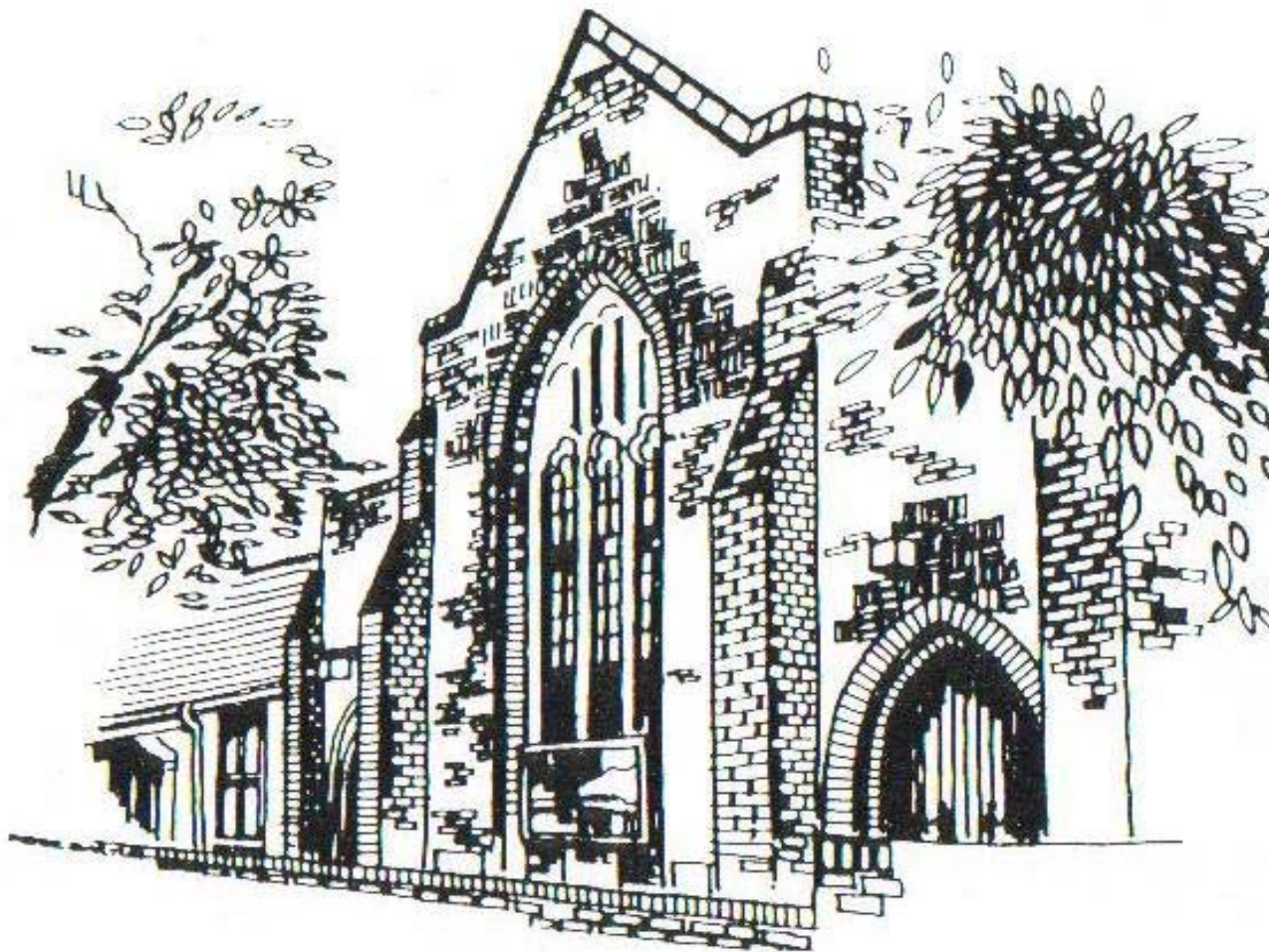




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CHURCH PROGRAMME



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

Wednesday Gathered Prayer 8.00 – 9.00pm 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) 6:30 - 8:00 pm
Juniors (For boys and girls in school years 4-6) 6:30 - 8:00 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. Details of the dates when the groups are meeting are available from Jonathan.

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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Dear Friends,

‘How should I live my life?’ - The suggestion is that it is a pertinent, relevant, question not just for Christians but for non-Christians also – certainly if we were to make a judgment on the basis of the shelves and shelves of self-help books that we would see if we were to have a Church Trip to a Waterstones book shop. We might come across books with titles such as: ‘Secrets for Success and Happiness’, ‘The 10 Natural Laws of Successful Time and Life Management’, ‘More than 60 Ways to Make your life Amazing’, ‘Your Best Year Yet’.

I was reminded recently of a man called Luke Rhinehart who apparently chose to hand over the running of his life to the roll of a dice. I read that now nearly 45 years since writing his cult novel ‘The Dice Man’, Luke Rhinehart, an 83 year old New Yorker, is still making life choices with the shake of a die. “To use chance to affect the outcome of your life is the ultimate form of gambling,” explains Luke. “You can make the stakes high or low.” I would like to propose, and strongly endorse, a better way...the way of wisdom.

The book of Proverbs in the Bible is a good source of wisdom. Hence our current Sermon Series called ‘The Art of Living’ about the teaching of the book. It has been described that ‘what the book of Psalms is to prayer and devotional life, the book of Proverbs is to everyday life with practical suggestions for everyday living’.

Evidently people are readily asking the question, or indeed they are ready to read an answer to the question ‘How should I live my life?’ – the shelves and shelves of self-help books in most book-shops are evidence of that....or indeed if we were to huddle together around the letters pages of certain magazines we would see it too. There too is evidence of people wanting advice about all sorts of things: ‘Should I look for a new job?’, ‘What should I say to my friend whose mother died recently?’, ‘What’s the best thing to do in this situation?’ and so on.

The comment is that answers to those sorts of questions might come not just from self-help books or magazine columns but also from a variety of other sources: family, friends, colleagues, other people that we respect. And understandably so.

Some of the advice may be what could be described as 'good common sense'; some of it might even be what could be described as 'folk wisdom'. As the old sayings go, 'Too many cooks spoil the broth', 'A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush', 'Don't count your chickens before they hatch'. I wonder if any examples of good advice that you have received from others come to mind?

Through the words of his letter to the Church at Ephesus, the Apostle Paul urges its first readers and us too: 'Be very careful then how you live – not as unwise but as wise' (Ephesians 5:15).

The proposal is that the Bible book of Proverbs offers so very much better guidance on how to live than other contemporary sources because its wisdom is no less than the wisdom of God – the God who created it all and who really does know it all.

The book of Proverbs doesn't argue about basic spiritual and moral beliefs - it assumes that we already hold them [about God and His ways]. The parts of Proverbs that do explicitly focus on God – about His character, His works and His blessings – tells us how we can live in close relationship with Him. The book has been described as 'a gold mine for those who desire to live life to its fullest in the will of God'.

Because of who God is, certain types of behaviour are identified as 'good' and certain types 'bad'. Because of the way that God established the world we can observe certain patterns about the way that it works, reflect on them, and then act accordingly.

Wisdom is much more than the increase of knowledge or the accumulation of facts. Wisdom is about the application of God's truths to the circumstances and situations that we are presented with as we live our life.

Might it be that we each discover wisdom's immeasurable value and hold it near and dear and let it shape our life.....for to possess wisdom is to understand the true art of living.

'Be very careful then how you live – not as unwise but as wise.' (Ephesians 5:15)

God be with you in every way as is the need.

Jonathan

Cabendish Circular



Friends will be pleased to hear that Les Edwards has settled down happily in the home of his son Keith and family in Sheffield and is enjoying time with his family there. You can contact Les by phone or letter; he will enjoy hearing from friends at HPB. Contact details

are available from Rob and Mandy or the Editors. We send Les our love and best wishes for the future in his new home.

Another of our friends and former member of HPB has also moved recently. We have learnt that Geoff Colinese is now living in sheltered accommodation and has settled happily into his new surroundings a little way from his former home. He too will be very pleased to hear from any at HPB and again, you can obtain his contact numbers from the Editors.

Our fellowship has been saddened by the death of Barry White on 26th June. Barry, together with his wife Brenda and daughters Sarah and Claire, have been good friends of HPB for many years. Barry was a long-time member of the Boys' Brigade and there were many warm tributes from BB members who had served with him in the past and who had remained good friends. A packed church gave thanks for Barry's life and faithful commitment to the Boys' Brigade at his Thanksgiving Service and you can read tributes to him further in the magazine. We send our loving condolences to Brenda, Saran and Claire and all the family in their loss and will continue to remember them in our prayers.

Your prayers are once again asked for all those in our fellowship who are unwell at present. We especially remember our former Church Secretary, Beryl Alvarez who is undergoing hospital treatment; also our former member Leslie Durant who recently fell, needing hospital treatment. We pray that God's presence will be a comfort and sustaining force to all those in special need, guiding and strengthening them in every way that is needed.

We congratulate Phil Slaney who has recently celebrated becoming a Septuagenarian! Phil celebrated this occasion with family and friends; we wish him every blessing for the future.

We rejoice in learning that Liz and Simon Jones have become Grandparents. Their daughter Rachel has recently had a baby boy, Lucas, who arrived a little early and has had to stay in hospital where he is being treated for jaundice. Happily he is progressing well and should be home very shortly. We send our warmest congratulations to parents Rachel and Danny, Liz and Simon, not forgetting Great-grandparents Margaret and Geoff Norris.

Finally, we bid farewell to our good friend Dave Lewarne who is leaving Great Britain to return to his home in South Africa. Dave has been a regular member of our fellowship over the past six years and we have enjoyed good fellowship with him. We give thanks to God for Dave's contribution to our Church in so many ways and ask for His blessing on Dave's future life in South Africa where he will be able to enjoy time with his family and friends there. He hopes to visit us again at some point next year. You can contact Dave at his normal email address in the future.

How good is your memory?



The above picture was sent by Sylvia Tomlinson's son David. He found it in his mother's effects. He thinks it is a picture taken of the Youth Group at HPB around 1964/5. As far as we know most of the people have been identified - how many can you name?

Barry John White



23rd January 1942 - 26th June 2015

Words of Tribute *Taken from the Eulogy given by Jonathan at Barry's Thanksgiving Service.*

Barry John White was born on the 23rd January 1942 to Mum, Lucy, and Dad, Harry. The White family home was on Wadham Road, Upper Walthamstow.

Barry went to Chapel End School, before passing his 11+ exam, whereupon he attended the George Monoux Grammar School which later became the co-educational Sir George Monoux Sixth Form College.

Barry became involved with the Boys' Brigade. He was at a friend's house and Les Edwards happened to visit Barry's friend while he was there – Les was looking to enlist Barry's friend into the Boys' Brigade. Barry joined too and became fully involved, including joining the band. He played the side drum, later teaching it. Amongst favourite memories of life in the Boys' Brigade were Summer Camps at St. Helen's on the Isle of Wight.

Barry took a sandwich course - part study and part placement - at what is now City University, London, then known as the Northampton College of Advanced Technology. He gained an honours degree in Electrical Engineering and his first job was with the Rotax company who were involved in the aviation industry. As luck would have it, Harold Wilson, the Prime Minister at the time, cancelled an order for three aircraft from Rotax. Barry often said that actually it was the best thing that could have happened to him for as a result, he moved into working with computers, specialising in system analysis and never looked back. Barry kept in touch with many colleagues from everywhere he worked (including one from Rotax), forming firm friendships with others that lasted all his life. The number of friends who attended his Thanksgiving Service is testament to this.

Barry and Brenda met in 1961 at the Young People's Fellowship at our Church. Brenda was part of South Chingford Congregational Church at the time and a friend had invited her to come along to the YPF and give it a try. Barry and Brenda married here at HPB on 16th July 1966. For football fans 1966 will mean much with the World Cup being held here in England. The wedding reception, co-ordinated by the ladies of the Church, was held here, before Barry and Brenda headed to Barry's parent's home to watch the England vs Mexico group 1 match on the television. England won the game, which was at Wembley, 2-0 - Bobby Charlton scoring in the 37th minute and Roger Hunt in the 75th. Indeed Barry and Brenda cut short their two-week honeymoon in Cornwall to return home to watch the World Cup Final on television. Barry was a life-long supporter of Tottenham Hotspur and held a season ticket for White Hart Lane. One of the stewards at Tottenham went to visit Barry when he was in hospital last year.

Sarah was born on the 9th August 1967 and Claire on the 6th November 1969. A fond childhood recollection was of their father making, building and fixing things; undertaking wood-work, plumbing and electrical tasks.

He was always doing D.I.Y. Barry received a step ladder and a rotary clothes-line as prizes when he won a competition to design and build a kitchen. His victory was recorded in the Walthamstow Guardian - the clothesline is still there in the garden of 32, The Crescent.

Claire remembers hiding when Tottenham lost and Sarah recollects building boats out of sand on the beach with the incoming tide making the boats seem much more authentic. There are family memories of camping holidays with Barry in his underpants packing away the tent in the pouring rain, while Brenda, Sarah and Claire sat in the car. There are memories of twenty-five years of skiing holidays, including one year when Barry claimed that he was suffering from food poisoning when actually his feeling unwell was the result of a hangover following his enthusiastic celebration of his grand-daughter Amelie's birth! Barry derived a lot of pleasure from his grandchildren, Amelie and Phoebe. To them he was 'Granddad Baz'.

There are memories of ten years of motor-bike trips to Europe in the Summer, including one occasion, following a close call or a tight squeeze while on the bike. Barry turned around to Brenda to exclaim 'that was a close shave' only to see that Brenda was off the bike in the middle of the road some way back. Brenda was ok but evidently it was a little too close a shave! Barry had a keen brain and there are memories of many games of scrabble, the last of which, perhaps much to Barry's consternation, Brenda won! Barry's love of Scrabble included playing on-line.

There are memories of visits to Brazil, Canada, Australia, Hong Kong, East Africa and of annual holidays with members of the old YPF in a self-catering barn, including, more recently, memories of lovely, special weeks away to Cromer in Norfolk and down to the New Forest. Barry's passions included walking, ski-ing, motor biking and cycling. In addition to his love of the theatre, Barry enjoyed films, plus TV series such as The Sopranos and The Wire. He loved a thriller with a complex plot as well as comedy and satire.

It was said that there was a sense in which a party really got started when Barry arrived. It is recalled that on one occasion, at a party where there was use of just a single toilet, Barry, while in the toilet, rather mischievously decided to climb out of the window while leaving the toilet door locked. He then proceeded to head back to where the toilet was and joined the back of the now very much longer queue with people very likely wondering why it was taking someone so long! One can picture Barry at the back of the queue fully aware of, and playfully responsible for, exactly what was going on!

Understandably it was hard for Barry when he suffered a stroke in January 2007, a week after his 65th Birthday. One comment was that it was 'a struggle for Barry to overcome it.'

In keeping with his personality though, Barry was keen to take advantage of one stay in a hospital hotel in central London following his stroke. He and Brenda stayed at the hotel for two weeks so as to enable Barry to undertake very regular exercise with the physiotherapist. Over the fortnight they also happened to see three West End shows!

2007 was a very difficult year with Barry also suffering a couple of falls. Barry's strength, determination, positivity and sense of humour helped him through all that he was to face.

Sarah and Claire are keen to acknowledge Mum Brenda's important role too....that Dad Barry could not have got through the last eight years without the constant love, care and support of Brenda who tirelessly and stoically looked after him and accompanied him to Spurs and many other social, musical and theatrical events and even things that apparently she didn't really want to go to! She sat daily by his bedside during his long stays in hospital and went with him to many an outpatient appointment over recent years.

Last year Barry went in for a heart operation to replace a valve which sadly didn't work out as planned. Barry was in intensive care for 25 days. At one point it was suggested that his chance of survival was just 3%. Against everything Barry pulled through. One of the hospital staff made the comment that 50% of Barry's recovery was due to the work of the hospital and 50% was due to Barry and the tenacity of his family. Once again Barry's strength, determination, positivity, sense of humour, together with the tenacity of his family, helped him through.

Barry was discharged from hospital on the 19th December. He remarked to Brenda: "haven't we got a concert coming up soon?" It was true, he and Brenda had tickets for a Chris Rea concert at the Hammersmith Apollo the next evening. Barry insisted that they go and they did. Neil Diamond was another of Barry's favourite musical artists, likewise The Who and Paul Weller. Recently Barry and Brenda very much enjoyed a five-day break to France with Richard and Angela. Two days after returning from their time away together Barry died suddenly on Friday 26th June 2015.

When asked for words to describe Barry, many were offered up. He was larger than life and lived life to the full. He was gregarious, out-going, funny, supportive, bright and determined and a great manager of people. He was a proud man – particularly proud of Sarah and Claire's respective careers. His family are very proud of him too.

Sarah and Claire have written: 'Our dad was an extremely intelligent man with a razor sharp wit. He was kind, generous and non-judgemental. Bold, strong and tenacious, he would always have time to listen to problems even though latterly he had many of his own. We will miss his wisdom, support, encouragement and guidance and most of all, his unconditional love.'

Barry may be gone from our sight but he will never be forgotten from our hearts.

Some of Barry's friends and colleagues gave their memories, amongst them Steve Jenkins and we add his tribute here:

As a former boy and officer in the 17th Waltham Forest I count myself extremely fortunate to have joined this Company of the Boys' Brigade in the late 1960s along with Martin Bowering, Andy Bowles, Dave Evans and Robert Sully, to name only a few. In only a short time we realised we were in the 'Dream Team' with the 17th really 'on the up' with a superb set of officers and staff. It was a case of something on every day of the week for the large number of boys that were attracted to such a wonderful and exciting Company and organisation.

Barry was the drum instructor and worked very closely with Norman Coe who was the band master and bugle instructor. Both exuded confidence in abundance which rubbed off on all those who were in the band, so much so that we won the Battalion Band competition on numerous occasions in the 1970s and 80s, performing well in London competitions.

Barry was an excellent table-tennis player and would regularly take on all comers in clubroom on a Friday night - I can still remember how elated I felt after actually beating him for the first time after many attempts of trying!

Barry loved camping and always looked forward to our annual camp in St. Helens on the Isle of Wight, sharing with our good friends the 6th Company. He would take part in all the activities which made him very popular with the boys. He was also very good at helping out with camp maintenance. However, I understand that on one occasion he was in the officer's mess standing on a wobbly trestle table attending to the lights, having turned off the power supply. Unfortunately another member of staff turned the power back on not knowing that Barry was working on the lights, causing Barry to scream out (with a few choice words) and to have his hair stand on end, having had a bolt of electricity surge through him! It seems strange to think that everyone appeared to find this amusing apart from Barry!

Barry, along with Garry Coomber, Dave Mayhew and Bob Sargeant, introduced me to the delights of Le Mans, the world famous twenty-four hour endurance race. Le Mans also involves camping, but not as you would know it! As you can imagine, when a group of blokes go off on a long week-end to enjoy themselves anything can happen and quite often it did. On one occasion, having just arrived, we were erecting our tents and getting everything unpacked from the cars. Barry sat down on a folding chair and called out 'has anyone got a pump for my 'Lilo'? No-one paid much attention as we were all busy, however I had a trick up my sleeve. Whilst Barry was busy blowing into his 'Lilo' I quietly went over to my bag and took out a pump and discretely went round behind him and put the pump under his chair and then moved away. Barry did not notice and carried on inflating his air-bed. I managed to point out where the pump was to a few of the others and we found it hard not to give the game away with our sniggering.

After five minutes or so a red-faced Barry jumped up proudly holding his inflated air-bed aloft in his hands. It was then that I pointed out the pump beneath his chair. To his great credit Barry found this very funny! Then there was the time Barry wanted to do a bungee jump at Le Mans. Unfortunately it would appear that he, along with the rest of us had had a bit too much sun (and liquid refreshment) resulting in his becoming more determined than ever to do the jump. He suddenly stood up, walked off our site and headed straight for the fun-fair, demolishing a charcoal Barbecue in a neighbouring site that was lit and cooking food. Barry did the bungee jump, saluting to attention as he fell.

On my first trip to Le Mans, an event took place that has become legendary over the years. Barry was working on our day of departure and suggested that we pick him up from a friend's house in Chichester on the way to Portsmouth. Barry had drawn a map with directions to the house. Unfortunately, he had drawn the map upside down, resulting in us driving in the wrong direction along the A27 for fifteen minutes or so before we realised something was wrong. We finally arrived late at Portsmouth, which resulted in a bit of a rushed departure Barry waved to his friends as he made his way down the garden path, carrying a small bag over his shoulder. One of us said, "Barry's not bring much luggage with him", a reply was heard to say "yes, but don't say anything as it might upset him". We made our way to Portsmouth and checked in for the ferry to France. Barry was sitting in the front of the car and as we were about to drive onto the ship, the car in front stopped and the driver got out to open his boot to put his passport back in his bag. Barry said "Oh, I've got a bag like that....!!". I shan't tell you what language Barry used, I will leave it to your imagination – but I can tell you it was very loud! Barry had left his luggage behind at his friend's house! He started to pull at the door in desperation telling Dave Mayhew, who was driving, to pull off the approach to the ferry and drive back to Chichester. It was no good, we had to proceed or we would not make the ferry - Barry was steaming. We all found it so funny but dared not let Barry know! Whilst on the Ferry, Barry was not really inconvenienced, however as soon as we landed in France, he told us to head to the Hypermarket so that he could buy some clothes for the weekend. Barry kept his purchases to a minimum particularly as regards a sleeping-bag which cost 6 francs and was so light you could hold it up to the light and see right through it. One thing we could not understand was why on earth he bought a full-length Edwardian bathing costume complete with blue and white bands?

We were sleeping in a trailer-tent that year and the weather was very unsettled. During the night, to play a joke on Barry, Dave and I decided to open all the windows - the wind blew through the cabin, so much so, on occasions sheets of newspaper were seen to fly through the air. Both Dave and I slept well due to our nice warm sleeping bags. However, Barry informed us that for some strange reason he felt quite cold. Throughout the weekend, every so often we would break out singing the chorus of Cliff Richard's song 'Travelling Light' to which Barry would blow a very loud raspberry! Le Mans came and went, and on our way home Barry was insistent that we visited the Hypermarket once more, not only to buy some beers and wine but to also

return the sleeping bag and bathing costume for a full refund as being unsuitable!

There are so many more stories I could tell if time allowed and I am sure many more can be shared in the future as we look to remember Barry White – the legend. What a man, what a friend!

‘Sure and Steadfast’



As we end our Summer session and return from the Annual Summer Camp, I thought it would be good to give you an update on all the different things that have happened to the 17th Company.

The company as a whole has had a good Summer Session. We start with the Annual Awards Evening when our new Battalion President and his wife were guests of honour and presented awards to the young people. All the young people got something which was good and Stephen Edwards gained his Presidents Badge and has now started working for his Queens Badge - the highest award in The Boys' Brigade. We then displayed activities, with games from Junior & Anchors, and a makeup walk where the Company Sections take part in a night walk.

Over the summer the young people have enjoyed lots of different activities from bowling, quasar and trips to the lake for the Junior and Anchors. They also took part in the Battalion six-a-side football and sports evening. The company had ice skating, cinema, bowling, pizza & film night, clubroom and sports games at the Church. We also went on our annual weekend camp, when the weather was kind to us and we enjoyed a bonfire and boat trip up the Lea Valley.

We took part in the Armed Forces Day Parade and had stalls on both that occasion and Highams Park Day. We sold sweets and drinks to help with our funding for different activities. We finished our Session with a water games night and barbeque which was enjoyed by all.

We are going on our annual camp in the New Forest again this year and will report on this in the next magazine. Our thanks go to all who provided cakes for us.

On behalf of all the Officers, staff and young people we hope you have a great summer -time whatever you are doing.

Jason

The Derbyshire Weekend

On the weekend 5-7 June 2015 nineteen old BB boys and wives enjoyed a walking weekend in Derbyshire. Howard and Wendy Jones hosted the weekend and arranged a curry evening on the Friday evening in Derby.

On Saturday we did an 8 mile walk near Hathersage and we nearly got blown off the ridge by the strong winds! On the Saturday evening we were all invited to Howard and Wendy's home in Derby for a BBQ and we all enjoyed a great time of food and fellowship together.



On Sunday after leaving the Jury's Inn hotel in Derby we made our way South to Calke Abbey where we did a circular walk in the grounds with the sun shining before we left to make our way home. A good time was enjoyed by all and it was particularly good to know that Barry and Brenda White were able to join us.

Phil Slaney



Highams Park Snippets

The Highams Park Society are trying to restore a feeling of the 1920's -no! not by getting the trains to run - sometimes on time - but by restoring the station garden to its former glory. They hope they may even win a prize. They meet every month and their results are very good as shown in the before and after pictures



Before (you can tell by the number of staff)



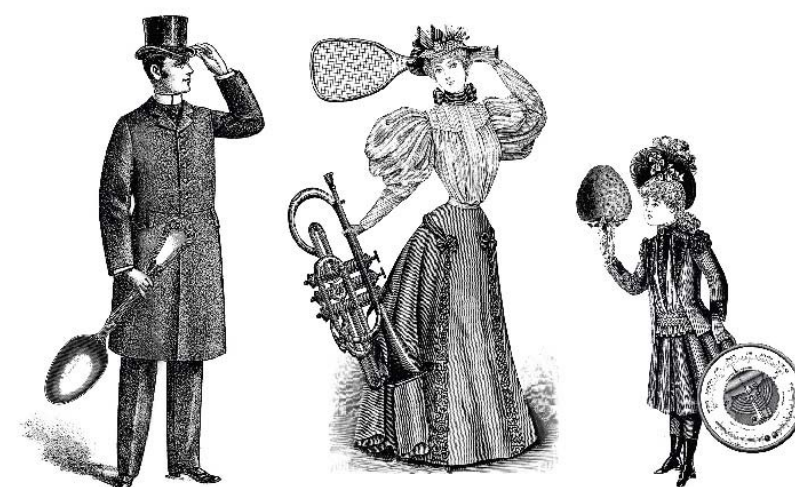
After

Waltham Forest Council is holding a consultation (yet another) on resident's views on a Controlled Parking Zone in 34 roads around the station. There is a 'NO' campaign in evidence - dependent on type of car the residents will have to pay between £12.50 and £120 for the privilege of parking outside their house. The Council does not seem to have come up with an answer to the need to park to use the station or the shops. We await the outcome with interest

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Celebrate how lucky we are to have Epping Forest!

Arranged by the Friends of Epping Forest, with support from the Ramblers and the Corporation of London, the walk marks the centenary of the passing of the Epping Forest Act. For more details, contact 020 8418 0730

The 'Praying Hands'

Sheila Humphrey has created a carving inspired by the picture by Durer of hands in the position of prayer. It now hangs in the sanctuary. This is the story behind it:



I am a long time admirer of the 'Hands' drawn by Albrecht Durer in 1508 (and of the legend attached to them – please see later).

However, though I was not interested in carving an actual copy, for some time I had wondered about carving female hands in prayer. I know that I do my best work when there is a strong emotional connection with the subject or the person involved. I was therefore very happy when Doris Thorndyke agreed to have her hands photographed

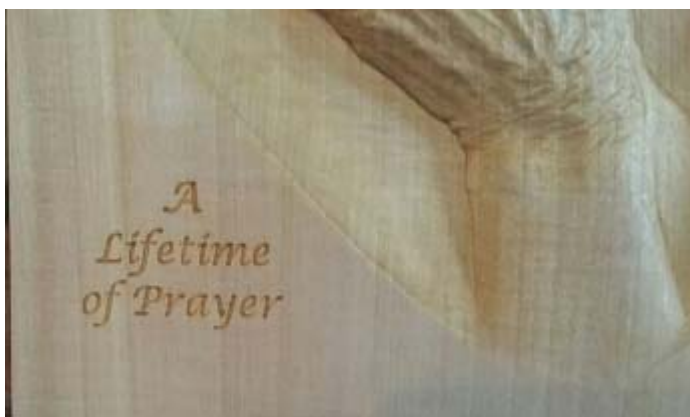
by Dave Lyus for me to work from.



The carving moved forward slowly, as ever, and was unremarkable for a long time! However, the deep love and respect I have for Doris helped me to keep striving for more and as the hands did indeed become Doris' hands the work seemed to take on a power beyond my own.

At last I was satisfied and it has been a great pleasure for me (and Cell Group folk) to see the hands on my mantelpiece over the last few months. I am still amazed to have created something which does so move me, and others. I can only think that maybe I had inspiration and guidance

from a certain carpenter of long ago.



The words on the carving are these: 'A Lifetime of Prayer'

The Story behind Durer's painting is as follows:

The Legend of the Hands

In the late 15th century, Albrecht Durer and Franz Knigstein were struggling young artists. They had to work hard to support themselves while they studied art, but found their work took too much time and energy. So they drew lots, and decided that Durer would study, and Knigstein would work to support them both financially. Then, later when Durer had become successful, they would swap roles.

So Durer went to Europe to study for some years, and did indeed become successful. Keeping his bargain, he returned to his friend, who had spent the time working at hard manual labour to support him. But the cost of such hard work was that Knigstein's fingers had become stiff and twisted, and he could no longer hold a paintbrush. He would never be able to fulfil his own artistic genius.

Yet he was not bitter. Instead he rejoiced in his friend's success. One day Durer came upon Knigstein unexpectedly and found him kneeling in prayer. Durer quickly sketched the painful twisted hands as they were intertwined: later this sketch became the world famous painting of the Praying Hands - representing the love and respect of one man for another, and the humility and grace of a life given to Christ.

Ed's note: This is one version of the legend - in another Knigstein is replaced by Durer's brother . Whatever the truth, the picture is a great work of art.



The Carver and the model



*As you will see from the following pictures, the last Church Picnic was a great success.
If you want to join the next one it is on Sunday
16th August....*



Early in his ministry Jesus called to himself twelve others whom he had chosen, and appointed them to be with him, to have authority to preach and to cast out demons. He called them 'apostles' (Mark 3:13-19) which basically means 'messengers'. He sent them out to represent him in the villages and to do the kinds of things that he himself was doing (Mark 6:7). The apostles, with the exception of Judas who was replaced, were later to be the core witnesses to the ministry and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21-26). They were later joined by the apostle Paul (1 Corinthians 15: 3-11). As the church grew, they appointed or affirmed other leaders who carried forward the work of the church in different contexts (Acts 6:1-7; 14:23; 18:24-28; Titus 1:5). It is clear that Jesus, the head of the Church, makes provision for the needs of his Church, by enabling those whom he calls to exercise ministries. This is why Paul says in Ephesians 4:11-12, 'The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ'. Through verses such as these we are able to understand the nature of Christian leadership. Every movement or community that wishes to achieve its purpose and objectives very quickly discovers that it needs properly recognised leaders who will guide it forward, serve its continuing life and act as spokespersons for its points of view. The Christian Church is no exception.

All are called to minister - It is clear that in the Christian Church, all are called to share in the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ. When Jesus was baptised, the Holy Spirit came upon him to enable him to fulfil the mission on which he had been sent (Matthew 3:13-17). When people repent, believe and are baptised in his name they too become partakers in the Holy Spirit and receive power to live and witness for Christ (Acts 1:8, 2:1-2). Mission and ministry are not therefore the activity of some in the church but the responsibility of all, each in the calling they have been given. In a Baptist church these callings might take the form of contributing in acts of worship, sharing in worship leading, using musical abilities, leading house-groups, visiting people, teaching in educational programmes, evangelising, serving in administration or in finance, caring for the young, preaching, acting as deacons or elders or any one of many other forms of service. This shared approach to the work of the Christian Church is consistent with the Baptist approach to church life in general. However, it is not the whole story.

Some are called to special ministries - Other special ministries are given 'to equip the saints for the work of ministry'. Notice this is not a call to do the work of ministry so the rest of the saints don't have to, but to equip them all to serve one another. The special ministries most easily recognisable are those of the teacher, pastor and the evangelist. All of these roles may flow into each other with some people being gifted to function as all three and others more obviously gifted in specific areas. In the New Testament, Philip in particular is described as an evangelist (Ephesians 21:8) but

many others worked evangelistically to add to the church. It is wise therefore not to separate these roles too rigidly from each other.

Evangelists act as recruiters, drawing new people into the life of faith and often functioning on the edge of or beyond the local congregation. Teachers act as the interpreters of the scriptures to enable people to grasp their content and the ways they can be applied today (2 Timothy 2:24).

Pastors act as healers, exercising oversight over people and, like shepherds (which is what the word pastor means), care for the well-being and spiritual growth of those entrusted to them. The New Testament gives evidence of the foundational role of the apostles and prophets in establishing the church (Ephesians 2:20). We still benefit from their witness each time we study the bible.

But there are ways in which some aspects of these roles continue in the life of today's church. The apostles were the early entrepreneurs who crossed cultural barriers and broke new ground in the growth of the church. They were not always located in one church but travelled across the ancient world. We still have such spiritual ground-breakers today and we still need them to push forward the mission of God. The prophets were inspired listeners to God who were able to speak God's word, raise questions about the way things are and alert people to the needs of the times. In Acts 21:10, Agabus is specifically identified as a prophet, and modern prophets might be identified in voices such as that of Dr Martin Luther King Jr, the great American civil rights leader and Baptist minister.

Ordained ministry - A common feature of all the special ministries is that their essence is in bearing the word of God to people. This is true in the roles of evangelist and teacher, apostle and prophet and in that of the pastor who enables God's people to understand their individual Christian journey, in the light of the ways of God revealed in Christ and scripture. Although many in the church may preach and teach and all may bear witness, the churches have the authority to recognise and appoint particular people, as those it believes God has specially chosen and gifted to make this their first priority. This ministry has often been called 'the ministry of Word and Sacrament', which need not imply that only ministers can preach and administer the sacraments (although they usually will), but that in their oversight of the church they have particular responsibility to ensure that the Word is rightly preached and the sacraments rightly celebrated. Churches support them as they first gain an extensive education in the scriptures and how to interpret them in the modern world, and then devote themselves (usually, but not always, full-time) to the communication of the faith, and to the oversight and growth of the church. It is essential that the churches should be able to call upon those who are well educated in the faith, for their wisdom and advice. Since it is of the highest importance that those who speak officially for the church can do so with authority, all who are thought to be called to these roles are tried and tested in various ways before being allowed to assume them. The churches authorise them as trusted representatives by means of ordination. Ordination involves the formal setting aside of tested people, for special ministry in the name of Christ and his church. It is normally done with prayer and the laying on of hands (Acts 13:1-3; 1 Timothy 4:14). The word 'ordination' recognises that such people are part of the way Christ orders his Church and that therefore, those ordained are necessary for the well-being of his Church. They belong to the gifts of ministry described in Ephesians 4:11-12. Ordination recognises them as faithful teachers and witnesses and is not

understood by Baptists to grant any special powers to offer sacrifices at the Lord's Supper, as is the claim of some traditions.

It is rather a ministry of preaching, communicating the faith and exercising oversight. Because Baptist churches practise congregational government, ordained ministers can only ever serve in a pastoral office if they are elected by the local congregation. It is this call, by which the church receives them as a teacher, pastor or evangelist, that authorises them to care for a particular congregation. In other words, they cannot impose themselves or be imposed by anybody else but only freely called by a congregation. It is the responsibility of the whole church to identify and recognise those who are emerging as its future ministers (2 Timothy 2:1-2). Specialist training is normally given in the theological colleges that are a part of the respective Baptist Union. After training and testing, those who have been approved are ordained at the beginning of their ministries and are then inducted to specific posts of responsibility. Ordinations and inductions are conducted by regional ministers or others who are able to represent the wider community of Baptist churches because of the trust in which they are held.

Enabling ministry - To be ordained by the church to exercise special ministry is a considerable responsibility but its purpose is 'to equip the saints for the work of ministry' (Ephesians 4:12) and not to give the saints a reason for avoiding it. The goal is to create a fully functioning church in which all members are working harmoniously and creatively as they are supported in the stewardship of their gifts and abilities. When this happens a church is at its most effective, producing a synergy of life and effort from which all may benefit (Ephesians 4:15-16). Ordained ministers are given by God, in order to be enablers of the whole congregation.

They do this by teaching the faith, by helping people identify their God-given gifts and by supporting and mentoring people as they grow in confidence. They also take a leading role in engaging with the surrounding community and leading in mission. The focus of ministry is not only upon the church but on the mission of God and the world beyond the church, in the belief that the Christian community exists for the glory of God and the salvation of the world.

Ministries — local and regional - Generally speaking, ordained ministries should be seen as having a wider scope than the local church alone. People called to such ministry are making themselves available to God. This means that although they serve locally they are always open to the call to go elsewhere in the exercise of this ministry, as God wills. It may also be the case that some are called to exercise regional ministries, that is, to care for a group of churches and their ministers, giving support and offering leadership in regional mission. In former times Baptists have called these 'messengers' and 'superintendents'. Their primary purpose is to support local congregations and to provide a focus of unity for ordained ministers and churches alike, within a Regional Association.

Ministry as male and female - Within the Baptist Union of Great Britain, ministry has been open to both men and woman for many years. It is clear in the New Testament that women have an honoured place within the life of the church. Mary was the mother of Jesus. Mary Magdalene was the first witness to the resurrection (John 20:11-18). Women were prominent in the first community of Christians (Acts 1:14). Priscilla was active with Aquila in the early mission (Acts 18:18, 24- 28). Phoebe was a deacon (or minister) and a benefactor of the church in Cenchreae

(Romans 16:1-2). Junia was described as prominent among the apostles (Romans 16:7).

Although there are some passages in the New Testament that restrict the ministries of women (such as 1 Corinthians 14:33-36 and 1 Timothy 2:1-15), this appears to be for particular reasons in their context and goes against the emerging trend of the New Testament which favours the full participation of women in accord with the gifts bestowed on them by God. Galatians 3:28 states the principle, 'There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for all you are one in Christ Jesus.' Women and men may therefore both participate fully in the leadership of the churches according to their faith, their gifting, their calling from God, and the confidence that their fellow church members have in their ability to be faithful servants and representatives of Christ (2 Timothy 2:2). What counts most of all is not the gender of the person who carries the message of Christ but the content of the message they carry.

Deacons and Elders - Local congregations also need local leadership ministries and this is usually in the form of 'deacons' and 'elders'. Such roles are not normally stipendiary, unlike most ordained ministries.

The offices of deacon and elder are described in 1 Timothy 3:1-14 and high standards are set for both of them. It is clear that to be a leader in the local church a believer must be a good example of Christian discipleship and able to serve it well. Baptists have traditionally appointed deacons to share in the oversight of congregations and to manage its affairs. Many also have elders who share with ordained ministers the task of overseeing people's spiritual well-being and pastoral care. It would be unhelpful to draw the distinction between the two roles too sharply and it is very unhelpful to say that one is practical (deacons) and the other spiritual (elders). Everything in Christ's Church should be seen as spiritual since we seek to bring all its affairs into relationship with God. The distinction between 'organisation' and 'pastoral care' might be more helpful. As with ordained ministers, deacons and elders are elected by a church. This is normally for a limited period with the possibility of reappointment, whereas ordained ministers are normally appointed for an indefinite period and may stand down when called elsewhere, when they retire or when the church deems this to be in their best interests. Ministers, deacons and elders (or churches may use more general titles such as 'leaders') have responsibility and authority that is appropriate to their role, but it is important to understand that they always serve with the agreement of the local congregation. The only Lord in the congregation is Christ himself.

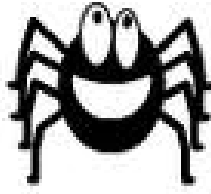
*Creator, Friend and Partner,
Companion of our days,
How wide, how deep your wisdom.
How wonderful your ways!
Help us to show thanksgiving
for all you freely give:
To love you in our neighbour,
and by the way we live.* *From 'We Plough and Sow' by Brian Wren*

The Men's Group Curry Evening

On 6th August nineteen men gathered at No. 1, The Avenue for a curry evening. An excellent evening was had by all. One of the reasons for holding the event was to celebrate the 70th birthday of Phil Slaney.

During the evening toasts were raised to Phil on his birthday, to absent friends - Barry White - who always enjoyed such evenings and who was sadly missed, and to Dave Lewarne who is returning to South Africa to spend time with his family. He will be a great loss to the Church but we wish him all the very best for the future. He has promised to keep in touch with us.





Son of Sam - Standing room only!

Hello Samson what's up?

A few weeks there were so many people in this church there was standing room only!

Yes it was a special service of thanksgiving for Barry White an old BB boy.

Well Ed, there was no room for spiders they even had chairs in the vestry!

I know Samson, we think two hundred people attended that service to say goodbye to an old friend.

I would have paid my respects too but I could only see a basket with flowers on it.

Well Samson, that was the coffin which was carried in with a BB guard of honour.

Well Ed, when I thought it was all over and I could relax in the organ loft I suddenly heard bugles playing outside in the church garden.

That was the 'Last Post' being played as a tribute for an old BB boy by his mates.

Do you think someone will play a bugle for an old spider when he expires?

Well Samson, it depends if you've got some old spider mates that have known you for over 50 years!

P. T Slaney in the tradition of Sam the Spider by A. S, Fugler

Building news

In the last issue we showed some pictures taken by Phil of Barry on the roof of the church. This he was doing with a purpose! He has been busy restoring the buttresses on the Church which had become eroded over the years. Phil has kindly sent some updated pictures so you may see the new brickwork - many thanks Phil.



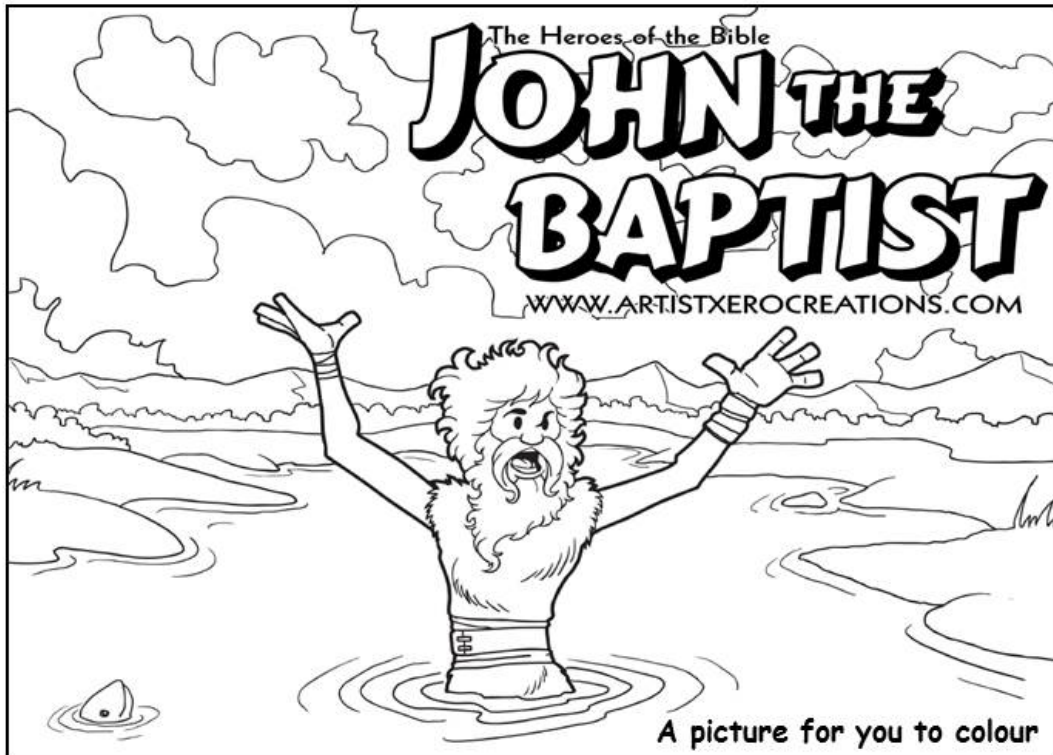
A fine job which
will hopefully last
for many years

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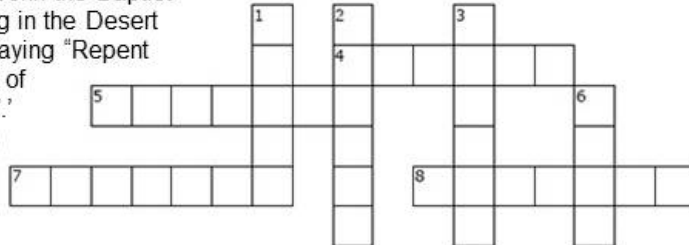
Used by Bob Jenkins in the Service taken by him recently



JOHN THE BAPTIST

- **John the Baptist's** story is told in Matthew, Mark, Luke and John (New Testament) - **Where:** Judea
 - **Occupation:** Prophet - **Relatives:** Zechariah (Father), Elizabeth (Mother) - **Also at the same time as John:** Herod - **Lesson from his life:** God does not guarantee an easy or safe life to those who serve him

'In those days, John the Baptist came, preaching in the Desert of Judea, and saying "Repent for the kingdom of Heaven is near".'
 (Matthew 3:1,2)



CHURCH

ACROSS

4. To be sorry for something bad you have done and make a change
5. What John did to people in the Jordan River
7. To get ready for something that is going to happen
8. One who speaks for God, or tells what will happen in the future

DOWN

1. The sounds that are made when people speak or sing
2. To deliver a sermon
3. An area where there is little rain and not many plants
6. The man who preached that Jesus was coming

repent	preach	voice	baptize
John	prophet	desert	prepare

CHURCH DIARY

August

Sunday 2 nd	10 am	Morning Service led by Jonathan
Sunday 9 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Paul
Sunday 16 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Jonathan
	12:45 pm approx.	Church Picnic at Ridgeway Park
Sunday 23 rd	10 am	All Age Service led by Jonathan
Sunday 30 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Jonathan

September

Thursday 3 rd	7:30 pm	Church Council Meeting at 21 Warboys Crescent
Sunday 6 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Jonathan
	7 pm	'New Songs' Worship
Monday 7 th	7:30 pm	Bubbles, Splash and The Grid Teachers and Helpers' Meeting at 21 Warboys Crescent
Tuesday 8 th	7:45 pm	BBGA Team Meeting at 21 Warboys Crescent
Saturday 12 th	time tbc	Bubbles, Splash and The Grid Day Out
Sunday 13 th	10 am	Morning Service led by Jonathan
	11:30 am approx.	Church Members' Meeting
	6:30 pm	Churches Together: Care Commissioning Service at Winchester Road Methodist Church
Tuesday 15 th	8 pm	Churches Together Meeting at HPBC
Sunday 20 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Jonathan

Sunday 27 th	10 am	All Age Service – Harvest Thanksgiving led by Jonathan
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October

Sunday 4 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Jonathan
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	7 pm	'New Songs' Worship
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Sunday 11 th	10 am	Morning Service led by Jonathan
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Refreshments are served after the Morning Service every Sunday