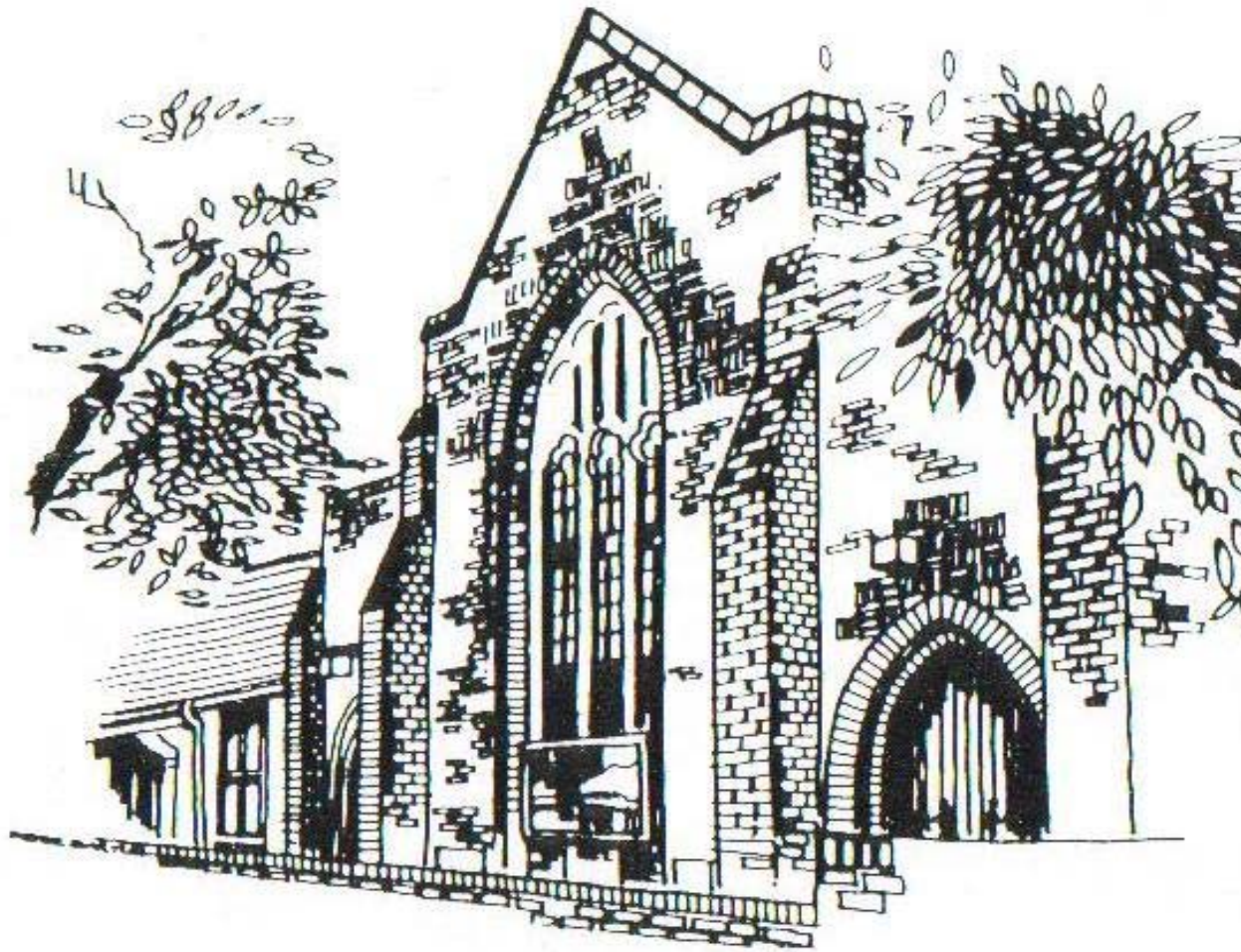




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# CHURCH PROGRAMME



**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

'Energize' Children's Group 6.00 – 7.30pm at the Church.  
Every other Monday in term time for those in school years 1 to 6

## **Friday:**

Boys Brigade:

Anchor Boys age 5 – 8	6.00 – 7.15 p.m.
Junior Section age 8 - 11	7.15 - 8.45 p.m.
Company Section	7.30 – 9.30 p.m.

**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. Details of the dates when the groups are meeting are available from Jonathan.

Sunday Cell Group 1: 7.30 - 9.00 pm at 21 Falmouth Avenue, contact Margaret on 8527 3544

Sunday Cell Group 2: 7.30 – 9.00 pm at 21 Warboys Crescent, contact Michelle on 8531 0620

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

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Dear Friends,

I wonder whether you have seen the publicity about 'The Real Easter Egg'?

On the website ([www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)) it speaks about 'Putting Jesus back into Easter' and continues 'It's hard to believe that, out of the whopping 80 million chocolate Easter Eggs sold each year, not one of them mentions Jesus on the box. Until now that is. The Real Easter Egg is the first and only Fairtrade chocolate Easter Egg to explain the Christian understanding of Easter on the box. It also supports charity and development projects - buying everything from medical equipment for new mums here at home, to chickens and securing fresh water for farmers in Africa'. The wording on the box highlights 'The Real Meaning of Easter' – 'Easter is all about cute bunnies, fluffy chicks and eating too much chocolate, right? Well, not quite. We happen to think it's a bit more meaningful than that. That's because billions of people all over the world believe that Jesus died on the cross on Good Friday, then rose again three days later...on Easter Sunday. Actually, many believe that chocolate eggs represent the boulder that sealed His tomb. And with eggs being widely thought of as a symbol of hope and new life, the custom grew where people exchanged gifts of chocolate eggs at Easter. So now you know. Just think...when you give someone 'The Real Easter Egg' you're not just giving them a delicious chocolate treat, you're giving them something much more meaningful'. *(I understand that Morrison's, Waitrose and Co-op are stocking a limited 'trial listing' of the Real Easter Egg and selling it at £3.99 in their biggest stores.)*

Over and above enjoying the chocolate egg, hearing the message of Jesus is rightly acclaimed as much more meaningful.

The Apostle Paul writes: '...we preach Christ crucified' (1 Corinthians 1:23).

Paul goes on to explain that the 'Gospel' ('Good News') message of God becoming human in His Son Jesus and dying on the cross for our sins was proving a stumbling block to some and foolishness to others.

The good news of Jesus still sounds foolish to many. In 21<sup>st</sup> Century Britain many would ridicule and reject the message of Jesus not because they are awaiting a conquering King or a military Messiah as the Jews were. The Greeks of whom Paul was also writing, thought that God totally distanced Himself from human affairs, so to hear that God became a human being – a man, who suffered, and died on a cross was beyond their comprehending.

Perhaps for some today, the message is rejected because they can't get their heads round the need for salvation from sin. For some the message is rejected because they see the message of the cross as one of many equally valid and true messages – 'that's true for you but it's not my truth' and to them, there are many apparently less foolish messages around that they can buy into...others may suggest 'I am a good person, that will get me into heaven, if there is a heaven'...others still 'At the end of the day we are all worshipping the same God'... others still 'I don't believe in a God...Religion, Christianity, it's just a crutch for the weak'...and others further still 'It will all work out alright in the end, it always does'...but that is the way of Disney or Hollywood or fairy tale.

Know this...God stretches out His arms to us, wanting to embrace us with His love..... and says 'This is the way to me...it is the message of the cross, there's no other way'. Jesus said I am the Way, the Truth and the Life, the only way to the Father is through Me' (John 14:6).

The message of the cross offers a way so much better than anything or anyone can offer – it is a message of love and peace and joy and hope. It is for people to see the greatness and wisdom of the gospel and accept no other message that the world would offer. We too can play our part in that as Christ's Ambassadors today, as Paul was an Ambassador then: '...we preach Christ crucified'.

Happy Easter.

God be with you.

Jonathan

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Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth,  
who, through wood and nails,  
won our full salvation,  
wield well your tools in this your workshop  
that we who come to you rough hewn  
may here be fashioned into a truer beauty  
by your hand.  
In Jesus' name, Amen

## *CAVENDISH CIRCULAR*

After one of the coldest winters we have experienced for many years comes the first welcome signs that Spring is finally with us. Easter is just around the corner and a large number of our fellowship are once again preparing for their annual visit to Spring Harvest in Skegness. We do wish them safe journeying and a blessed time of fellowship and fun; we look forward to all the news (and photos!) in our next issue.

The Spring sunshine encourages us to sweep the cobwebs away and dust down the furniture in our homes and the Church also needs a Spring Clean from time to time too! A large group of willing workers met to do this on a recent Saturday in March. We are grateful to all those who worked so hard during the day to make our Church sparkle and shine, and we thank Jason who took over the organisation of the day while our Fabric Steward, Cliff, was recovering from his recent operation.

The New Year has seen our recently formed Men's Group enjoying two events so far: a delicious meal at a local Italian Restaurant, and an energetic evening spent Ten-Pin bowling. A further trip to watch our local football team is planned very soon and you can read more about this in the Magazine. Thanks go to Phil Slaney who has been responsible for the setting up and organising of this group-an opportunity to relax and enjoy fellowship, and to get to know each other better in informal surroundings.

Cell Groups have started again after our Christmas break and we are pleased to announce a new Group has commenced on alternate Thursday afternoons led by Sheila Humphrey. We do thank Sheila for her willingness to start this group and if you are interested in joining any of the Cells please see the noticeboard at Church for details, or speak to Jonathan.

It has been good to welcome Jan Saha back with us again after her recent period of working in India. We wish her a happy and restful time during her stay here.

We learnt recently that Catherine, the daughter of Joan and Rene Meunier, was married on April 2<sup>nd</sup> in Prestwick, in the Lake District. We do send our congratulations and best wishes to Catherine and husband Phil and wish them every happiness in their future life together.

We are happy to announce that Lizette and Warren will be marrying on April 16<sup>th</sup> in South Africa. Many congratulations and love go to them as they celebrate with family and friends at home. We look forward to sharing in their joy when they return to England.

Those of our congregation with sharp eyes will no doubt have noticed that we can now see the hymns and song numbers on the Hymn Board much more clearly on Sunday mornings! This is because we have been presented with a brand new set of numbers by Beryl Alvarez and Joyce Stanborough as a gift to the Church on their departure to Frinton recently. We do thank them both for this thoughtful and practical gift and assure them that they are remembered regularly each Sunday as we worship in song. Of course we continue to remember them and all they have meant to our fellowship in so many ways and are happy to hear that they have settled well into their new homes.

It has been great to see Cliff (and Dorothy) Tayler back worshipping with us after his recent heart attack. It is good to know that he is recovering so well, and we continue to remember them both in our prayers during his ongoing treatment and recuperation. Cliff and Dorothy have sent their thanks for the support shown to them in a note further in this issue.

Your prayers are asked for Geoff Norris as he commences chemotherapy after a long period of ill health in recent months. It was good to hear that he responded well to treatment during a short stay in a London Clinic, and that he is now home again. We do send him, Margaret and all the family, our love and best wishes as Geoff undergoes further treatment, praying that God will support them in every way in the months ahead.

We learn that Gwen Roberts has been in Chingford Hospital for some weeks, undergoing care and assessment. We do send her and John our love and best wishes, praying that she will benefit from this stay and be able to return home soon.

We also send our loving prayers and best wishes to Miriam (Loblack) who has had an emergency brain operation recently. We remember Miriam and Leon as she continues to have treatment and wish her a speedy recovery.

We understand that our former member Mary Hough has been in great pain recently and send her our love and best wishes as she struggles to regain mobility and strength. We do pray for God's healing and remember her in our prayers.

We hear that our member Joan Ashley has had a recent hospital stay. She is also experiencing hearing problems and is in need of our support and prayers at this time.

We rejoice with Amanda and Alan as they welcome Jacob into their family. It was great to see them at Church recently, along with Amanda's parents, Judy and Dave Rowsell who were visiting from Devon. May God bless them as a family as they love and care for Jacob in the future.



Congratulations go to Marilyn and Mike Robinson as they celebrate the arrival of a grandson. George was born on 18 February to their son Jonathan and wife Kate; a brother for Rosie. Every happiness to the family as they rejoice in the gift of this new life.

As mentioned in our last issue we have recently been blessed with several grandchildren who have been born to members and friends of our HPB and, as promised here are some pictures of the happy arrivals!



Rhona Isobel – parents Kelly and Stephen. Granddaughter of Yvonne and Mike Davey.



Miles Elliot – parents Nicola and Nick  
Grandson of Alan and Margaret Smith.



George – parents Jonathan and Kate.  
Grandson of Marilyn and Mike Robinson.



James Andrew – parents Jonathan and Christina. Grandson of Jacquie and Dave Lyus

### STOP PRESS!

We have just heard that Claire Richards (nee Davey) has given birth to a daughter Arabella Eliza Rose Richards was born on Sunday 27th March; a sister for Darcey.

**Highams Park Baptist Church Men's  
Group Come and watch your local team**

**Leyton Orient**

**Vs**

**Carlisle United**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April**

**2011**

**Meet at 7pm at LO Supporters  
Club in Oliver Road Leyton E10**

**5NF**

**If you need a lift meet at HPBC Cavendish Road E4 9NG at 6.30pm**

**Kick off 7.45pm**

**Tickets cost £15**

**See Phil Slaney with money for  
tickets by Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April**

**2011**

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*HPB Men's Group – Vision and Purpose: To gather men of the Church together for fellowship and by various means to draw in others and extend God's kingdom*

## **Words of Tribute – Robin Newman**



Robin was born on the 4<sup>th</sup> January 1944 at Thorpe Coombe Hospital, Walthamstow, to Mum Irene, and Dad Frank (known as Bill). Robin joined older brother Jack in the Newman family which grew further when, firstly sister Margaret (Peggy) was born, and later brother Dennis became a part of the family too. Robin grew up in Brettenham Road, Walthamstow and went to school first at Winns Avenue Junior School and then, on passing the '11 Plus' exam, to George Monoux Grammar School. Coincidentally, during this time the Newman family lived next door to the Coe family in Brettenham Road.

When he was eight years old Robin began to learn to play the Cornet - the first of many musical instruments he became skilled in playing. Soon after he joined the Walthamstow Junior Silver band with brother Jack, later progressing to the Senior Section. It was the beginning of a lifelong love of music and talent in playing music. In addition to the Cornet, which was his main instrument (his talent was such that he was the Principal cornet player in the band) Robin also came to play the Euphonium, the Trombone, the French Horn, the Trumpet and the Flute – the last of which Robin taught himself to play. He had the opportunity to play as part of the Grimethorpe Colliery Band, probably the world's most famous Colliery Band with an international reputation for excellence on both the concert and contest stage. Robin also played as part of the Newham Championship Band – the band that he was most proud to be a part of. He also played in orchestras, dance bands and oompah bands. Robin would teach the younger members of the band, imparting his musical knowledge and skills to others.

It was during his teenage years that Robin first met Catherine when sister Margaret joined the Walthamstow Silver Band along with her friend Catherine – Margaret and Catherine were best friends attending Walthamstow High school together. After going out together for about two years the couple got engaged and were later married at St. John's Church in Walthamstow on 15<sup>th</sup> October 1966.

They made a home together in Carr Road by Lloyd's Park, Walthamstow. It was to be home for three and a half years whereupon they moved to Bellamy Road in Highams Park. This was to be home to them and their family for 27 years – daughter Amanda had been born on the 28<sup>th</sup> December 1967, while son Peter arrived after their move on the 1<sup>st</sup> April 1970 – the 1<sup>st</sup> April - which according to mum Catherine 'explains everything'!

It was following the move to Bellamy Road that the family became a part of the life and work of Highams Park Baptist Church – Catherine working at the playgroup here, the family's first connection with the Church, and then Amanda and Peter both becoming involved in the Brigades. Later on 10 Harford Road became home for Robin and Catherine in 1997.

Robin was in local government for all of his working life. He left school at the age of sixteen to work as a clerk in Walthamstow Town Hall, going on to become a local government officer in Haringey, Barnet, and most recently - Newham.

Family holidays were spent on the Norfolk Broads, on house boats and in chalets. The family enjoyed walking both in the Lake and Peak Districts, and in Scotland. Robin enjoyed anything to do with nature. He also enjoyed drawing and painting, and was practically minded. He was very good at making and repairing things, thinking very deeply so as to work out how to do what was necessary. He made toys for Birthdays and Christmas: a rocking horse, dolls house, a fort and a garage for Peter's toy cars. Robin also made wine and Amanda is keen that we also know that her Dad made really good toffee!

Robin was so proud when Amanda got married to Robert at our Church and when grandson Stephen was born he enjoyed caring for him when Amanda returned to work.

Prior to Robin's stroke he was very fit and healthy. It was in September 2003 that he suffered a severe stroke, which resulted in the right side of his body being paralysed. Robin was in hospital and rehabilitation for a year and a half, returning home on his 61<sup>st</sup> Birthday at the beginning of 2005. Robin continued to suffer the effects of the stroke – he was now confined to a wheelchair and he lost most of his speech.

He certainly kept his sense of humour though; when Robin watched television and something made him laugh he would be laughing so hard that he wasn't able to stop, consequently holding his breath and going increasingly bright red while the family would be keenly encouraging him to breath! He would sing along to 'Songs of Praise' on television, sometimes with Amanda, and enjoyed listening to CD's. Robin continued to enjoy his music very much and he never lost his sense of rhythm. While at Jubilee Lodge, receiving respite care, Robin enjoyed going on the various trips offered – to the Theatre, on a Thames Cruise, to the London Eye and to Hendon RAF Museum.

Robin had been unwell since the middle of last year and early in the New Year it became necessary for him to be admitted to hospital. It was while in hospital that Robin passed away – on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011.

When asked about words or phrases to describe Robin we are told that he was very loving to Catherine and his family, always concerned and caring for them; always looking to respond to family needs. He freely gave of his time to other people, often running around in the car for others. His sense of humour kept him going in the most difficult circumstances.

Robin may be gone from our sight but he will never be forgotten from our hearts. We say thank you to God for his life; all that he was, and all that he continues to be in our memories.

*Taken from Jonathan's tribute*

*Although normally a Memorial Service is necessarily a sad event, when we gathered to remember Robin at HPB on the day of his funeral, we were inspired and uplifted by the warm and loving tributes paid to him, and the beautiful music provided by some of his many fellow musicians. They not only provided an accompaniment to some of the hymns but later played a medley of popular band pieces which seemed appropriate to our remembrance and which were enjoyed by all there. **Eds.***

## *Words of Thanks....*

'We would like to thank everybody for their kind thoughts, love and sympathy over the last few weeks following Lewis' death - We have found it to be wonderfully overwhelming'. Sylvia, Ruth and Paul.

*Eds note: We apologise that this was omitted from the last issue.*

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Cliff and Dorothy Tayler wish to express their thanks to everyone for their support during Cliff's recent heart attack and hospitalisation. They were greatly uplifted by all the expressions of love and good wishes through prayer, phone calls, cards and visits.

*Ed's note: It is good to see Cliff and Dorothy back at HPB and it seems that the aerobics are working for both of them!*

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Jason would like to thank all those who took part in the recent Church 'Spring Clean'. A good number of people of all ages worked very hard during the day and the results are plain to see!

If you were unfortunate enough to have missed such a happy event fear not! Another day is planned soon – watch this space....

*Ed's note: Thanks are due to Jason who oversaw all the running of the day.*

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God of boundless space and intricate design,  
revealed in nature, truth and beauty as well as in the written word,  
in art and music as well as in poetry and prose:

You give us minds to glimpse your ways  
and awareness to understand You.

Where reasoning falls short and faculties fail,  
grant us a heart to love You  
and the knowledge that You treasure us uniquely.

Carry us through our faults and frailties,  
and love us to the end.

Give us strength and courage to follow in the steps of Jesus Christ,  
who leads us into all truth, both knowable and unknowable.

Amen

*" A prayer from Bishop Brian". (Rt .Rev. Dr. Brian Castle) taken from the Rochester Link*

## **A TRIBUTE TO JILL PRIN**

Jill's Father and Mother (Stan and Win Scrutton) were very faithful members of Highams Park Baptist church. Stan was on the Diaconate, and Win was a prominent Group Leader and tower of strength in the Women's Home Group Movement in the 1950s. So HPB was a formative part of Jill's early life, and like so many others she benefited from the wonderful Ministry of Stephen Winward. It was at the church that she met Brian and was married in 1963, and where their two children Andrew and Nicola were dedicated. I well remember that occasion because our Victoria at two and half was a bridesmaid. A harrowing experience when you were afraid that your daughter might at any moment interrupt the wedding of the very beautiful Bride! Those who remember Jill at that time will recall that she was indeed a very beautiful Bride.

Jill's most significant service to Highams Park Baptist was, of course, her leading of the Primary Department of the Sunday School, and she did this with consummate dedication and faithfulness. It was a model Primary Department, and middle aged people today still speak of Miss Jill, and of Mr. Brian playing the piano. All her Teachers were expected to attend a preparation class, and every Sunday morning was planned with enormous care. The children loved it! Running Primary was a really sacrificial service, for it involved hours of work and walking every Sunday morning, because as yet they had no car, pushing a baby in the pram, from Abbott's Crescent to Cavendish Road. Later Jill and Brian moved out to Earl's Colne, not far from Colchester, and they became members at Earl's Colne Baptist Church, where Brian is involved with the music. Jill then moved on to Christchurch, Coggeshall, a Baptist/URC church, and she served there in many ways. At both these churches she organised church lunches for up to 100 people, gave strawberry teas, stocked bazaar stalls with much of her own needlework and did everything to an extremely high standard. This was clear from the way the Earl's Colne folk spoke of her at her funeral. At the same time as she was doing all this, Jill and Brian were also caring for Jill's brother Tony who was an invalid and quite severely handicapped. This too involved a considerable amount of hard work and patience, but Jill rarely complained, and was generous and loving in her care of Tony.

It was a great sadness to Jill and Brian when their son Andrew died while he was abroad, but this too was accepted graciously and did not impede the service they gave to the two churches. One of the greatest joys of Jill's life has been Nicola's little daughter Breanna, who has spent a considerable part of her five years living with Jill and Brian. Breanna is a lovely and very bright little girl, who was very fond indeed of her Grandma, and has received from her a great deal of loving security.

Jill's funeral was held on Friday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at Christchurch, Coggeshall, and in spite of the inevitable sadness, it was a joyous occasion.

About eight people who had been at HPB with Jill were able to be there, and we all remembered her with love and gratitude to God for her. The Earl's Colne friends clearly felt the same and it was quite obvious that she was both loved and highly regarded in the churches there.

Jill was a very special person . It has been a great privilege to know her and be her friend. Her faithfulness to her family, her friends, the churches to which she has belonged and to Jesus Christ has been a shining example of what the Christian life can be.

*Jenny Howland.*

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## **REMEMBERING JILL PRIN..**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> February we made our way to Coggeshall to the funeral of our friend Jill Prin. The service was truly a Thanksgiving for her life. When we first knew Jill she was a hard working church member of HPBC. She loved the children in the Sunday School and put that love into action. The children enjoyed their Sunday mornings in her care and they always emerged with lovely craft work and a definite glow of well being. It soon became apparent that this love for everybody had extended into the work of the church in Coggeshall. Her lovely smile and her amazing teas were a joy to all who knew her.

The service was arranged by Jill and showed distinctly her love for Jesus, her faith in Him and how she had followed Him all her life. The tributes to her and the solo "Before the Throne of God Above", reflected her quiet acceptance of the Christian faith and how she lived her life.

There was a contingent from the "Old Days" including Jenny and Ken Howland, Brian Smith, and my childhood friend Helen Mansfield, Chris Winward and Marcia Fugler representing her days in Highams Park.

Our best wishes and condolences go to her husband Brian who can be assured of our prayers in the days ahead.

*Margaret Smith*

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## 17<sup>th</sup> Waltham Forest Boys Brigade – Update

On Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April we held our Annual Awards and Display evening. This year our guest of honour was Barry White a former officer of the Company, who, with his wife Brenda, attended the evening and presented the awards to the young lads. It was a fun and enjoyable evening. We also had greetings from Geoff Colinese. The Anchor Boys performed games where they had to collect different things, The Junior Section displayed figure marching and games; and from the Company section we had “Its off to work we go”, where the lads and two officers dressed up as the seven dwarves and went round the hall to the music of the Snow White song. The lads also played the band which has only been running for six weeks. (Watch this space - you might see them marching at our 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary events next year!) The last item had both the staff and some parents dancing the night away, with Jonathan and Stephen dressing up in skirts and showing their knees!! Barry then finished the evening with some very nice and kind words - it was great to welcome Brenda and Barry to our awards.

Listed below are the awards that were given out:

### **Anchor Boys**

Attendance – The following boy has achieved over 80% attendance and has also attended our monthly parade services: Joshua. The following boys have achieved over 80% attendance on Friday evenings: Dillan and Logan Wilkmson. We have two trophies that are awarded; these are the Best Anchor Boy, which is the award given to the boy who, the staff feels, has shown the best all round effort and enthusiasm over the year – Joshua. Secondly, The John Owen Trophy award which is given to the boy who, the staff feels, has developed well and who has made good progress during his time in the section, and that went to Dillan and Logan Wilkmson.

### **Junior Section**

Attendance - The following boy has achieved over 80% attendance and indeed has also regularly attended our monthly parade services and church on Sunday morning: Buster Caffell. The following boys have achieved over 80% attendance on Friday evenings: Joel Aggus, Alfie Martin, Eujah Dixon, Reese Stafford, Dominic Aggus, Kasie Fenton, Jayden Jules, Lovell Obili Perry & Rujorn Tuitt.

The following lads also got their Badges which they now gain for achievements within five different areas: Body, Mind, Spirit, Interest, Community and Creativity: Bronze badges went to Joel Aggus, Buster Caffell, Alfie Martin & Eujah Dixon. Silver Badge went to Reese Stafford and the Gold Badges went to Dominic Aggus, Kasie Fenton, Jayden Jules, Lovell Obili Perry & Rujorn Tuitt.

Like the Anchor boys we have special Picture Awards, one for each year, and these are gained by the boys who the staff feel have shown the best all round effort and enthusiasm during the year. The 1<sup>st</sup> year award went to Joel Aggus and the 3<sup>rd</sup> year award went to Dominic Aggus. The John Owen award was given to the boy who, the staff feels, has developed well and who has made good progress during his time in the section, and this went to Kasie Fenton.

## Company Section

Alex Harris, James Merry, Stephen Edwards, Christian Handley & Tendai Mazura all got their Company and service badge for the work they had done. The Company also have their trophies and these were presented to a boy between the ages of 11 - 12. Various things are considered, - attendance record, character and conduct, keenness and interest, relating to the staff team, the example set to others, effort and enthusiasm. This trophy went to Stephen Edwards. The Perry Consistency Cup is presented to a boy between the ages of 12-15. Various things are considered, - attendance record, character and conduct, keenness and interest, relating to the staff team, the example set to others, effort and enthusiasm. This trophy was awarded to Tendai Mazura. In the last two months we have re-started drumming and as you will see later there is still lots of work to be done, but we thought it would be good to acknowledge what the boys have achieved, so "well done" to all involved and the drumming sticks went to Stephen Edwards.

I would like to finish by thanking the staff: Geoff Norris, Jonathan Boyce, Emma Cantwell, Jean Owen, Stephen Close and Margaret Norris who have helped to ensure the 17<sup>th</sup> Company can run. Our thanks also go to Robert Edwards, Beth Aggus and Mavis Grint who have stepped in during this year when we have been short of staff.

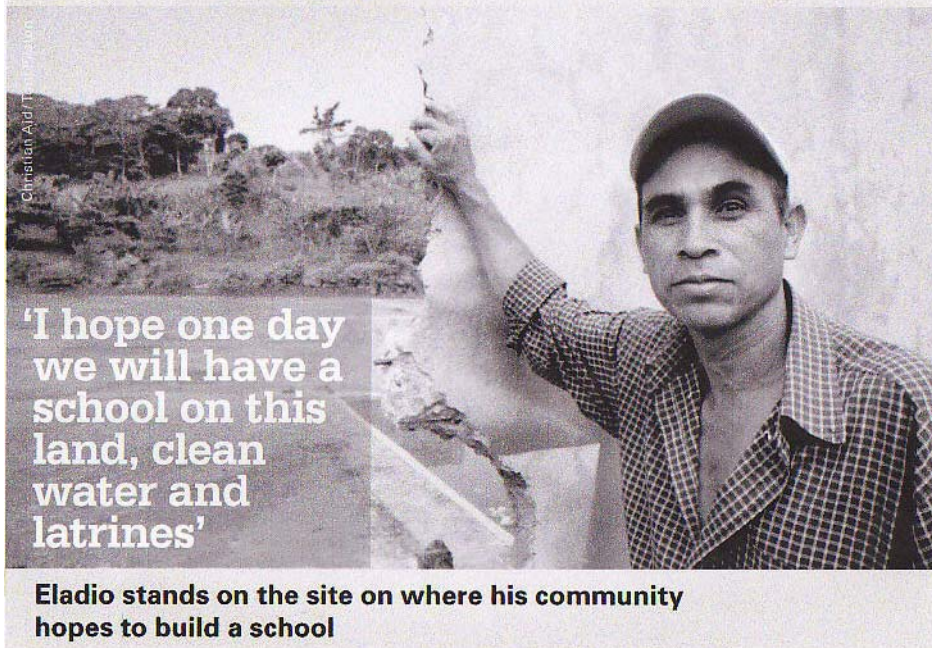
With our summer session under way after Easter, and a week's camp planned, it is sure to be great fun. *Jason Close*

*Ed's note: On behalf of the Church may we thank Jason and all the staff and helpers who put so much effort into the Boy's Brigade week by week.*



*Suggestions for captions to these 'interesting pictures' gratefully received!!*

## Christian Aid Week 15–21 May 2011



For the people of Jinotega, Nicaragua, coffee isn't just a caffeine kick – it's a means of transforming the lives of entire communities. By getting involved in Christian Aid Week, you can help to make this transformation possible.

Five years ago Eladio Simeon Pineda's community was a group of poor farm labourers. Then Christian Aid's partners Soppexcca (pronounced so-pecks-ka) offered them credit to establish themselves as coffee farmers and supported them to work together as a cooperative. Eladio and the other members of the La Paz del Tuma cooperative now hope that together they will transform their own community. Even though the coffee farmers of the cooperative have only been working with Soppexcca for a short time, their lives are already better. The credit which Soppexcca provided has been vital in getting them started. The cooperative has a community fund that will be used to achieve the dreams which they once thought were out of reach.

"I hope that one day we will have a school on this land, clean water and latrines" says Eladio. He knows that transformation is possible. He is driven by the example of a nearby community where the members of the Los Alpes cooperative have been supported by Soppexcca for 12 years. In that time they have successfully worked to establish a school and a health centre for the community.

**"Help people in poverty out of poverty"**

## HOW MANY LOAVES HAVE YOU? – Women's World Day of Prayer 2011

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March dawned grey and cold, but for those of us in Highams Park, London, gathering to celebrate Women's Word Day Of Prayer it was to become a day of sunshine, warmth and colour as we joined together in worship at our local United Reformed Church. This year's service had been prepared by the Christian women of Chile and throughout the afternoon we caught a glimpse of the colourful and joyous atmosphere of this beautiful land, aided by many of those present wearing bright, colourful clothes and shawls representing traditional Chilean costume. During the afternoon we learnt of the rich diversity that makes up Chilean life; of a land rich in natural resources and encompassing a wealth of traditions and languages. The theme of this year's service was: "How Many Loaves Have You?" and we learnt about the hospitality of even the poorest families who share what little they have: bread (the main food of their homes) coffee, tea or mate (a herbal tea) willingly with others. Through songs and Bible readings we were reminded of God's wonderful gifts to us and how they are not shared equally amongst everyone, and how we do not always protect and care responsibly for this beautiful world we live in.

As the service continued we learnt more of the history of Chile; the hardships suffered by the ordinary people through repression, and the struggle for human rights. Despite vicious state control and dictatorship, political repression and the notorious disappearances of those who dared to rebel, the women of Chile have supported and cared for others in need, sharing what little they had; organising relief through voluntary groups, including soup kitchens which also provided emotional and practical support. Again the theme ran through the afternoon: "How many loaves have you? What are your gifts? What can you share?"

A short meditation, given by Judith Lampard, a local Methodist Lay Preacher, drew together all the threads of the afternoon's reflections most effectively. In particular, Judith told us of an experience she and her husband had many years ago, when travelling with a group of Christian students in South America. They were given the most warm and generous hospitality from a large but very poor extended family after travelling a long distance. They were invited to share a delicious meal prepared with very limited resources and then had been given the beds of their hosts who insisted they did not travel back such a long way that evening. This example of Christian love and fellowship by those who had so little, and which happened so many years ago, was brought vividly to life by Judith.

At the conclusion of our worship we joined hands for the Lord's Prayer, uniting us in faith, one with another, sharing our hopes, dreams, sorrows and joys, and praying for the world we live in, and care for together. As we touched the shoulder of the person nearest to us we asked God to bless and protect them, granting them peace. Finally one of the Worship Leaders shared with us the basket of small loaves which had been present on the table during the service. As we enjoyed these with our tea and coffee after the service we were able to share in fellowship and reflect on the afternoon's meditation. I certainly came away knowing more about my Christian sisters in a country half a world away from mine; living a life in many ways so different to me, yet with the same hopes and fears as my own. *Jacquie Lyus*

## **Cowling Hall Revisited – by Richard Brown**



A recent article in the Highams Park Baptist Church Magazine (April/May 2009) by Geoff Colinese has prompted me to write.

Those of you with very long memories will recall that my brother Alan and I regularly attended HPB; Alan occasionally playing the organ. We were both baptised around 1960.

Admittedly Cowling Hall does not feature prominently in my memory – the later Fellowship Hall was used more – but I do have a vague recollection of a photograph of Roland Cowling hanging on the wall. Maybe it is still there.

Roland, however, has suddenly become of great interest.

Jan Newsom, who I understand preaches at HPB occasionally, and is a cousin of mine, has alerted me to a family tradition that we are related to a certain Rev Samuel Couling who I have reason to believe was in turn related to Roland. Moreover, the connection does not stop there. Roland, of course regularly worshipped at HPB, as I did, but we both went to the Sir George Monoux Grammar School (of which more later) and furthermore, Roland was born in Sheffield, where I now live - even in the same district, Ecclesall.

Rev Samuel Couling (aka Cowling) was something of a dark horse. He seems to have had a guilty secret; perhaps that he was illegitimate. His memoirs exist: he wrote his own life-story for the benefit of his son, also Rev Samuel Couling. But uncharacteristically he disowns his parents: "Of my parents and the home of my childhood, I know but little and care to say less. They were poor and irreligious..." He was born in London on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1815, but I can find no trace of his baptism (but not all London records have survived).

Nevertheless, he had a colourful life. He was a Baptist Minister in a variety of locations, but also a bookseller and Assistant Secretary of the National Temperance Society. He wrote extensively, mainly on the evils of drink, and claims to have had corresponded with Dickens and even the Prince Consort.

Which brings me to his main claim to fame. In 1850, Samuel happened to be present when an assault was made on Queen Victoria who was passing by in an open carriage close to Cambridge House near where Samuel lived. Samuel was able to apprehend the villain; holding him until the Police arrived. He later was chief witness at the Old Bailey, where the unfortunate Lieut. Pate was sentenced to be transported for seven years.

Rev Samuel jnr did not need to be transported. Also a Baptist Minister, he willingly went to China as a missionary for the BMS. How much strictly missionary work he did is unclear, as he seems to have spent much of his time collecting specimens of rocks and fossils to be sent back to the Geological Society of London.

He was also very active in the Royal Asiatic Society of which he was Hon Secretary and Treasurer of the N China Branch; publishing the *Enclopaedia Sinica* in 1917. He had two daughters, born in Clerkenwell, and one son Arthur Vivian, born in China, who later became a celebrated artist in Scotland.

But to return to Roland. Due to the kind services of Geoff Colinese and his brother Phil, I learned that Roland went to Monoux.

As an Old Boy, I had on my shelves a copy of the relevant Who's Who, which confirmed that he had a brother Thomas George who was a famous mathematician and astrophysicist. Being an FRS, he could be found in the Dictionary of National Biography, which helpfully gave his parentage – also of course that of Roland. It was then a simple matter to trace his ancestry through the usual internet channels.

Roland's ancestry is interesting on two counts. His paternal grandmother was Elizabeth Churchill – possibly related to the more famous one, but in this context the source of Roland's middle name. Also, his GtGtGrandfather was one Samuel Cowling, born about 1772 in Hackney. His son was also Samuel, born about 1798 also in Hackney.

A likely marriage for the younger Samuel is to Ann Umfreville on 24 October 1818 at Westminster, witnessed by Samuel Couling – note the spelling – probably his father. They had two children, Mary Ann, baptised in 1819 and Elizabeth, who married a Samuel Brown in 1841 so would have been born about 1821. For both Elizabeth and Samuel's marriages, their surnames are given as Couling rather than Cowling, suggesting a link to the Revd Coulings mentioned at the start of this article.

It is highly likely, but not proven, that Samuel and Ann were also parents of the Samuel Couling later to be the senior Revd. Samuel. As we know he was born in 1815, this would mean he was illegitimate – hence his reticence in revealing his ancestry.

So far, I have not said much about Roland, who after all provides the connection with Cowling Hall and HPB. His obituary also exists, and is located in the archives of Regents Park College, Oxford. This confirms he went to Monoux and although he worshipped at HPB he was baptised at Greenleaf Road. Was there no baptistry at HPB in 1920? On leaving school he worked for a steamship company and then a bank before gaining a BA and BD at Bristol College. In 1932 he went to India as a BMS missionary. During the war he served in the Indian Army from 1942-1946, being appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in Sept 1942. After the war he returned to Delhi. In 1954 he was appointed Field Secretary in Ceylon and held the same post in India from 1960 until his death in Calcutta in 1964.

In conclusion, I regret it has proved impossible to find a connection between the Cowling/ Couling families and my own. The link between Jan Newsom's branch and my own is the surname Martin and the connection should be through the parents of another Cousin, who originally sent Jan the memoirs of Rev Samuel senior. But it has been fun searching.

*Ed's note: We were delighted to receive Richard's contribution about Cowling Hall. We are sure that it has brought back many happy memories and we have learned more about the history of the church. It is appropriately timed with the forthcoming centenary of Cowling Hall in the not too distant future.*

## The Halex War memorial.



Many of our readers will have fond memories of what, at one time, was probably the biggest employer in the local area. British Xylonite was originally produced in Homerton. The site had a serious fire and this, together with increased demand, led to a new factory being set up in 1897 at Brantham on the Essex / Suffolk borders. This produced Xylonite, the

first commercial artificial plastic, and a further factory was needed to make the finished products. This was to be at Hale End where the 65 acres of Jack's Farm was bought. The factory was built on 18 acres of this land and opened in 1897. By 1900 it had taken over any production still coming from Homerton. The factory produced various plastic materials but most were of the products we recognise as Xylonite such as combs, brushes, boxes and other fancy goods. Halex – perhaps the better known name in our area - was set up as a subsidiary in 1938 with its Head Office at Hale End. Halex helped to put Highams Park on the map – being its biggest employer meant that many people had to come to work from outside the immediate area which helped convince Great Eastern Railways that we needed a proper station. An interesting fact is that during the Second World War it made over 48 million visors for gas masks. Many of the Head Office functions were gradually taken over by the Brantham office and eventually Hale End closed in 1970 when the site was taken over by Bex Bissell.



During the First World War 425 employees from Hale End signed up for the services. Of these 40 never returned and a War Memorial was set up in the grounds listing the names of the 40 brave men. Seven more names were later added at the end of the Second World War. The picture shows the memorial as it was originally. When the Hale End site closed it was decided to move the plaques with the names on to the Brantham site where they were added to the War Memorial there. When this site closed, some 10 years ago, the plaques were stored in a barn for safekeeping.

For some time the Highams Park Society have been seeking to return these Halex plaques to Highams Park and after much work by them their wish was granted. On 25<sup>th</sup> February the two plaques (one for each World War) were unveiled in the entrance way to Highams Park Library by Iain Duncan Smith our local MP. It was a very well attended occasion. Andrew Golds, the Treasurer of the Highams Park Society, gave a brief history of the Xylonite Company and the efforts made to reinstate the plaques. We then heard from local councillor Michael Lewis who told movingly of how his family had worked for Halex for generations. He used to visit the site with his father and the memorial was always pointed out to him - especially the name of his grandfather who had died in the First World War.



## News of a past member of HPB

Some weeks ago we heard from the daughter of one of the past members to whom we post the magazine. She told us of her mother having to go into a nursing home and asked if we could send the magazine to her – she would



then pass the magazine to her mother. We, of course, are happy to oblige.

Both mother and daughter may be well known to some of you. The mother is Gwladys Callow who we hear is now 103 and, until a fall, was living in her own bungalow. She has generally had good health and although now deaf it was really only her legs that have given problems. She is now the oldest person

living in Thanet. Her daughter, Bronwyn (now Rider) has unfortunately had less good health over the years and has been severely disabled for about 20 years having had several serious illnesses but she is able still to drive, although walking is difficult. This has meant that getting to see her mother is not easy. She tells that finding a good nursing home is not always straightforward but she and her husband John are very pleased with the home Mrs Callow is now in at Broadstairs.

Bronwyn has good memories of HPB having been married there 44 years ago when they set up home at Clacton-on-Sea to enable John to work in Colchester. They now have 3 children and 7 grandchildren most of whom live fairly close to them in their home now in Ruislip. Bronwyn mentions several people who she and her mother remember at HPB including Gwladys Taylor, Alan and Margaret Smith and Marcia Fugler who made her wedding cake.

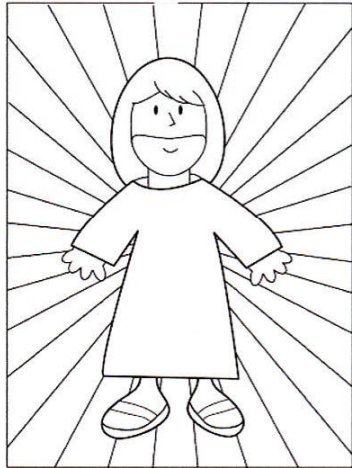
Gwladys Callow and her husband, Edward, were married on Christmas Day 1928 at the Parish Church of St. Luke's Walthamstow. They joined HPB soon after it opened and one of the Communion chairs was given in memory of him when he died after 33 years of marriage. They lived just a few doors from HPB until Gwladys moved to Broadstairs. Her best friend and husband moved at the same time to the bungalow next door. Gwladys had always been an active member of Queen's Road Baptist Church in Broadstairs up to her middle 90's. The church who have always been very good to her still visit her regularly in the nursing home

Bronwyn has asked to be remembered to any members of HPB who know her and also says that any letters to her mother would be very welcome as she loves to receive them. Her address is:

Mrs. Gwladys Callow, Kent House, Fairfield Road, Broadstairs, Kent, CT10 2JY. We can also pass on address details of Bronwyn if anybody would like to contact her.

# Junior Church

## Jesus is Alive!

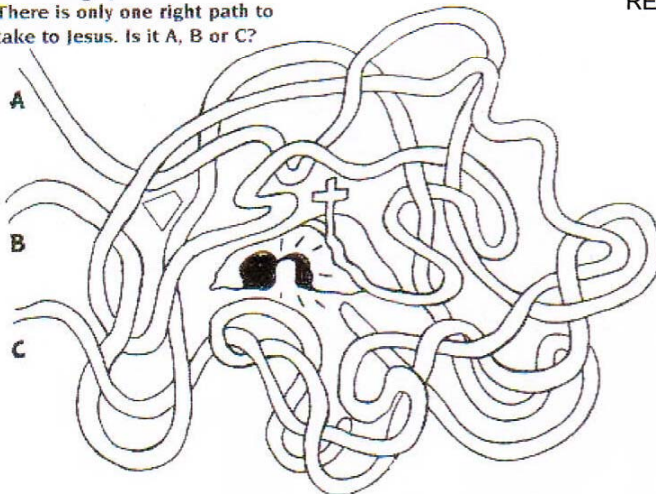


A picture for you to colour

Jesus said, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No-one comes to the Father except through me.' John chapter 14, verse 6

### Winding paths

There is only one right path to take to Jesus. Is it A, B or C?



Y L X Y P K W G P R X I F L W  
 D B A R H V N E S P I C E S K  
 P W V S L I P U E F Z S Z U T  
 A R W A N U S V T K Q A E F N  
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### Easter Sunrise Surprise!

Can you find the words below in the word search above?

LIVING	WOMEN	FACES
MORNING	TOMB	FIRST
STONE	WEEK	ROLLED
SPICES	ENTERED	BODY
RISEN	AWAY	GROUND
FRIGHT	DEAD	BOWED
REMEMBER	DAY	



## CHURCH DIARY

**April 2011**

- Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 am Morning Service with Communion  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning Service (followed by Refreshments)  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> 10 am Palm Sunday: Morning Service with Communion  
conducted by Mr. Paul Raymond
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> 8 pm Maundy Thursday Communion
- Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10:30 am Churches Together Good Friday 'Walk of Witness'.  
Meet at HPB.
- 11:30 am approx. Churches Together Good Friday Service  
at All Saints Church, Highams Park.
- Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 10 am All Age Service: Easter Sunday Celebration with  
Communion (followed by Refreshments)



### May 2011

- Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> 10 am Morning Service (followed by Refreshments)  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting at 21 Warboys Crescent
- Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning Service with Communion  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning Service (followed by Refreshments)  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> 10 am Morning Service with Communion  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> 10 am All Age Service (followed by Refreshments)  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce

### June 2011

- Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning Service with Communion  
conducted by T.B.C
- Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning Service with Communion  
conducted by T.B.C
- Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> 10 am Morning Service  
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- 11:30 am approx. Church Members' Meeting
- 4 pm Churches Together Prayer Walk.  
Meet at the Clock in Highams Park
- 6 pm Churches Together United Service  
with 'Care' and 'YouthCare' Commissioning' at  
Winchester Road Methodist Church



*The Band at the Boy's Brigade Awards Evening.*