonia Gould	Mavis Jones
Dec 16	Pam Addis	Mike Addis	Jacquie Chapman
Dec 23	Jane Whittington	Brenda Mole	Jackie Woodgate
Dec 30	Heather Stainer	Evelyn Charlton	Mandy Haines
Jan 6	Susan Neville	Alison Smith	Leanne Copping
Jan 13		Badminton Club	
Jan 20	Eileen Pullin	Mick Pullin	Jacquie Chapman
Jan 27	Jane Whittington	Clare Brindle	Richard Brindle
Feb 3		Cubs	



Sunday Coffee Rota

Dec 3	Pam Addis	Mandy Haines
Dec 10	Margaret Sida	Jane Whittington
Dec 17	Heather Strainer	Linda Legrand
Dec 24	Susan Neville	Brenda Mole
Dec 31	Eileen Pullin	Jacquie Chapman
Jan 7	Pam Addis	Mandy Haines
Jan 14	Heather Strainer	Linda Legrand
Jan 21	Margaret Sida	Jane Whittington
Jan 28	Susan Neville	Brenda Mole
Feb 4	Eileen Pullin	Jacquie Chapman



Flower Rota



	WW 1 Memorial	Communion	WW2 Memorial
Dec 3	Brenda Mole	Sonia Gould	Brenda Mole
Dec 10		Christmas Decorations	
Dec 17		Christmas Decorations	
Dec 24		Christmas Decorations	
Dec 31		Christmas Decorations	
Jan 7	Brenda Mole	-	Brenda Mole
Jan 14		Heather Stainer and Evelyn Charlton	
Jan 21	Linda Legrand	Linda Legrand	Linda Legrand
Jan 28	Mandy Haines	Mandy Haines	Mandy Haines

Diary December

Sat 2	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Group A
	5.30pm	German Carol Service
Sun 3	9.30am	Morning Worship inc Communion - Revd Dorothee Bűrma
Thurs 7	11.30am	Service at Freshfields Residential Home - 265 Corbets Tey Road
	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 9	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Christmas Market
Sun 10	9.30am	Morning Worship –Revd Dorothee Bűrma
	3.30 pm	Carol Singing at Thames Chase
Thurs 14	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 16	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Hospice Coffee Morning – Group C
	10.30 am	Carol singing on lawn
Sun 17	9.30am	Christingle Service – Revd Trevor Williams
	6.30pm	Carols by Candlelight
Thurs 21	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 23	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Group D
	10.30 am	Carol singing on the lawn
Sun 24	9.30am	Morning Worship – Worship Group
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at Methodist Church
Mon 25	10 am	Christmas Day Worship
Sat 30	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Group A

Diary January

Thurs 4	11.30am	Service at Freshfields Residential Home - 265 Corbets Tey Road
	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 6	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Group B
Sun 7	9.30am	Morning Worship inc Communion - Revd Ann Woodhurst
Thurs 11	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 13	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning - Badminton
Sun 14	9.30am	Morning Worship –Revd Dorothee Bührma
Thurs 18	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 20	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Group C
Sun 21	9.30am	Morning Worship – Dr Patrick Smith
Thurs 25	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 27	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Group D
Sun 28	9.30am	Morning Worship – Pat Nappin
February		
Thurs 1	11.30am	Service at Freshfields Residential Home - 265 Corbets Tey Road
	1.00pm	Trinity Leisure Club
Sat 3	9.30am	Morning Prayers – Chapel
	10.00am	Coffee Morning – Cubs
Sun 4	9.30am	Morning Worship inc Communion - Revd Ann Woodhurst

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Worship**Sunday Morning Worship 9.30am**

Holy Communion 1st Sunday in month

All-age Worship and Parade (term time) 2nd Sunday in month

Young Church 3rd Sunday in month

Saturday Morning Prayers—in the Chapel 9.30am

Weekly Programme

Monday	Beavers	6pm
	Explorer Scout Unit (as arranged)	7.30pm
Tuesday	Cubs	6.30pm
Wednesday	Badminton Club	8pm
Thursday	Trinity Leisure Club TLC	1pm
	Rainbows	5.30pm
	Brownies	5.45pm
	Guides	7.30pm
Friday	Parent & Toddler Group	9.30am
	Scouts at Methodist	7.15pm
Saturday	Coffee Morning	10 am