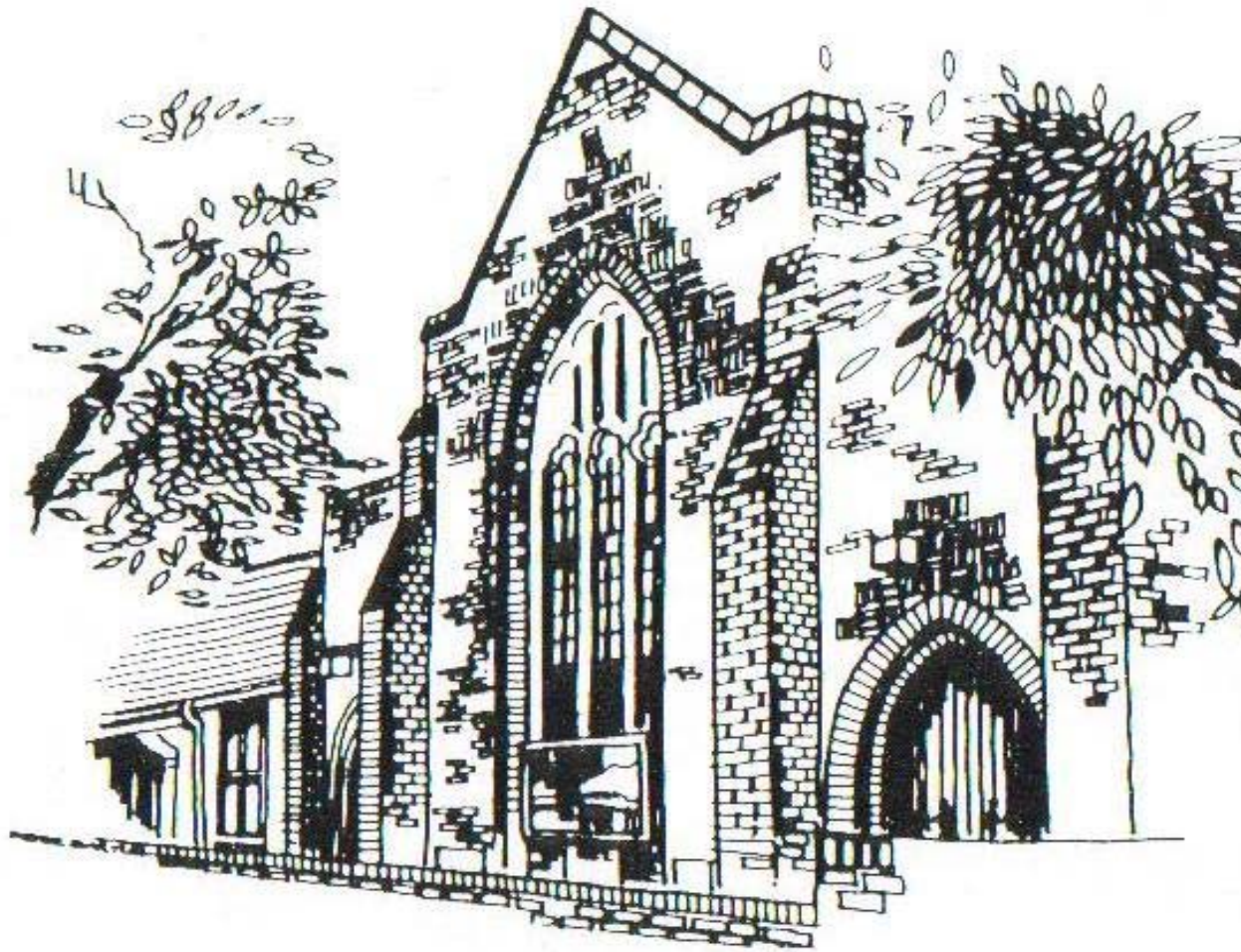




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CHURCH PROGRAMME



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,

Of His Second Coming that will announce Judgement Day Jesus taught 'No-one knows about that day or hour, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father' (Matthew 24:36).

It's possible that you haven't heard of Harold Camping. It may be that you heard about him for the first time over the recent weeks. Harold Camping, an American Christian radio broadcaster, predicted that 6 pm on Saturday 21st May 2011 would bring Judgement Day. I read that the prediction relied on a complex set of assumptions and mathematical calculations regarding Bible chronology. "iftheworldsonaturday" became one of the trending topics on Twitter. AFC Wimbledon, the football team that I support, were involved in a Play-off final against Luton Town at the City of Manchester Stadium on the 21st. It was a 3 pm kick-off with the winners of the match gaining promotion to League 2. In the days before, in light of the publicity surrounding Camping's prediction, fans on each of the team's internet message boards were wryly posting 'Do you think that this is going to affect us?'

Harold Camping's prediction was widely reported in the mainstream press, and prompted responses from various atheist organizations. When 21st May passed without incident, Camping stated that 'he now believes a "spiritual" judgment occurred on that date, and that the physical Rapture (the safe removal of all the followers of Jesus upon His return) would now occur on October 21st 2011, simultaneously with the destruction of the universe by God.'

Misguided as Harold Camping's predictions are, he has, as one Christian writer put it, 'put the Second Coming on the front page'.

I was reminded this week of the comment that one in every thirty verses of Scripture predicts Jesus' return and for every single mention of His first coming, there are eight references and hints to His second.

People have waited expectantly for nearly two thousand years. Only God the Father knows when, but we can know that Jesus is coming again at some time in the future. It is important for us to remember that Jesus points out that His followers should be less concerned with knowing the exact date of His return and more concerned with being prepared – living God's way consistently so that no matter when Jesus comes again we are ready.

Selwyn Hughes has written of a visit he made many years ago to a faithful Christian man of many years – of many years in age and in faith. 'What is the secret of your Christian character?' Selwyn Hughes asked the man. The man replied, 'Ever since I was converted sixty years ago, I have tried to live before Him, so that, should He come this day, I would not be ashamed at His coming'.

To stay true to Jesus we must follow His word, that is what is revealed to us through the Bible, and we must be in step with His Spirit - It is for us to let the Holy Spirit help us to live as a follower of Jesus, to guide and shape us and our lives.

The 'Luton on Sunday' newspaper for the 22nd May declared 'End of the world for sad Hatters' – After normal and extra time it had still been 0-0. AFC Wimbledon then triumphed 4-3 on penalties which I was delighted to hear they had been conscientiously preparing for for some weeks prior should it have come to it.

Let's wisely respond to Jesus' teaching to be prepared for the certainty that is His coming again - 'They will see the Son of Man coming on the clouds of the sky, with power and great glory.' (Matthew 24:30)

God be with you.

Jonathan

A person who is truly operating through the Holy Spirit is someone:

Strong enough to be weak; successful enough to fail;
wise enough to say "I don't know"; serious enough to laugh;
rich enough to be poor; right enough to say "I'm wrong";
mature enough to be child-like; planned enough to be spontaneous;
controlled enough to be flexible; free enough to endure captivity;
knowledgeable enough to ask questions; loving enough to be angry;
great enough to be anonymous; responsible enough to play;
assured enough to be rejected; stable enough to cry;
and victorious enough to lose.

Anon

CAVENDISH CIRCULAR

Easter at HPB has once again been celebrated in traditional manner. A good number from local Churches gathered on Good Friday for the Walk of Witness through Highams Park, and after our Easter Sunday morning service many friends enjoyed good food and fellowship at the Bring and Share Lunch. Thanks go to all who helped provide and prepare the delicious assortment of dishes, especially to Mandy Edwards who coordinated the Lunch. Once again, the Chapel was decorated with flowers and we also extend our thanks to those who used their artistic skills to such beautiful effect, especially Marilyn Robinson who coordinated the arrangements.

On Sunday May 15th Martin and Amber Tayler presented their son Adam for Infant Dedication. It was great to see Martin, Amber, Rebecca and Adam again, together with proud Grandparents Dorothy and Cliff, and other members of the family. Martin and Amber and the children are now back in China after their brief holiday in Britain and we wish them every happiness in their future family life together.

Congratulations to Lizette and Warren who married in South Africa on April 16th. We were treated to an impromptu slide show in Fellowship Hall after morning service on their return where we enjoyed photos of the happy day! God's blessing on them as they begin married life together in the UK.

Congratulations go to Jill Doyle who has been successful in gaining a Teaching post at a specialist Primary School for children with Autism. Russet House in Enfield is a new venture in the schooling and treatment of Autism and Jill will be involved in ground-breaking work there with the children when she commences teaching in September. We ask for God's blessing and guidance for Jill as she takes up this new challenge and wish her a happy and fruitful time at the School.

Our more senior friends will remember former member, Joan Hyde who moved away from HPB some years ago. We were delighted to hear from Joan recently who writes: "Thank you for still sending me your Magazine. I do enjoy reading about my old friends. It is also nice hearing how the Church is getting on. I look back to my time with you with happy memories." It's good to hear from those who, while no longer living in the locality, remain in touch with us and enjoy continuing contact with our fellowship. We send Joan our loving best wishes and encourage members of our wider family to contact us with their news.

Our condolences go to Martin Bowering on the recent death of his mother. We send our loving prayers to him and all the family in their loss.

Congratulations to Beth Aggus who recently ran a 5k. 'Race For Life' in aid of cancer research. This is by no means the first race Beth has undertaken and we are very proud of her achievements in raising money for this vital work.

Your prayers are asked for several of our fellowship who are undergoing treatment at present or have experienced ill health recently. We pray for Geoff Norris, still receiving chemotherapy, who has been in hospital several times in the past few weeks due to related problems. It was good to hear that his recent scan results have been encouraging and we remember him and Margaret, and all those who care for Geoff day by day in our prayers.

Phil Slaney and Miriam Loblock are both awaiting results after operations, Gwen Roberts remains in Highams Court, and Marion Brown, who, together with her husband, has recently begun worshipping with us, is also receiving hospital treatment. Please pray for all these and others known to us in special need at this time.

We look forward to a busy time ahead as we enter the Summer season. The Boys' Brigade will be going on their annual Camp very shortly; we wish both boys and staff a happy and refreshing break and look forward to hearing all their news on their return!

We are planning another fun-packed (!) Church Cleaning Day on Saturday July 2nd when both Church and gardens will be spruced up and repaired in good time for the Church Social we hope to hold on Saturday July 23rd. You can read more further in the Magazine. Please do your best to support these events; our last cleaning day was very well attended and a great deal was achieved. Our Social Evenings are always good fun and this year we hope to have a chance to see examples of the work done by other groups who use our premises week by week and get a chance to meet with them.

Wedding thanks from Lizette and Warren

Warren and I would like to thank everyone who prayed for us before and on our wedding day. We had the most amazing day with friends and family. Even the rain held out till 9 that evening.

God has really blessed us with a caring church family. It was lovely to show everyone at church our wedding photos when we got back. It would have been nice if everyone could have joined us in South Africa for the celebration ;)



Regards, Lizette

The HPB Men's Group
Proudly Present
a night
of
Hot Steaming
Food
in the form of a
Curry Evening
to take place on June 23rd 2011



details from Phil Slaney

SPRING HARVEST

What was wrong with Mum? Why was she acting so stressed and worried? I know now that she was concerned - could I be as good at Spring Harvest as I was before?

Well, she had NO need to worry. I was better than before, a real star! Not only did I point out all the MacDonalDs, but I also pointed out Pizza Hut on the way. This made Mum and Jason laugh.

We had new holiday homes, which were bigger than last year. More room for my bubbles that I blow to float around in.

I think it's great on holiday, as you get to have sausages for breakfast and lots of chips for dinner.

After breakfast it was the Big Start, where Mum and I had a dance and a cuddle. I also did a little bit of sewing.

Then off to my group, with Mum at first. I could dance and sing and pop to the sensory tent to play. At snack time Mummy went off with a smile on her face and I got two friends to come and play. Thank you to Jonathan, Ruth, and Emma, and this year I also got to play with Amanda and Jason too.

After a cake at lunchtime we did lots of fun things, like swimming, the fun fair, bowling and the beach. I like to stand under the great big waterfall in the pool.

In the evening I went to Family Praise with Mum or one of my friends looking after me. Mum was so impressed when I recognised Nick Harding who runs the evening group.

On the way home I had a few tears and asked for more holiday. I really did have a great, great holiday. I really hope and pray that I can go next year.

Toby Player

Highams Park Baptist Church needs your help

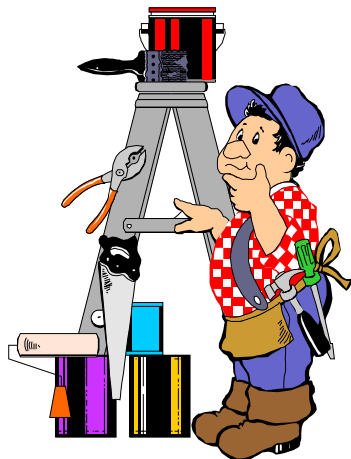
Day 2

On Saturday 2nd July from 10.30am to 5.00pm

Were you disappointed when you were unable to make it to the last Church cleaning day - fear not! There is another opportunity just waiting...

We are having our second cleaning day of the year where we will be cleaning the church inside and out with some painting in the Lounge.

Can you give up your day or a few hours to help make the building look clean, smart and bright?



We are looking for people that can do any of the following; it doesn't matter if you are 2 or 92 there is something for everyone to do and help us make light of these jobs:

- Paint
- Clean windows
- Spring clean wood
- Basic gardening - including cutting back bushes and weeding
- Spring clean the kitchen
- Make drinks and lunch for the team



If you can help with any of the above, even for two hours, or for the day please let Jason know as soon as possible. Then we can make light work of the jobs that need to be done to keep our church and the buildings bright and clean.

Many thanks

Jason

Easter Flowers

I would like to thank all those who helped with the floral arrangements for our Easter Services recently. For those who came down to help decorate the Church on Saturday, or provided flowers and donations to make the display so beautiful-thank you to all.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all those who, Sunday by Sunday, provide or arrange flowers for our services. There is a rota on the Church notice board in the Welcome Area and if you wish to provide flowers one Sunday, perhaps to mark a special occasion, or in remembrance of a loved one, just put your name by the appropriate date, or let me know. If you feel you cannot arrange the flowers personally I can arrange for that to be done.

Marilyn Robinson.

GOD said, NO - *What is God's responsibility, and what is ours?*

I asked God to take away my habit,

God said, No. It is not for me to take away, but for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.

God said, No. His spirit is whole, his body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.

God said, No. Patience is a by-product of tribulations; it isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.

God said, No. I give you blessings; happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.

God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly pursuits and brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.

God said, No. You must grow on your own; but I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.

God said, No. I will give you life, so that you may enjoy all things.

I asked God to help me LOVE others, as much as He loves me.

God said....Ahhh, finally you have the idea.

Anon

A Walk On The Wild Side (or 'Who Am I?')



A new friend asked me recently to accompany her, and possibly advise, on a project she was undertaking. Although I felt somewhat inadequate I agreed to do so and found myself in a small area I had never before been to. Immediately a large individual (1) almost barred the way, looking as though clearly no-one had ever given him any guidance or attention. He was used to going his own way at whatever cost to his peers. I was shocked to realise his actions had even led to the death of some. How to treat him was a problem - certainly he would need to be restrained and many of his worst habits cut out completely. There might then be just a chance of his playing a more balanced part in society and even become an attractive member of his community. Next however I was confronted by the skeletal remains of his victims (2) - a pitiful sight. One could only ensure they were laid to rest in an appropriate place.(2a) In the Spring sunshine though I now saw a hardy soul (3) all decked out in new clothes, ready to greet any passer-by. This cheered me and I noticed her companion (4) - a slight, grey-haired, rather wispy person with a scent of cologne about her even before her usual blue rinse to celebrate the coming of Summer.

In a darkened corner a huge torso (5) led up to arms stretched out in welcome; but a closer look showed that he too had his troubles - the loving touch of his lady-friend (6) was rapidly becoming the embrace of death. Would he be able to be saved? Only, I believe, by drastic action to rid him of those who had depended on him for so long. Who should survive, and at what cost?

Next, a cheerful bunch (7) who, although obviously undernourished, were each still determined to make themselves remembered by all.

Throughout this time there were individuals or gangs of nasty, prickly-looking guys (8) lurking about whom I felt would be more than happy to attack the unguarded or unwary. I was hoping someone would arrive and gather them all up and remove them to a more appropriate location!

Again another contrast appeared (9) - nothing better could you choose, all dressed in yellow with beautiful white highlights. At this point I became aware of a ringing in my ears which I took to mean I should leave this place by way of the blue carpet.(10)

What an experience., What can it mean? Can you identify any of the ten individuals mentioned?? (Hint - all are to do with gardening) **Sheila**

Answers on last page of the magazine

What ever happened to Whitsun?

Those well known "people of a certain age" will remember Whitsun, if not for the religious connection then for Whit Monday which was one of our few Bank Holidays. Whitsun or Whit Sunday has its origins, as do many Christian festivals, in pagan roots. In this case it was the celebration of the start of the Summer half year. It later became connected to Pentecost which the church celebrates as the time of the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. Nothing is ever easy when trying to find the derivation of words and Whitsun is no different. There are two main contenders – firstly that it is a contraction of "White Sunday" a day when many people came to church in white clothes to be baptised. Later this changed to the practice of the young women in a parish coming to church in new white dresses on that day. The second idea was put forward by an Augustinian canon who suggested that it was a corruption of the word "wit" in that the coming of the Holy Spirit on the disciples brought "wit and wisdom" to them. Please feel free to make your choice.

But of course Whitsun is a word rarely heard now. Whit Monday is, since 1971, the Spring Bank Holiday and since this is fixed as the last Monday in May is not linked in time to Easter. However it is still a Bank Holiday in a number of other countries in Europe and beyond. Between 2005 and 2007, in France, it was a working day but people did not get paid – the money raised extra funds for the elderly and disabled. It reverted to a proper Bank Holiday in 2008!

We have many customs associated with Whitsun including the "Whit walks" – these are believed to have originated in Manchester about 1800 and may have been the parading of Sunday School children from a point in the city to their church to celebrate anniversaries. Other churches then took up the idea and so it grew lasting till the present day. Whitsun also seems to be a time for the more secular pastimes including "cheese rolling" and Morris dancing.

So we have seemingly lost Whitsun but have gained a Spring Bank Holiday – it just does not have the same ring to it somehow!

"I mourn the loss of thousands of precious lives, but I will not rejoice in the death of one, not even an enemy. Returning hate for hate multiplies hate, adding deeper darkness to a night already devoid of stars. Darkness cannot drive out darkness: only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only love can do that."

Martin Luther King

*There's A Spirit In The Air**

When I recently looked at my calendar to check on the date of Whit Sunday this year I searched in vain for any reference to the festival; there were details of the Queen's official birthday, and Father's Day (June 17th in case you've forgotten), and numerous public holidays were carefully noted, but nothing for Sunday, June 12th. After searching elsewhere I eventually found it, and this, in part, prompted Dave's article: "Whatever happened to Whitsun?".

Of course for Christians Whitsun never really went away, but it is a Christian Festival that sometimes gets rather forgotten in the aftermath of Christmas and Easter, magnified as they are by 'hyped-up' commercialism and the giving of presents and chocolate. Then there is that strange other title by which it is known: **Pentecost**.

The word Pentecost comes from the Ancient Greek, meaning 'the fiftieth day'. The festival is celebrated seven weeks (50 days) after Easter. Pentecost falls on the tenth day after 'Ascension Thursday.' Pentecost (or Whitsun as it is commonly known in the UK) commemorates the coming of the Holy Spirit to the followers of Jesus as they were gathered in Jerusalem to celebrate the Jewish Harvest Festival (Shavuot), praying behind locked doors because they were afraid of persecution (*Acts 2: 1-41*). After the resurrection Jesus had met with the Disciples on a number of occasions and He told them to wait in Jerusalem until the Holy Spirit came to them, filling them with power from Heaven (*Luke 24: v.49*). The Disciples were suddenly empowered to preach the gospel of a risen Christ and they went out into the streets, preaching with courage and boldness and, with the Holy Spirit within them, they were able to make themselves understood to the many different nations of the Roman Empire gathered in Jerusalem. Peter spoke boldly about Jesus and three thousand people believed his message and were baptised. After this the Christian Church spread throughout the World and it is for this reason that Pentecost is also known as the '**Birthday of the Church**'.

The Holy Spirit is described in the Bible as a person rather than an abstract entity and Christians believe that He is the third member of the Trinity: **Father, Son and Holy Ghost**'.

At Christmas Christians commemorate God's wonderful gift to us of His son Jesus, and at Easter we celebrate Christ's triumph over sin and death. The coming of the Holy Spirit enables us to have the faith to believe and trust in our Saviour, and empowers us to share His gospel with others according to the gifts bestowed upon us by the Holy Spirit. That is why this festival is as important as Christmas and Easter and why Christians celebrate it with such joy and thanksgiving.

Jacquie

**From the Hymn by Brian Wren, Baptist Praise and Worship, No. 300*



Flames and a dove are both Christian symbols for the Holy Spirit



Cromer Church

Cromer is a quiet seaside town on the Norfolk coast. It has one of the few remaining operational piers and possibly the only one that still has an end of the pier show. It has another claim to fame in that its church tower is the highest in Norfolk at 50metres high. We recently spent a day in Cromer during a fleeting visit to Norfolk to see our son and his family who were staying there for a few days. Whilst walking round the town we came upon the church and wondered if it was open to visit – many churches these days seem to be locked. We were surprised to find that not only was it open but that there were a good number of visitors inside.

I do not think that you would describe it as an average church. Whilst not up to Cathedral size, it is light and airy with much stained glass of all ages. It felt welcoming and was obviously used to visitors, with booklets and postcards on sale.

The church seems to have developed from two churches – one dedicated to St. Peter and the other to St. Paul which were noted in the Domesday Book as being in the villages of Shipden-juxta-Mare and Shipden-juxta-Felbrigg (sited where Cromer is today). By 1337 it was decided to incorporate both into one enlarged church which by 1437 formed the basis for today's church of St. Peter and St. Paul. With the Reformation came the decline in all churches - Cromer's was no different except that the decline was helped by a similar decline in fishing and trading. Things got so bad that by 1757 there was a move to demolish the church but it was reprieved. However, in 1767 much of the fabric of the church was pulled down (before it fell down!) and the Bishop of Norwich allowed the sale of four bells, roofing lead, brasses and timber, the proceeds to be spent on making the church weatherproof. Things improved – if slowly – and by the 1860's moves were made to raise funds for the restoration of the church. This was aided in no small measure by local wealthy families. The present organ - the fourth – was obtained from Bath Abbey in 1897.

Reading the leaflet “ A history of the Church building” you are struck by the little things that seem to have helped the church survive – the increase in population from 676 in 1800 to 3,781 in 1911 (and many more now it is imagined) and the coming of the railway joined Cromer to the rest of the County. The improvements continue – in 1953 the restoration of a stained glass window by Edward Burne-Jones took place and in 1959 a hugely striking new window portraying the Ascension was commissioned.

We usually describe visits to Cathedrals but, in a way, this was much more inviting, friendly and accessible – a quirky display of two deck chairs at the front of the church decorated with lollipops was accompanied by a card saying “Taste and see that the Lord is good” (Psalm 38) – well, people had tasted and the Lord and His church were good!



A very large Church!



A welcoming sign



and a very high tower!



The Ascension window



The lofty interior

Pictures from Jon Lyus and from a Postcard of the exterior

A SUMMER FUN EVENING

Will be held on Saturday 23rd July 2011
between 6.00pm and 10.00pm.
All welcome

The Programme is to be finalised but it is
hoped to include:

Demonstrations from hirers of the Halls to show
what they do.

A Barbeque (weather permitting!!)

Karaoke in Fellowship Hall

Games in the Lounge

The evening is to celebrate the refurbishment of
Cowling Hall and in aid of Christian Aid.

There is no admission fee but you will need a ticket
to enable catering numbers to be known.

You will be able to make a donation towards the work
of Christian Aid on the evening.

Further details will be given in Church



Reaching, Connecting, Growing

We are now in our 4th year and have a lovely group of around 19 children come along each Monday. Some from our church, some from the after school club and some that have no other contact with the church. We meet every other Monday during term time and the kids seem to have great fun.

We play games and do either a craft activity or cooking activity each session and we end each term with some sort of party. Things we have done in the last year have included making chocolate cookies, brownies and knickerbocker glories; had a pyjama party a BBQ and a water games evening; we have painted money boxes, decorated animal notebooks, coloured fridge magnets and Easter boxes, tried our hands at origami and generally had fun and made a lot of noise!

If you feel like popping in one Monday to see what we are up to or to lend a hand you would be most welcome. We meet from 6 to 7.30pm and our next few dates are 6th and 20th June and 4th and 18th July. Contact Mandy or Michelle for more details

our aim is to reach out to children and their families, forming connections within our community in order to build on the solid foundation to help them grow in all aspects of their lives.

Spring Harvest



SPRING HARVEST 2012

[Find out more](#)

Spring Harvest

Spring Harvest was fun again this year. To say we packed out the 5 days is an understatement. I think they tried to offer too much variety in group sessions this year and it was diluted somewhat, but I still learnt things and certainly came home refreshed, inspired, closer to the other people in our group and God as well as exhausted!

You choose how much or little you want to do so I recommend everyone to give it a go, there is something for everyone. The day starts with a short family worship session in the Big Top, then everyone off to their groups. In the afternoons we spent time together at the funfair, bowling, on the beach and generally just relaxing and having fun. Early dinner then evening worship, either in the Big Top, All Age celebrations or the teenage groups. There is also late hour comedy, drama or various bands if you are not ready for bed by then.

Rob has put together a DVD of pictures and film of the social activities we did in the afternoons, see him if you would like a copy. Its time now to book for next year so let us know if you are interested in coming.

Sunday School



Our numbers vary quite a bit from week to week and a rota exists for the leaders so that we are still able to spend some time in church rather than disappearing with the children week after week. Many hands make light work as they say ☺

Lately we have spent more time together as a large group. We have been watching a series called Friends and Heros, an animation aimed at 6 to 10 year olds, but it has been enjoyed by everyone from 4 to 44 and beyond! The main character is a boy called Macky and we follow him around on his adventures, each episode tells both an Old Testament and New Testament story which we re-enforce with discussion, puzzles, craftwork and colouring till the church service has finished. Last week we made little boats with Jesus in following on from the story of the Calming of the storm. (There is also a website at www.friendsandheros.tv which has information stories and puzzles if you would like to check it out)

Here is a puzzle for you that we ran out of time for on Sunday

D	Y	Q	B	L	S	L	F	I	C	N	H	T	J	A
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CALM
PEACE
WATER

DISCIPLES
SEA
WAVES

FAITH
SHIP
WIND

FEARFUL
SLEEP

JESUS
STILL

OBEY
STORM

GOD – AN EXPLANATION

The following was written by an eight year old for an assignment on how to explain God.

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die so that there will be enough people to take care of things on Earth. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think it is because they are smaller and easier to make. That way He doesn't have to take up valuable time teaching them to talk and walk, He can just leave that to Mothers and Fathers.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like Preachers and things, pray at times besides bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or t.v. because of this and because He hears everything, and is everywhere, it keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your Mum and Dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have.

Jesus is God's son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God. They finally got tired of Jesus preaching to them and they crucified Him. But He was good and kind, like His Father, and He told His Father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K.

His Dad (God) appreciated everything that Jesus had done and all His hard work on Earth so God told Him He didn't have to go out on the road any more. He could stay in Heaven. So He did, and now Jesus helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing to things which are important for God to take care of, and deciding which ones He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important.

You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they've got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time. You should always go to Church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God. Don't skip Church or do something you think will be more fun like going to the beach. This is wrong, and besides, the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway.

If you don't believe in God, besides being an Atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It's good to know He's around you when you get scared in the dark, or when you can't swim and you get thrown in to the water by big kids.

But you shouldn't always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back any time He pleases - and that's why I believe in God'.

A Church for our times

An occasional series by Phil Brown.

People of faith have many things that trigger thoughts of God and their beliefs. It may be an incident in daily life or something beautiful in Nature. Regular readers of my articles will know that Art and Music frequently do this for me. So you will understand that following my recent prolonged illness, it was a great relief to restart Concerts and Gallery visits again. One of the first of these was a tour of the V & A, led by our friends Chris.

He first took us to view the Raphael Cartoons which immediately started me thinking about our Church life. They are painted on paper in somewhat muted and faded colours. Although stand-alone works of art, they were intended as patterns for a series of tapestries to hang on the walls of the Sistine Chapel. Only a few of the set are on display but there is also a tapestry produced from one of the pictures. One immediately notes that the tapestry is not only a reversed mirror image, but that the colours are much brighter and striking. They were intended to awe their viewers and show the power and wealth of the Church. The subject matter, based around the commissioning and deeds of the Apostles, emphasised the authority of the Church. Exactly what was needed for the mainly illiterate audience of their day. It struck me that if we want to reach people in today's media-overloaded society, then we need to find more vibrant and vivid ways to express our message. Too often the modern Church appears dull, colourless and even timid and apologetic. Alternatively, those elements of the Church which are more vocal, often appear to lack reality. We need to provide the common sense and practical but with power and authority.

Being relevant in today's society was again the theme when Chris led us to look at a group of Hogarth cartoons. Hogarth had a strong social conscience and did not hold back when he used earthy humour to demonstrate the ills of his time. He also did something practical about them as a Governor of the Foundling Hospital. We can be too genteel and understated in our comments on today's problems. If anyone should be giving clear guidance in times of greed, selfishness and moral turpitude, it is the Church.

Lastly, Chris took us to the English Art Galleries and to a room where a row of Constables hang opposite a line of Turners. You could not find a greater contrast: Constable's gentle working landscapes set beneath vast East Anglian skies and Turner's exciting pictures, full of wonderful colour, dramatic lighting and energy. Yet it is not only their Art that contrasts but the men themselves. Both were born in the same year. Turner was quickly accepted by the Art establishment and was elected to the Royal Academy seventeen years before Constable. Constable carried on learning his craft and in the next room is a large collection of his studies and sketches. A plough, some clouds, a horse and cart, and so many more. Eventually he was accepted and today is one of Britain's best loved and recognised painters. Turner, on the other hand, was ahead of public opinion, became too impressionistic for the establishment, and, in later life, was rejected by them.

In the Church we have a vast range of contrasting styles and opinions and would be greatly the poorer without this rich variety. However, different types and styles are more relevant at different points in history. As I stated earlier, at a time when the world is wracked by enormous problems, we need a dynamic response. Unfortunately, too often we resemble the gentle, nostalgic, acceptable Constables. Maybe it is time for the Church to adopt Turner's model and start proclaiming in broad, vivid brush strokes - less concerned with the sometimes irrelevant minute detail and more with the overall impression of a relevant Church and Living Lord.

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Can you work out what this Bible verse tells about?

Fill in the letters based on the code:

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Junior Church



How many words can you make from the letters in:

Holy Spirit

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A Picture for you to colour:
The Holy Spirit Comes



CHURCH DIARY

June

- Sunday 5th 10 am Morning Service (followed by Refreshments)
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 12th 10 am Morning Service with Communion
conducted by Mr. Les Edwards
- Sunday 19th 10 am Morning Service
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- 11:30 am approx. Church Members' Meeting
- 4 pm Churches Together in Highams Park Prayer Walk
Meet at the Clock by the Station / level crossing
- 6 pm Churches Together in Highams Park United
Service with Care and YouthCare Commissioning
at Winchester Road Methodist Church
- Sunday 26th 10 am All Age Service (followed by Refreshments)
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce

July

- Saturday 2nd 10 am Church Clean Up Day
- Sunday 3rd 10 am Morning Service with Communion
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Thursday 7th 7:30 pm Church Council Meeting at 21 Warboys Crescent
- Sunday 10th 10 am Morning Service (followed by Refreshments)
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 17th 10 am Morning Service with Communion
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Saturday 23rd 6 – 10 pm Summer Evening Event for Christian Aid
- Sunday 24th 10 am All Age Service (followed by Refreshments)
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 31st 10 am Morning Service with Communion
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce

August

- Sunday 7th 10 am Morning Service (followed by Refreshments)
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce
- Sunday 14th 10 am Morning Service with Communion
conducted by Rev. Jonathan Boyce

Answers to Sheila's 'Walk On The Wild Side' - how many of them did you keen gardeners guess??

- 1) Honeysuckle
- 2) Unknown shrubs. 2a) Compost heap/brown bin!
- 3) Hypericum - Hi! Perry, come.
- 4) Lavender
- 5) Tree
- 6) Ivy
- 7) Forget-me-nots!
- 8) Nettles, brambles and sticky weed
- 9) Choisya
- 10) Bluebells

