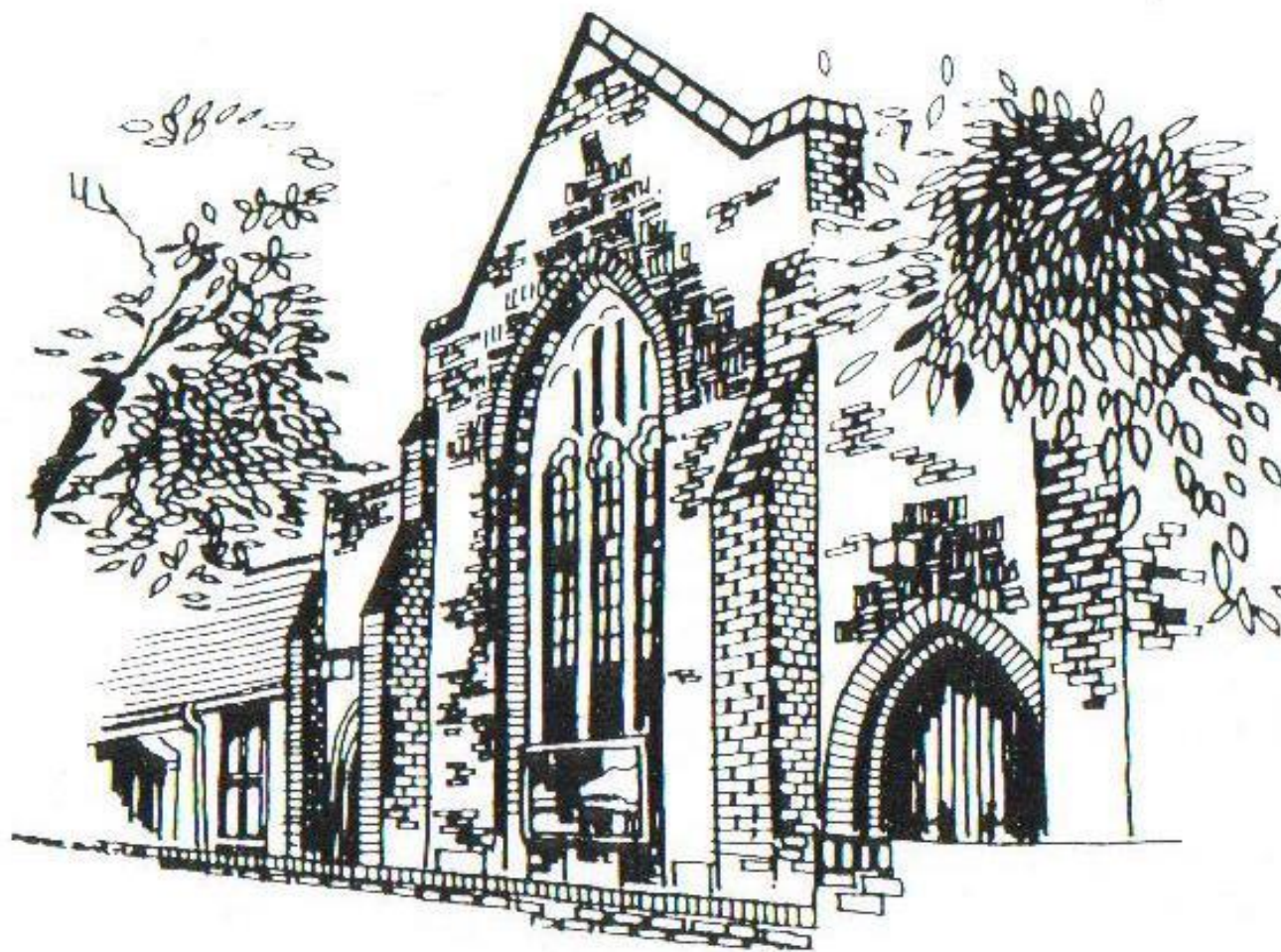




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# CHURCH PROGRAMME



**SUNDAY SERVICES:** 10.00 a.m. Morning Worship (including a crèche and groups for children and young people)

Holy Communion is conducted regularly within the Services. We invite all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Saviour to eat and drink in Communion. Please see the Church Diary (at the back of the magazine) for details.

**Monday** Gathered Prayer 10.00 – 11.00am at the Church  
An opportunity to pray for the life and work of the Church and for the local community

**Friday:** Boys Brigade and Girls Association:

Anchors (For boys and girls in school years 1-3)	6:00 - 7.30 pm
Juniors (For boys and girls in school years 4-6)	7.00 - 8:30 pm
Company Section (For boys in school years 7+)	7:30 - 9:30 pm

**Cell Groups:** The cell groups are small groups of people that meet together every other week for friendship, support, Bible study / application. It would be great if you wanted to try one of the groups.

Sunday Cell Group : 7.30 - 9.00 pm at 21 Falmouth Avenue, contact Margaret on 8527 3544

Thursday Cell Group: 2.00 – 3.30pm at 212 The Avenue, contact Sheila on 8531 5480

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*We are grateful to our member Paul Raymond for writing our introductory message, based on his recent sermon, and which is particularly pertinent as we enter a new phase in our Church life.*

I don't know if you have ever realised that the Bible is a story of journeys, or more to the point, walks. Some are short, some are long, some last no time at all and some go on for years, but they are all memorable and all are used by God for a purpose.

There is the journey God asks Abraham to undertake, the walk of freedom Moses and the Israelites took through the Red Sea as well as their forty years roaming in the desert. There is the hardest and loneliest journey of Jesus to Calvary, but also Mary's walk to the empty tomb on Easter Sunday, the disciples walk to Emmaus and Paul's interrupted journey to Damascus.

But the shortest and perhaps most dramatic walk of them all is Peter's when he got out of the boat and walked on the water towards Jesus, as related in Matthew and Mark's Gospels. How amazing! With a storm raging around him, waves crashing into the disciples' boat, wind howling and rain pouring, Peter actually started walking on the water towards Jesus, and he was doing so because it was Jesus who had told him to come and he was keeping his eyes firmly fixed on Jesus. But then Matthew tells us Peter "saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, "Lord, save me!"

Why do you think Peter began to sink? That's right - he began to look around at the mess he was in and took his eyes off of Jesus. As long as he kept his eyes on Jesus, he was fine, but when he took his eyes off of Jesus, he began to sink. While his eyes were on Jesus, he was able to stay on top of the water; when he began to notice the waves and the wind he began to sink. He got scared and reached a hand out to Jesus with the faith that he would once again be safe if he only trusted in Jesus.

And what did Jesus do? Immediately Jesus reached out His hand and caught him. "You of little faith," He said, "why did you doubt?" No wonder Jesus said, 'You of little faith... why did you doubt?' It's not that Peter didn't have *enough* faith – it's not about quantity – it's that his faith wasn't *deep* enough, it wasn't *focused* enough.

Peter had the faith to get out of the boat after all. It was the fact that his faith wasn't deep enough to keep him trusting Jesus when he saw the wind; it wasn't focused enough to keep his eyes fixed on Jesus even when he was being buffeted by the waves.

True faith means keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, and letting go of the things we *think* keep us secure, climbing down out of the boat, and trusting Jesus to stop us from sinking. True faith means keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus, trusting that even when we stumble, we will not fall, because He will reach out His hand and catch us. True faith is not about quantity – even a tiny amount will - do because true faith is about the one in **whom** we trust. True faith means keeping our eyes fixed on Jesus and we do that by bathing our life in prayer. When we pray we refocus ourselves on Jesus. Prayer makes us look up to see Jesus standing there, His arm outstretched, saying, "Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid. Come." He is always there, no matter what storms we face.

Jesus may be calling you and me in 2017 to take a risk in our life and step out of our comfort zones; the defences we have built around us, whether emotionally or spiritually or both. The feeling that things can't change in whatever situation it may be and this is how it is. Well, sisters and brothers, Jesus calls every one of us to step out of our boat and walk on the water with Him and yes, it may be risky, and yes it may be scary, and yes we may not always get it right, but if we do stay in the boat we may find it creaking, taking in water and beginning to sink anyway.

John Ortberg says it well: "Let Peter's walk stand as an invitation to everyone who like him, wants to step out in faith, who wants to experience more of the power and presence of God. Let water walking be a picture of doing with God's help what I could never do on my own. Those who say yes to God's call don't walk the walk perfectly...but because they say yes to God, they learn and even grow from their failures. And they become part of His actions to redeem the world. Those who say no are changed too. They become a little harder, a little more resistant to His calling, a little more likely to say no the next time. Whatever the decision, it always changes a life - and it changes the world that little life touches"

In conclusion: let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus when the waters are calm and also when the wind blows and the storm rages. But let us also be people who are prepared to take risks for Jesus and for the sake of the kingdom - risks to help us grow in faith and trust in the Lord and risks to bring healing and hope to our communities and world.

So, if you think you hear a voice asking you to take a chance and reach out in an area you're not sure of it could be Jesus asking you to take a leap of faith and grow. He's not only there when we are at peace, but also when He is asking us to step out of the boat into the tossed sea. Is Jesus calling you to 'Walk on Water'? It's ok - reach out and see how far He can take you.

But just remember if you want to walk on water - you have to get out of the boat!

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*The future belongs to those who belong to God. This is hope.*

W. P. Purkiser

## *CAVENDISH CIRCULAR*

Once again we have celebrated Christmas at HPBC with carols, candlelight, and celebration. Our joyful thanksgiving at God's precious gift of His son was enhanced by the giving of time and effort by so many of our fellowship and we are grateful to all those who helped to make Christmas such a blessed time. On the Sunday before Christmas our young people enacted the Nativity with great enthusiasm, and our 'Carols by Candlelight' service proved once again to be an inspiring and blessed occasion. We thank all those who took part in these services, including the Leaders and members of the Junior Church, and Mandy Edwards, who also led our worship in the evening service. The Midnight Communion on Christmas Eve is always a time of reflection and quiet anticipation, and was attended by both regular members and visitors. It was led by our Church Secretary, Phil Slaney, who also took the Christmas morning service. This happy occasion offers an opportunity for our younger members (and older ones too!) to bring along a favourite Christmas gift and this year included a Chef's hat brought by one of the adults! On the following Sunday our traditional 'Songs of Praise' service provided an opportunity to enjoy some favourite hymns and songs, with accompanying comments by those who chose them. We are grateful to Geoff Norris who led the worship and to all those who took part.

A short time before Christmas around twenty of our fellowship enjoyed a festive meal together at Waltham Forest College. Our thanks go to Bob Jenkins who organised the occasion. You can read more about all our Christmas celebrations further in this issue.

No sooner was the New Year upon us than we finalised details for our 'Re-Focus' Day held on Saturday January 21<sup>st</sup> at Broadmead Baptist Church, Woodford. The day proved to be a time of great fellowship and inspiration as around thirty of our fellowship gathered together to discern God's will for HPBC in the future, and to help us in the search for a new Minister. We are very grateful to our Moderator, Rev. Gareth Wilde, who kindly gave us the use of his Church premises for the day. We also extend our warm thanks to those of his membership who provided care for our younger ones in a Creche for the whole day. Our deliberations were led by Hilary Taylor, the London Baptist Association's Small Church Enabler, who directed us in group discussions and insightful times of feedback. We are also grateful to Gareth who led our worship, and to Jan Smithers who played the organ for our enthusiastic and hearty singing!

Once again we are so grateful to Phil who organised the day with Hilary and Gareth's expert help, and to Jason Close, Mandy and Rob Edwards who provided some excellent and much needed refreshments throughout the day and to those who helped serve the teas and coffee or helped in other ways. You can learn more about the day in our next issue.

On Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> January we received the sad news that Gwen Hunn, our former member, had died after some time of ill health. Gwen was a committed and faithful member of our fellowship over many years from childhood until she moved away some years ago. She was active in many spheres of work within the Church and continued to visit HPBC for special occasions whenever possible, until quite recently. We send our loving condolences to all the family in their loss and give thanks to God for all she meant to our fellowship. Her funeral took place on January 26<sup>th</sup> at Hampton when members of our Church were able to attend. We hope to have the opportunity to remember Gwen in our next issue.

Once again we ask for your prayers concerning several of our fellowship who are unwell or undergoing treatment at present. Lynda Lewis-Azayear has been suffering from tinnitus for some weeks requiring a hospital visit. Max Hilton, Steve Jenkin's young grandson, continues to undergo investigations concerning his blood condition, and Geoff Norris has been in hospital for a blood transfusion. Jean Owen has had an operation on her foot and will be immobile for some weeks, while Marilyn Robinson has had her hip operation cancelled once again and continues to suffer pain and immobility as a result. Please pray for all these and others who are in special need at this time, that God's healing presence may comfort them.



We rejoice with Phil Slaney who became a grandparent once more when his daughter, Jessica, had a baby boy named Noah on January 21<sup>st</sup>.

We send our loving congratulations to proud parents, Jessica and Niklas and all the family for this precious gift and pray for God's caring presence throughout his life.  
J L

## Christmas at HPBC

Christmas was a busy time at the Church with all the usual business of Christmas taking place. This is a general round up highlighting the good work carried out by many people.

Christmas started some time before the 25th of December for some of the HPBC people! On the 6th more than 20 of us met at Waltham Forest College to partake of (possibly) the first Christmas meal of 2016. It was decided to return to this venue after a few years away. The meal is cooked and presented by students at the college and there is a choice of menu. The comments heard afterwards were very favourable - only the fact that there were so many people there that it wasn't possible to speak to them all. We thank Bob Jenkins for all his hard work in setting the event up. The feeling of the evening is shown below:



The 18th of December was a busy day - in the morning we had the Nativity performed by the younger members of the Church. As ever there was a twist to the story - the narration was all in rhyme! It is always a great way to start off the Christmas celebrations - perhaps light hearted but with a serious message. We really felt that the Wise Men had travelled afar - the star they were following made several circuits of the Church! The musical numbers invited audience (congregation) participation. Our thanks go to all who took part especially Mandy, Paul and Ruth.



*Wise Men are getting younger these days!*

*The cast of thousands - and an onlooker!*



On the evening of the 18th we had our Carol service. As usual the church was lit by candles which, as ever, were put in place by Peter Bartle. They add so much to the feeling of the service so thanks to Peter. We seemed to have sung very hard - at every spot for a carol we sang two and so really needed the refreshments afterwards - the excellent running order was put together by Mandy and Ruth - again , our thanks.

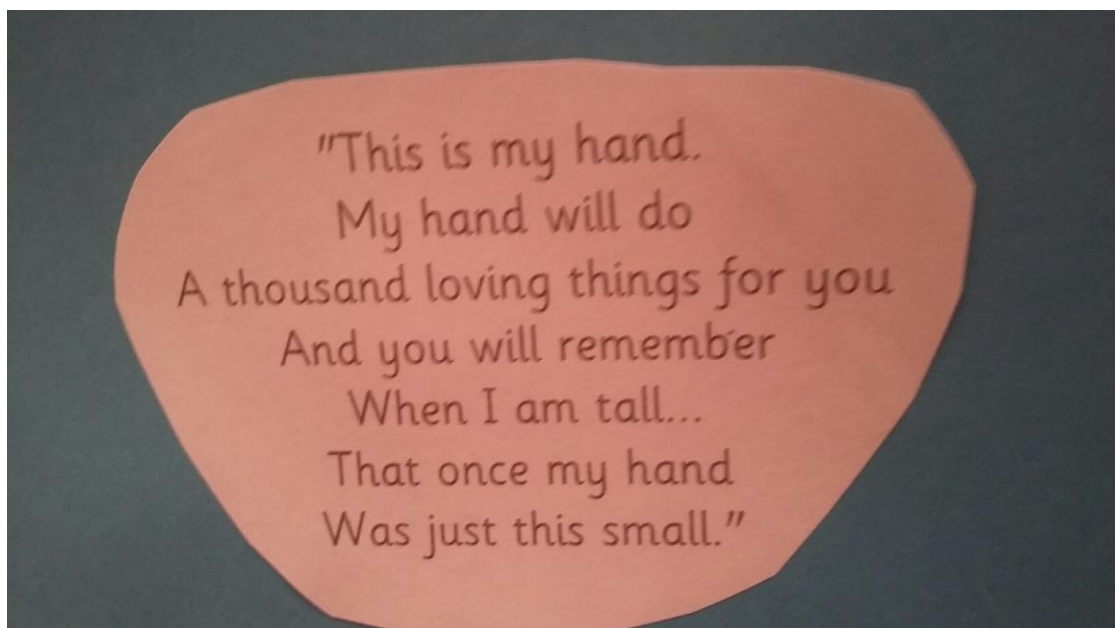
On Christmas Eve there was the Midnight Communion Service - again by candlelight. A good number of people came out to celebrate the start of Christmas. We always find this is a calming moment before the excitement of the day itself. As ever, on Christmas Day the congregation were asked to bring a present to show. I understand that a good number attended and brought some of their gifts - including one in a very smart looking chef's hat. Thanks to all who made Christmas at HPBC so enjoyable. DL

## Rudolf the red-nosed hand deer

Just before Christmas our youngest Grandson, Raif, came home from nursery holding a piece of paper. On it, in paint, were his handprints together with a short poem. We thought we would like to share this with you:



The poem is something to treasure throughout the coming years:



# HPB Men's Group Events

*17 -19 February - a Conference being led by Eric Delve*

*18 March - 'Prayer of 100 men'*

*Both events taking place at All Saints Church,  
Woodford Wells.*

*Please see Phil or Bob for more details*



*MEN'S BREAKFAST - 4TH FEBRUARY  
MULBERRY HOUSE, ONGAR*

*The special speaker is Simon Edwards, talking about  
'MEN UNITED'*

*Simon leads walk ministries, which helps released  
prisoners lead new lives in Christ. He will be sharing  
his passion for Christ, and how his faith and work has  
transformed his life.*

*I do hope you can come. The cost is £14, Please support!*

*Best wishes*

*Bob*



As our company gets under way for 2017 and in our 75th year of the company, I thought it would be good to update you on news, information and dates about the 17<sup>th</sup> Waltham Forest Boys Brigade & Girls Association.

The winter session continues to be a good and eventful one. The Anchors and Juniors have had a fun time. In November we had a fireworks party night, with some small fireworks, food and fun games. Then at the end of November, we had our Battalion Junior Section Christmas Carol Service at our Church, which was led by Chris our Youth Worker; all who attended enjoyed it and had a fun time. At the start of this year they took part in the Battalion Figure Marching competition, and even though they are a young company, they did well coming 4th. However they won the Battalion Bible Challenge for the 2nd year in a row and the Anchor team came 4th out of 7 teams, which was great.

In March we will be taking part in the London District International Games and Bible competition which we run in the battalion and send in to London HQ. They also had their Friday evening badge work, with craft, stories, games and cooking.

In the Company Section, our numbers are low at present, but they have enjoyed cooking, games and different activities on a Friday, including a rifle shooting evening, thanks to Andy Bowles. They entered the Battalion Table Tennis and Bible Competition with another company. Both Stephen Edwards and Toby Close are currently working on their Queens Badge, also doing different things and helping in the Junior and Anchor Sections.

On Sat 4th March we have the London District Jack Petchy Event, where two of our young girls will get their award medal and also a leader, you will find out more on our awards evening.

Again this year we are collecting Sainsbury Vouchers; if you get any please put them in the box in the church - every voucher helps as we get sports equipment and other things for the kids.

Our 75th birthday celebrations are on the weekend of Friday 21st April to Sunday 23rd April.

Our **Annual Awards Evening / Display** is on **Friday 21st April** starting at 7.30pm at HPBC. It would be really good to see as many of you from the church supporting the children, young people and the officers. We have one or two special items which I am sure will be enjoyed by all.

On **Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** in the evening from 7pm, we will be holding a social for all former BB officers, staff and young men and their partners, more information to follow but if you would like to know more please contact Jason Close.

Then on **Sunday 23rd April** (St. George's Day) we will be holding a parade and marching from TESCO in Highams Park at 9.40am to HPBC, followed by a service of Thanksgiving for the 17<sup>th</sup> Waltham Forest Company at 10am, with marching afterwards, followed by tea, coffee and sandwiches at the church. Please do join us for the March and services and let's make it a great day.

At present Jean Owen cannot join us as she has had an operation on her foot and will be out of action for six weeks. Please do think of her at this time.

Finally, please do continue to pray and think of the young people and children at the 17<sup>th</sup> Waltham Forest and also remember the officers: Jean Owen, Emma Dorrington, Mandy Edwards, Gemma Player, Stephen Close, Lee Dorrington and Chris Willis.

Jason Close – BB Captain

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### *Our Door*

*O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to Thine eternal kingdom.*

*Amen*

*Inscription over the door of a church*

## A Communal Space

When Tesco's built their store in Highams Park it was met with mixed feelings - it has turned out better than predicted and has added something to Highams Park life - not only in the store itself but also the outside space by the entrance to the store.

The area known as Signal Walk has evolved as a communal area used for a variety of purposes. It houses the sculpture of the elephant and the turtle in memory of the Halex factory which was sited there. Over the Christmas period it was used as an extension of the station yard and welcomed people to the farmer's market and other stalls as well. At the same time it also found use as a venue for carol singing and as a place to hear the 'Old Boy's Band' of the Boy's Brigade playing. Explaining what the Brigade does, Steve Jenkins also related the tale of the men of Leyton Orient who went to war. It attracted a good crowd who stood and listened to the great music.



(it is worth noting that the entrance to Tesco's on the ground floor is used on most Saturdays as an area for stalls manned by local organisations such as The Chingford and District Model Engineering Club who run the trains in Ridgeway Park).

## An update on the Selwyn School rebuilding:

In the previous issue we showed the progress that had been made on the project to rebuild the School in Selwyn Avenue. Here is recent picture:



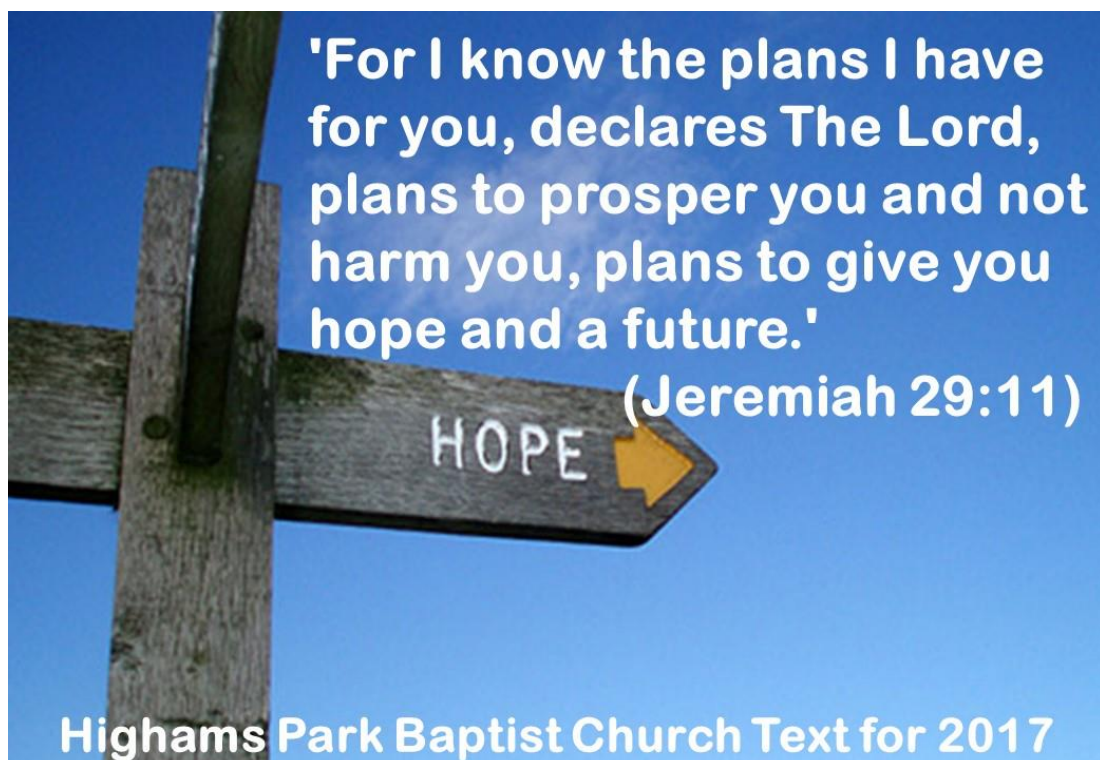
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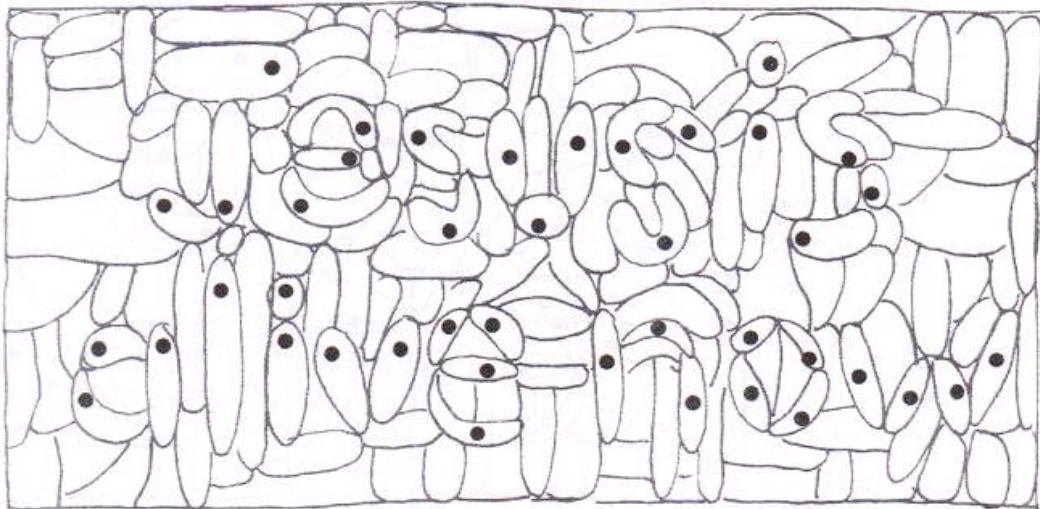
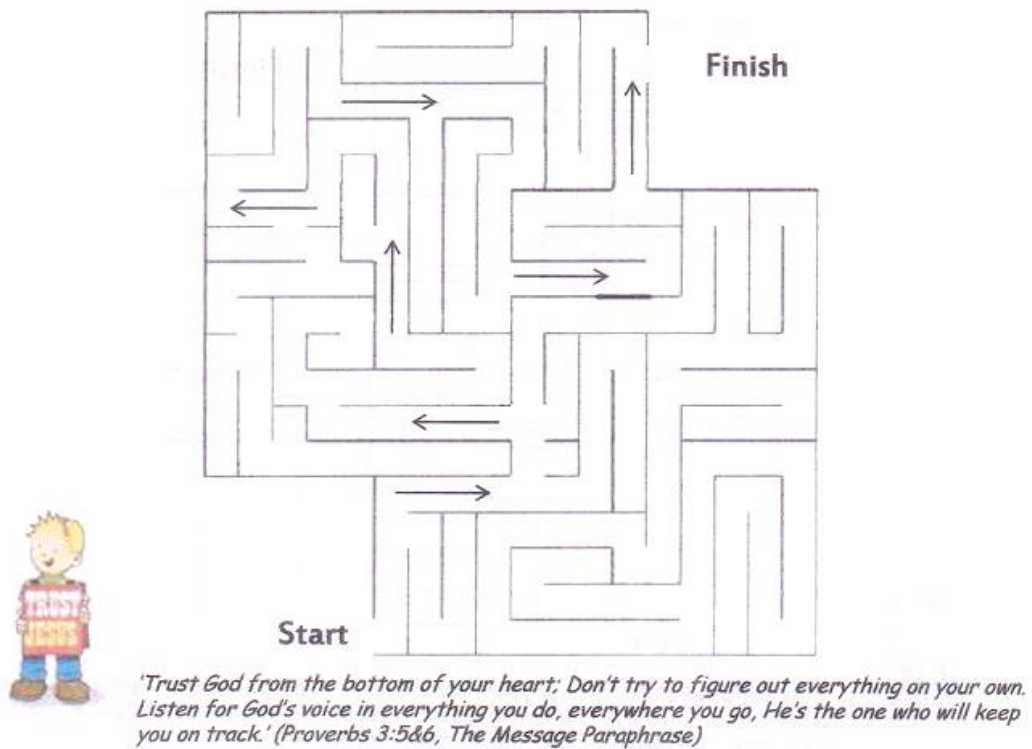
As it is now!

As an ex-pupil in that very building (as were our sons) it is a sad sight - (and a sad site) but you cannot stand in the way of progress and the pupils to come will no doubt love their building just as much.

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Something to engage your brain cells:

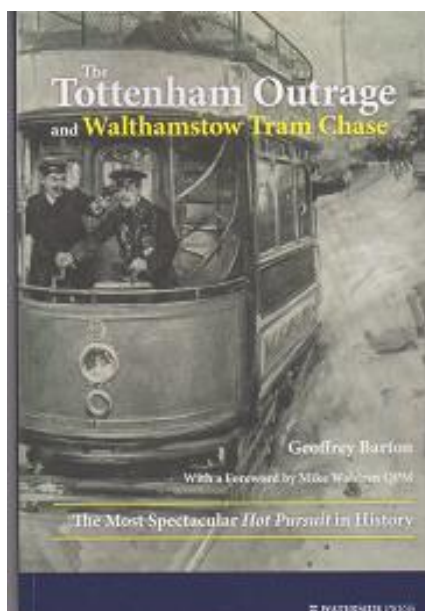


Colour in the dotted sections to uncover the message.

## It was an outrage...

Highams Park in 1909 was very different from now. There were fields and old buildings most of which have long gone. The scene at that time was relived in a recent book launch which took place in a very appropriate setting.

In January 1909 two Latvian anarchists perpetrated a robbery in Tottenham where they stole a bag containing a week's wages for 150 workers at a rubber manufacturer and recycler. The total amount was £80.00! (obviously before the days of minimum wages). Shots were fired at the wages clerk and the driver of the car which was used to collect the money from the bank. This alerted officers at the nearby police station who set off in pursuit. The chase that followed would have made a good comedy silent film except for the fact that a police constable and a ten year old boy were killed.



The thieves made for the Tottenham marshes, picking up pursuing groups along the way - these included duck shooters and footballers on the marshes. They passed the reservoirs and eventually came to Billet Road - then crossed over part of a farm and came to Chingford Road where they commandeered a tram heading towards the Bell public house. The police also took over a following tram but since both vehicles were limited as to speed they were unable to make any headway in catching the villains! As the first tram reached near to the Monoux school the thieves decamped and stole a milk cart which later overturned necessitating the hijacking of another horse drawn vehicle

which was later abandoned. One of the thieves was captured and tried to shoot himself. The other eventually made his way to the cottages next to the Royal Oak public house. He took shelter here but, after further attempts to capture him, shot himself.

The book tells this exciting story and is called 'The Tottenham Outrage and the Walthamstow Tram Chase' (making it more pertinent to those living in either place). It is written by ex-police officer Geoff Barton and can be obtained at V & A books. The book launch took place in the Royal Oak just a few feet from the culmination of the story. The book goes into great depth of both the robbery, chase and follow up details and is recommended for those interested in local history.

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## **CHURCH DIARY**

### **February**

Sunday 5th	10 am	All Age Service led by Jason Close
followed by	11.30 am	Church Members meeting
Sunday 12th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Bob Jenkins
Sunday 19th	10 am	Morning Service led by Phil Slaney
Sunday 26th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Tony Alywood

### **March**

March 2nd	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 5th	10 am	All Age Service led by Gemma Player
Sunday 12th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Phil Slaney
Sunday 19th	10 am	Morning Service led by Rob Foster
followed by		Spring Harvest Meeting with 'bring and share' lunch
Sunday 26th	10 am	Morning Service Led by Paul and Sarah
followed by	11.30 am	Church members meeting

### **April**

Sunday 2nd	10 am	All Age Service led by Gemma Player
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*Refreshments are served after the Morning Service every Sunday.*