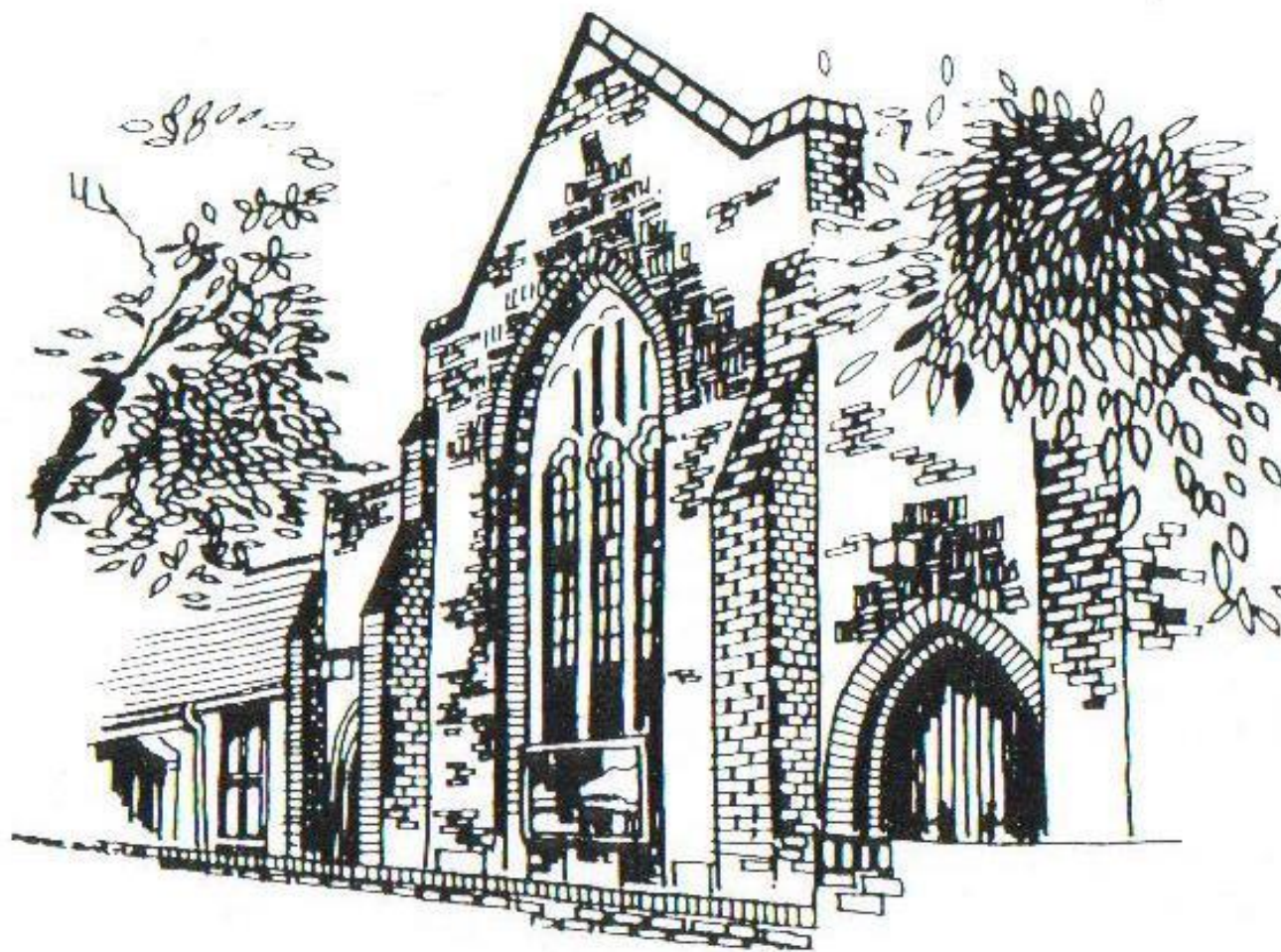




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# CHURCH PROGRAMME



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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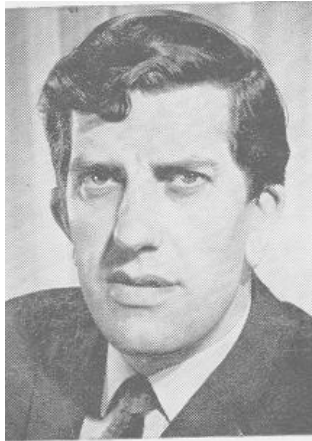
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*Almost 50 years ago the Church was undergoing the same situation as we are now. They had been through a period without a Minister but, unlike us, had found one. His name was Michael Walker - he was born in London in 1932 of English and Welsh parentage and had been a Minister at New Southgate and Edinburgh. As well as his Ministry at HPBC he wrote some well received books of Prayers including 'For everything a season', 'From glory to glory' and 'Hear me, Lord'.*

*The Minister's Letter has been a staple of our magazine for many years - as at present we do not have an incumbent we thought it might be an idea to scour the archives and print the first letter from past new Ministers. This letter appeared in the magazine for May 1967. It may be said that future letters would show a depth of care and commitment to the events locally and on the global scene. Michael wrote as follows::*

'It seems impossible that it is only a week since I was inducted into the Pastorate here. Indeed, there are moments when I forget that I have ever lived anywhere else except London. It's good to be home, even though at the first opportunity I shall probably go chasing off to the rugged peace of some mountain or other.

We would like to thank all of you for making these first days so happy and doing so much to see that the upheaval of moving and settlement was made as easily as possible.

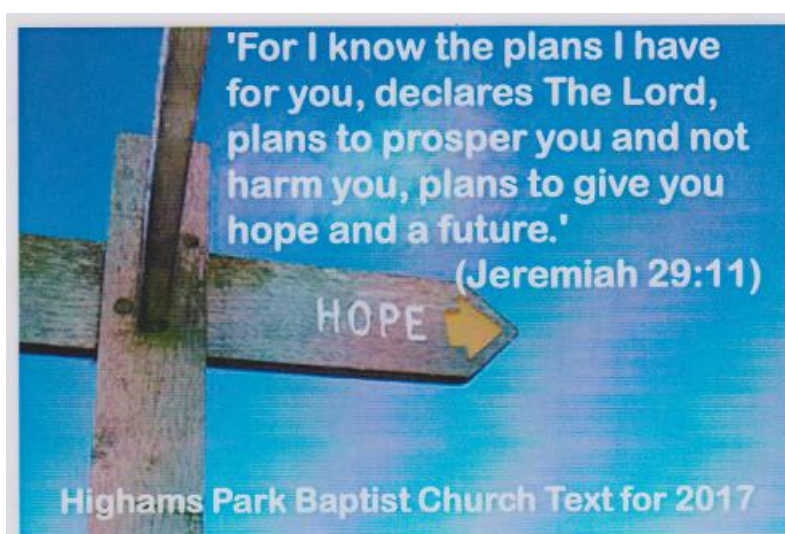
We would especially like to thank those who decorated the Manse, those who cleared up, the many who helped stock the larder, those who organised the smooth running of the Induction, who decorated the Sanctuary so beautifully with flowers, and those who made tea for the multitude afterwards. Many people did many things and we are grateful for all of them.

I feel I owe you an apology. At the gathering in Fellowship Hall after the Induction, I am afraid I spent the whole time speaking to people from New Southgate and other points of the Metropolitan compass. It must have rather seemed like a wedding reception where the groom spends his time talking to his old flames! I can only ask for your patience. There were a number of people there we had not seen for a few years and it was wonderful to have the opportunity to catch up on news. One man from New Southgate saw us for the first time - he came into the Church during our last year and, at the time, was being operated on for his sight. This has now recovered and he and his wife were recently baptised.

I am gradually settling into the pastoral work. It will take me some time to get to know you all. I hope that you will help me by letting me know of any need as soon as you become aware of it. Some people hesitate to ask a Minister to visit because they feel that they are imposing upon his time and that he is probably occupied doing other things. I can only reply that if doing other things means that I am too busy to visit where it is needed, then I am too busy - full stop! We need to remember in the Church that people are more important than anything else.

I have already been to one house-group and look forward to moving around the others. It will help us considerably in getting to know each other.'  
M.J.W.

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# *Cavendish Circular*



As we near the second half of 2017 (where does the time go?) we can look back at an eventful few months at HPBC; anniversaries celebrated, fellowship enjoyed at Church and in the wider community, essential fabric tasks tackled, along with both sad and joyful times. Further on in this issue you can read about how the BB Company celebrated their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary weekend, the fun and fellowship enjoyed at this year's Spring Harvest at Skegness, and how your generous donations have helped school children in Ghana. With all this and much more it might be a good idea to make a cup of tea or coffee, put your feet up and enjoy a relaxing time reading all about what has happened so far this year!

Once again we thank all those who have led our services while we seek a new Minister; these have included both Church members and visiting speakers. The worship has been varied and inspiring and as we all work towards discerning God's will for our Pastorate we know that the prayerful encouragement of the fellowship is proving a very real support at this time. The Church looked beautiful once again as we celebrated Easter thanks to a dedicated and talented group who each year enhance our joyful worship. Pictures of these floral arrangements, together with thanks, can be seen further in the issue. We also take this opportunity to thank Marilyn Robinson who has for many years organised our flower rota so efficiently, ensuring that the Sanctuary looks so attractive each week. We are glad that her recent hip operation has proved successful and that she is already becoming more mobile and pain-free.



It is with great sadness that we report that Max, the young grandson of Steve and Karon Jenkins passed away in Grt. Ormond St. Hospital at the end of May. Max had been gravely ill and awaiting a bone marrow transplant for some time and the whole family have been continually in our prayers for many months. Max brought great joy and inspiration to his family during his short life and we extend our loving condolences to his parents Rebecca and Adam, Steve, Karon and all the family in their loss, praying that God's love, peace and strength will uphold them in the time ahead.

Our condolences also go to our member Muneyi Antoniou whose father died suddenly in Zimbabwe at the beginning of June. We do pray that God's peace and love surround the whole family as they give thanks for his life and celebrate all that he meant to them.

Several of our friends have been undergoing treatment or suffering health problems recently and we continue to pray for them. These include, Lynda and Gerald Lewis-Azayear, Margaret and Geoff Norris, Mavis Grint, June Tresarden, Doris Thorndyke, Jharna Saha, and Simon and Phil Slaney.



Congratulations and best wishes go to our member Hazel Ansell and husband Mike, who have become grandparents with the safe arrival of Poppy Grace on Easter Sunday. Poppy is the little daughter of their son Simon and his wife Paula and we wish the family every happiness and blessing for the future. Poppy is home and giving great joy to all the family and you can see a recent picture of her in the Circular.

More congratulations go to our member Doris Thorndyke who has become a Great Grandmother for the seventh time with the arrival of Alfred William Edward on May 11<sup>th</sup>! Alfred is the son of Rory, Doris's grandson and his wife Nicola, and his names reflect a family history. Chris (Doris's son) tells us that William was his Grandfather's name, Edward is Rory's middle name and his Mother's Grandfather's name and of course we remember with much love Great Grandfather Alf, Doris's late husband, a faithful member of our Church over many years. We also include a picture of this latest arrival with his Great Grandmother.



## *Thanks for the Easter Flowers*



*Thank you to Jenny Cove who co-ordinated the flowers for the Easter Weekend and to her team of helpers, and for donations for the purchase of flowers. The chapel looked very beautiful and their efforts were much appreciated by all.*

*Thank you also to all those who provide flowers and arrange flowers for our services week by week. 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.*

*With thanks, Marilyn Robinson.*



*Thank you to Sheila, Hazel, Dianne, Doris and Pauline for helping with the flower arrangements and making the church look so nice for Easter. And thank you to anyone who donated flowers and/or money.*

*Jenny*

## **Genevieve Brooks, 8th July 1932 -17th March 2017**



Genevieve Bradfield, known to most as Genny, was born in Canterbury Road, Walthamstow on 8th July 1932. Mum was Jane and Dad was Stan. When Genny was 5 years old the family moved to 35 Richmond Crescent in Highams Park. Genny attended Selwyn Infants and Junior School and later attended Sidney Burnell Senior School.

It is important to remember that the Second World War started in 1939 when Genny was only 7 years old and plans were made for Genny to be evacuated but because she cried

she didn't go and stayed at home throughout the war. She recounted frequent visits to the bomb shelter in the back garden which eventually became a fish pond. After the bombing raids she apparently was thrilled when pieces of shrapnel fell into neighbouring gardens and the competition with other children to collect the most pieces of shrapnel. Sadly, she lost a school friend due to the bombing and even remembered Sidney Burnell School being bombed which blew out panes of glass during the winter but classes still continued. A vivid memory for Genny was her pet rabbit keeping her hands warm during that winter!

During the war Genny's Mum, Jane, worked at the Halex factory in Highams Park making survival kits for downed pilots. Her father Stan was called up in 1940 but due to poor health did not go into the Army, instead he worked for the G.P.O. in a clerical post. Genny left school just after the war and she briefly followed her aunts into nursing but decided it was not for her. Instead, she went to work in the City for Phoenix Insurance as a Shorthand Typist.

In 1948 Genny met Reg Brooks who was serving in the RAF at the time; at a party in Hollywood Way, Highams Park; Reg had been working on the Berlin Air Lift in 1947-8. At the time Reg had another girlfriend but Genny must have made such an impression he decided to leave her for Genny! They then became engaged and were married on 5th April 1952 at Highams Park Baptist Church by the Reverend Stephen Winward. When they got married Reg was working at the Foreign Office as a Clerk. When first married Genny and Reg lived in a top flat in Reg's family home in Finsbury Park. They saved hard for four years until they were able to buy their first home at 86 Richmond Crescent with Genny's Mum and Dad still living down the road at No. 35. Then son John and daughter Jane arrived in 1966 and 1969.



Then the family moved only 4 doors down to a newly build house with central heating and 2 toilets at 90b Richmond Crescent! Both John and Jane recall very happy childhood memories, although money was short they still went on annual holidays and even went to Spain one year aged 4 and 2 with a Pools win from Reg's Mum Lillian! John is sure those holidays whetted his own appetite for travel.

John and Jane were both dedicated at Highams Park Baptist Church as babies where Genny was a regular attender. Genny was a very active and popular member of the Young Wives Group during the 1970s at HPBC. She also attended evening classes to gain her O Level English in the 1970's, her education having been curtailed by the War. When the children were older Genny went back to work at the Sun Life Insurance Company in Throgmorton Street in the City doing Secretarial then PA work. She made lots of good friends through her work who she continued to stay in touch with into retirement.

They both retired in 1995 and moved to Paignton in Devon, taking Reg's elderly parents with them who they cared for for the next five years. They enjoyed 12 very happy years in Devon where they had three dogs and were actively involved in the local community and made many friends through the Women's Institute and the British Legion as well as supporting many charities. They also enjoyed a World cruise together in 2006 which included visiting family in Australia. Genny also developed an interest in doll's houses, Miniaturist collecting and making dolls houses.

Sadly, Reg died in 2007 and although she had the company of her beloved Labrador, Lucky, Genny suffered with the shock and in 2009/10 she struggled with memory loss. John went to Plymouth University to be near Mum in 2010/11 as she was diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Genny bravely faced up to her memory loss and was seen as being very courageous in dealing with it. After University John went off to sea and Mum at this point was unable to live by herself. It was decided that Mum should move to be near Jane so she went to live at Bayfield Court Care Home at Chingford Hatch. Genny stayed there for 2 years but then her health deteriorated and she had to be admitted to Whipps Cross Hospital. After leaving hospital she moved to the Albany Nursing Home in Leyton where she died on 17th March 2017. The staff at both of these homes gave her respect, dignity and care in her later life, which is deeply appreciated by the family.

Genny may be gone from our sight but she will never be forgotten from our hearts. We say thank you to God for all that Genny was and for all that she continues to be in our memories, and we entrust her into God's care.

*Taken from the tribute given at the funeral*

## Three Days of Celebration...

The evening of Friday 21st April saw the start of a weekend of celebration for the Highams Park Baptist Church Boys Brigade Company which is 75 years old having been started in the war year of 1942. It is sad that the final link with the founding members was broken recently with the passing of Geoff Colinese. He would have been so proud that the Brigade has such a long and distinguished existence.

The Friday was the Annual Awards Evening and a good number in the audience saw first Opening Parade and Marching In of the Company Colour followed by a Prayer from Dr. Geoff Norris the Honorary President of the Company. Then came the presentation of the awards to the Anchors, Junior and Company Sections. Jason Close was the Master of Ceremonies and he explained what each award was given for before the recipient came up for the presentation. Perlita Jenkins handed out those



for the Anchor section whilst those for the Junior and Company sections were given by the Guest of Honour for the evening, Bob Jenkins. Jean Owen was given the pleasurable task of presenting Stephen Edwards with his Queen's Award - the

highest honour of the BBGA. It was very good to see that the commitment and dedication of all the BBGA members was noted in such a manner. More details on the awards are given in Jason's news following.





Refreshments were then served and there was the chance to see the vast array of memorabilia that was on display in the Lounge. Having taken our seats again we were regaled by a variety of games. The Anchors and Junior Sections enjoyed a game called 'Let's eat chocolate' in which each

team member had to throw two dice - if a six was thrown they had to quickly put on a hat, scarf and gloves and then start eating a chocolate bar - once all the garments were being worn the next team member tried to throw a six and once this had happened the first team member had to stop eating the chocolate and take the clothing off. Fortunately a good number of sixes were thrown so not too much chocolate was eaten! The Company section and the Old Pals group then went head to head in erecting a tent with much encouragement from the audience. Finally the Anchor and Junior Section had to form four teams and (with some assistance from the Leaders) had to ice a bar cake and write BBGA in icing on it - sounds simple but.... (the cakes reappeared on Sunday as part of the refreshments and very good to eat they were.) If we thought that it had been noisy during the evening we had not heard anything yet! The final item was a display of static and marching playing by the 17th Pals



Battalion Band. (no longer the Old Boys Band as they now have a lady bugle player ). They were noisy but brilliant - some of the younger members were dancing - if not in the aisles, then behind the audience chairs. Steve Jenkins outlined the events that the Band had been, and would be, involved in. It was a fitting way to end the lighter part of the evening. Bob Jenkins then gave the closing remarks and there was a closing prayer and the Colour was 'Marched Off' bringing an excellent evening to a close.



On the Saturday evening there was a chance for BBGA members and friends to have a time of fun and fellowship with a fish or chicken and chips meal which is reported to have been very enjoyable for all those who attended. 40 people attended and took the opportunity to look over old photos. For the quiz there were questions going back to the Company start date back in 1942 but overall they were answered reasonably well!



Sunday brought the Band into action again. They met at Tesco's and marched to the Church before the service. There is something very stirring about the sound such a band makes and you could see people perk up as the band approached and the

noise became louder. The service was taken by Jason and there were reflections on the 100 years of the Life Boys and Junior Sections nationally as well as on the 75 years of the 17th Waltham Forest. Also remembered was St. George's Day. After the Service the Band formed up outside the Church and, together with members old and new, marched back to Tesco's where they gave a short display. They then made their way back to HPBC where refreshments had been provided. It was very good to see many people from past and present having a time of reminiscence - many memories were no doubt jerked!



In all it was a fitting way to celebrate a group of people who have played such an important role in the life of our Church over the last 75 years and we thank all those who worked so hard to make it such a success. We also give thanks to all those who have over the years given freely of their time and energy to ensure the continuing life of the BBGA - many are sadly no longer with us but their memory will live on.



A few more pictures from the weekend....



Putting up a tent - eventually!



The Sunday Service



Watching the Band form up...

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### **17<sup>th</sup> Waltham Forest Boys Brigade & Girls Association**

After our 75<sup>th</sup> birthday Celebration weekend, I thought I would update you all on different things. On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> April we had our annual awards evening and display and it was so nice to see so many parents and old members and Officers there to support the children and young people. Our Guest of Honour was Mr Bob Jenkins (former Captain) and his wife Perlita. We also remembered the late Geoff Colinese who was the last remaining founding officer of the Company. .

Below is a list of some off the special awards presented:

#### **Anchor Awards 2017**

The Anchors took part in the Battalion Junior Section Bible competition and out of 7 teams they came 4th. The following are awarded medals to recognise this - Samuel Llewellyn, Juliet Warjau, Grace Muiruri. Due to the small number in the Anchors they were helped by the following three from the Junior section win the Bible competition; Vinda Matondo, George Wanjau and Esme Llewellyn who also received medals.

Our Best Anchor: This award is given to the Anchor who the staff team feel has shown the best all round effort and enthusiasm over the year and was given to Vinda Matondo

The John Owen Trophy: This award is given to the Anchor who the staff team feel has made really good progress in different ways over the course of the year and was awarded to Samuel Llewellyn

#### **Junior Section Awards:**

The Junior Section also took part in the Battalion Junior Section Bible competition and out of 7 teams they won, and a medal was awarded to Lovelyn Wanjau for stepping in and leading the team at the last minute and also the figure marching.

The Year Awards:

1<sup>st</sup> Year Award - The Perry Consistency Cup, this award is given to someone in the first year of the Junior Section who the staff team feel has shown the best all round effort and enthusiasm over the year and was awarded to Lovelyn Wanjau.

3<sup>rd</sup> Year Award - The Gwladys Taylor Shield. This award is given to someone in the third year of the Junior Section - the criteria is the same as with the other Year awards and was presented to Joy Muiruri.

The John Owen Trophy: As was the case within the Anchor Section, this award is given to the Junior who the staff team feel has made really good progress in different ways over the course of the year and went to Cario Beckford.

### **Company Section Awards 2017**

The following three Cups and Shields are given to the young people that have shown commitment, clean smart uniform, progress within their own ability over the year, at what level the Officer feel they can achieve, enthusiasm and good conduct. The David Gwilliams Cup went to Maria Wanjau, and The Cyril Treenail shield to Toby Close.

**Jack Petchy** - The following young people were awarded the Jack Petchy Achievement award in March for commitment or what they have achieved in the Company or Church. These awards went to Sophie Close and Samantha Atkins. The Leader Award for Jack Petchy went to Stephen Close

Our final Award for the evening was our Queens badge. The Queen's Badge is the highest award in the Senior Section in the UK and the Commonwealth; it is equivalent to a Founder's Badge. This is the highest award a young person can get in the company and I am pleased to say Stephen Edwards achieved his Queens badge.

Over the summer we have lots of different things happening with evenings out for all sections. Competition for football and Sports evening for the Anchors and Juniors. London District overnight camp for Junior Section A weekend camp for the Company Section and staff and our Annual camp at the end of July. There is more to come , but you will hear about our summer next time.

Please do continue to pray and support all the Children, young people and officers as they attend and work together in the company.

Thanks  
Jason Close



# Huge thank-you to HPB!

## A report from Ghana.

Before I returned to Ghana in April this year, I was given a very generous donation from the Church members at Highams Park Baptist, to be used as I saw fit, in a school where I would be working.

A few weeks ago, I received some photos of the Salvation Army School in Tongu, about eight miles from Bolgatanga in the Upper Eastern Region, where I would be working when I next returned to Ghana. These photos showed the KG1 kindergarten children - three and four year olds - sitting on the concrete floor, because there were no desks or chairs in their classroom.



It was felt that the best use of the HPB donation would be to purchase tables and chairs for this classroom. So Major Justice Incom, the District Officer for the Salvation Army in the North of Ghana, arranged with a local carpenter to make the tables and chairs.



Soon after I arrived back in Ghana, I sent the money on to him and the carpenter was able to start work on eight round tables, with six chairs for each table. I am pleased say that this job was completed in three weeks. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, when I visited the school for the first time, we were able to present the tables and chairs to the KG1 class. The teachers and

children were absolutely delighted with them, as the photos show. So to all at HPB, a huge, heartfelt thank you from the teachers and pupils and, of course, the Headteacher, for your generosity. Your donation is greatly appreciated and will certainly add to the quality of education in the KG1 class for many years to come.







I will be working in the school two days a week until the beginning of July, so I will be able to see the KG1 children making good use of the tables and chairs.  
Thank-you again and God bless you all.  
Jan Smithers.





Spring Harvest was up to its usual high standards this year but for our group things were slightly different. Firstly we are now split between two locations. The main group went to Skegness but we also had people go to both Minehead One and Minehead Two so "HPBC and friends" were represented at each of the Spring Harvest gatherings. It was also the biggest ever group that had booked through us 73 people! There are a few friends who come with us every couple of years and this year their "We're coming to SH ☺" messages all coincided making us a very large group indeed.



Everyone seemed to have fun and we managed to have Group Devotions every day just after lunch. We were lucky with the weather and held them outside, good job really as we would never have all fitted in one apartment. We were also very blessed to be joined by the Dixons (and

guitar!) and the Boyces. Not sure Spring Harvest would be quite the same without them and I managed to almost keep this a secret until the Spring Harvest lunch, shortly before the holiday, so it was a lovely surprise for everyone.



Wheels featured prominently this year, not only with the usual assortment of skateboards and scooters.

(I am seriously considering getting one for myself next year as our Gold accommodation is right at the



end of the complex) but also Phil met up with some Christian bikers and managed to pose on one of their bikes. Also Lukas was in a wheelchair as he had broken his leg skiing at the beginning of the Easter holidays. He did not let that stop him though, going on the beach, down slides and in the go-karts plus he had plenty of volunteers for pushing him around.

The subject for this year was unity for the church with the slogan "One for All". So much time is spent with one part of the church arguing with another, this is more important than that, you must worship like this, we don't believe that, we don't do it that way, our way is best. The devil is at work here and is laughing at the disarray caused. These few days were spent on rejoicing at what we have in common, One God, One Jesus, One Holy Spirit, One for all. Promoting unity whilst valuing and respecting diversity. Basing the focus on John 17 v20-24 we explored unity but also how to disagree well, flowing from a deep desire to honour God, honour the work of Christ and honour the bible. The bible teaching was strong and the worship was inclusive.

The Big Start got us all moving first thing in the morning and introduced us to the topic for the day then the kids went to their groups and there was Bible Study, or Snooker(!), or breakfast for those who id did not manage that before the Big Start!



Afternoons blessed us with various workshops and of course our group activities, we swam, we made Ruthie dizzy & Nathan scream at the fun fair, we watched Jonathan crash a go kart. "Reverend wrecks red racer" -

ok we exaggerate a little but it gave us lots of laughs and we had fun in the sand and soft play.



A number of us even managed to eat out together one evening.

For those still with some stamina left at the end of the day there were

late night entertainment sessions and they were really great this year. Lots of variety of great bands, comedians, drama (very funny and informative), choirs and dance groups.



I laughed a lot, cried a little, was moved and had a great deal of fun.



The main problem I had was choosing what to see as some things I would have liked to have gone to were on at the same time. They really need to spread Spring Harvest out over 6 or 7 days and let us have more of a break in between activities!

Anyway I have already reserved units for next year as I was able to do this whilst we were away so I literally do think about Spring Harvest 12 months a year now. I still have bed spaces that need people to sleep in them, so please talk to me about coming next year, there really is something for everyone and you can do as much or as little as you like. It is not compulsory to be crazy like me and be doing something from 7am to 2am each day! Can't wait for next year.

Mandy Edwards



## ***Do you believe in fairies? I do believe in fairies, I do, I do.***

There are lots of fairies or stories about fairies that I have come across in my life. Many would swear they have fairies living at the bottom of their garden, or the flowers and trees spirits are fairies. There has been a strange fascination with them for centuries, the oldest record is one made by the historian Gervase of Tilbury in the 13<sup>th</sup> century and of course Disney has made them popular with the young and the young at heart for years with the most well-known probably Tinkerbell from J.M. Barrie's Peter Pan.

But why on earth am I writing about fairies you may ask?

Well I work for one! The Spring Harvest Fairy has become a regular for our group of Spring Harvesters for the last few years. She treats people in our group and enjoys springing little surprises. Unfortunately though she is shy (although she did bless us with a little picture of herself last year attached to our treats), so she employs me to be the liaison between her and humankind. Pay is not good, in fact non-existent in monetary terms, but the reward in spreading joy and receiving smiles is plentiful. In the past she has paid for the group to go bowling together, she has bought craft items for children and ensured each family/individual has received a gift such as bible study books, Christian inspired toys, and trinkets. This year, like the last few, we were blessed with Easter eggs and programme guides amongst other things.



The nature of her work has changed slightly over the last couple of years, and she is enjoying moving in this direction. She is supporting those to attend Spring Harvest who would otherwise struggle to go by offering bursaries. Each is individual and subject to ability and need but if you would like to go to Spring Harvest and the only thing that is stopping you coming is the cost then please speak to me and we'll see what we can do.

It of course requires funds to be able to support this and so I am aiming to put on two fundraisers this year. A BBQ during the summer and an activity evening in the autumn. Please support these events generously with your presence and bring all your friends and family too, the more people that come the more people the fairy will be able to help. Please keep your eyes and ears open for further details, and if you are one of our distance readers let me know if you would be interested in coming and I can make sure I let you know the details as soon as they are confirmed, we would love to see you. Also please speak to me if you want to come to Spring Harvest next year. The dates are 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> April, the place is Skegness and the cost is £215 for an adult and £195 for a child under 15. It is open to people who come to HPBC and all the friends and family of HPBC, the more the merrier!

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## VISIT TO SECRET NUCLEAR BUNKER, KELVEDON HATCH



On Saturday 13 May, an intrepid group of all ages, (originally planned as a Men's' Group activity!) arrived at Kelvedon Hatch to experience something very unusual, a visit to a fully commissioned nuclear bunker in Essex!

The visit around the Bunker took about an hour and a half and on site there were all the usual facilities, with opportunities to have a look around at the exhibits. The large underground bunker was maintained during the cold war as a potential regional government headquarters. Since being decommissioned in 1992, the bunker has been open to the public as a tourist attraction, with a museum focusing on its cold war history.

The bunker is built 125 feet (38 m) underground and the entrance is through an ordinary looking bungalow (a standard ROTOR 'Guard House') set amongst trees. The inside of the bungalow leads to a 100 yards (91 m) tunnel entering the R4 at its lowest floor (of three). Above are two more floors, the 'hill' which covers it, and a radio mast. The bunker was first built as an air defence station as part of the RAF ROTOR air defence project.



The bunker was built in 1952–53 as part of ROTOR. ROTOR was a programme to improve and harden Britain's air defence network. It was constructed by Peter Lind & Company of London who still trade today. During the 1960s, 1970s, 1980s and early into the 1990s, the UK government (Home Office)

maintained the bunker as an emergency regional government defence site. Eventually in the early 1990s when nuclear threat was seen as diminished, the bunker was sold back to the farming family who had owned the land in the 1950s.

The bunker was able to accommodate some hundreds of personnel (the numbers changing as function and form varied over the years) and could sustain them for up to three months.

The bunker has air conditioning and heating (using the original ROTOR AC-Plant but replacing the original coolant with a more 'modern' type [c.1980s]), its own water supply (mains water and its own deep bore hole) and generators, and was equipped with many types of radio equipment.



Needless to say, the children, in particular thoroughly enjoyed the experience and those who attended all agreed, it was not what they expected!

Bob Jenkins



*Ed's Note : We are led to believe that no children were hurt in the making of this visit!*





'The Highams Park Spring Festival was held on Sunday 21st May 2017 from 11am-4.30pm in the The Highams Park (by the Lake).

It was a beautiful sunny day enjoyed by many families who came to see the many activities on a country theme. These included; Shire horse displays, sheep shearing, ferret racing, petting zoo and barn dance. There were also craft stalls and bushcraft classes and it was good to see Sheila Humphrey and her friend Dave demonstrating their woodcarving skills. Tony Clark ended the day by calling the Barn dance which included both young and not so young dancers! It was a very successful event organised by the Friends of the Highams Park.'



*Phil Slaney*



## Boy's Brigade Walking Weekend

Just a few photos from our weekend 7-9 June 2017. Fourteen old BB friends and partners joined us at Birch near Colchester. We all enjoyed a curry evening on Friday evening and on Saturday we all managed a 5 mile walk over farmland to a reservoir where the Dam Busters did their training. On Sunday we walked to the Layer Marney Tower where Henry VIII stayed. On both days we had good sunny weather and some even got a tan!

Do you like Bob's new hat?

Phil Slaney



### ***On a sadder note...***

At the same time that we were celebrating the 75th Anniversary of the BBGA, a somewhat sadder occasion was taking place. The United Reform Church in Malvern Avenue held its final service on April 23rd. The service was simple but moving. Fittingly the first hymn was 'Lord for the Years (we give our thanks today)'. It included contributions by past members including Sandra Ackroyd, who painted a word picture of the church as it was in the late 1950's and early 1960's, especially in reference to the part played by the younger people who were part of the HPCYC - The Highams Park Christian Youth Council. That name alone may kindle memories for some of our readers...

There was also the opportunity for others to give their reminiscences. They were invited to take a provided flower and place it in a vase to create a 'bunch of memory'. One thing that may bring back thoughts of the Church is the large illuminated cross which was on the outside of the building. The church itself was demolished some years ago and services were held in the hall which remained.

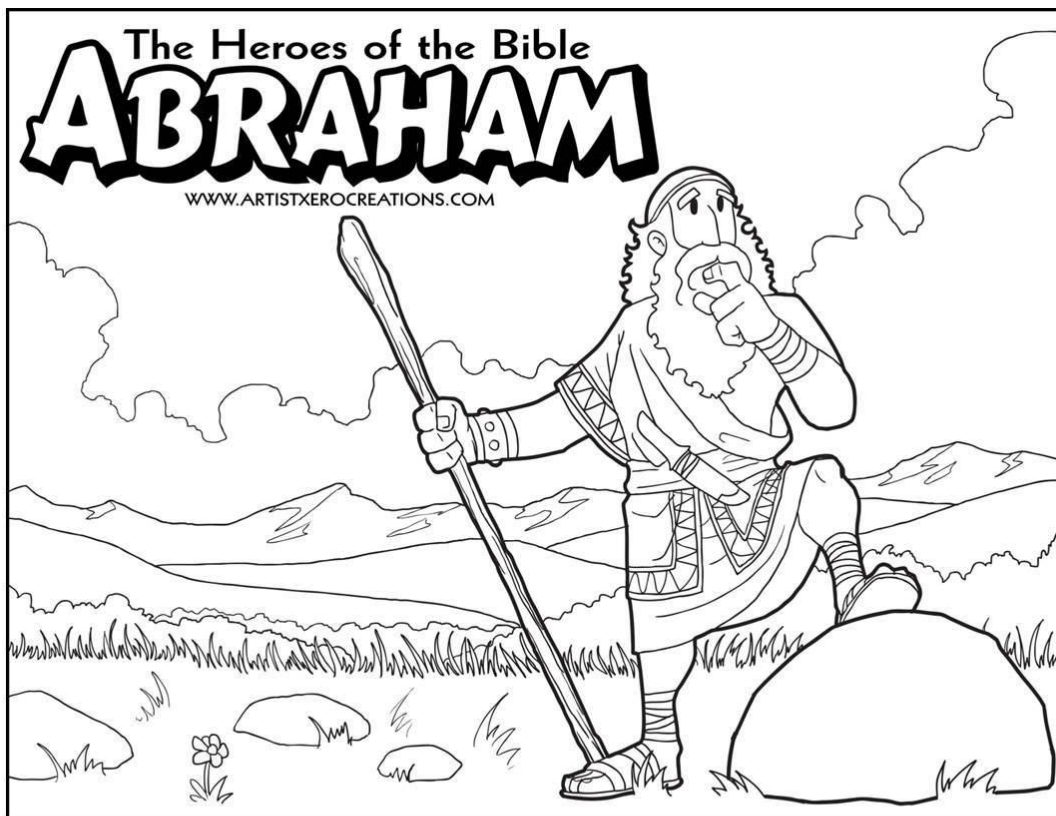
Refreshments followed and the opportunity taken to chat with those present. It is always sad to hear of what had been a thriving church close but times do change. It does hold a special place in my history. When the Rev. Dyer was minister more than 50 years ago his son was one of my friends and he persuaded me to go to Sunday School there and I made some good friends. The members of Malvern Avenue are now being made welcome at Woodford Green United Free Church.

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## Abraham Is Tested

Abraham answered, "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." Genesis 22:8a (NIV)

Based on Genesis 22:1-14 (NIV)

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### Fact File:

- Abraham's story is told in Genesis.
- His Name was Abram and it was later changed to Abraham.
- He was married to Sarai. Her name was later changed to Sarah.
- Abraham and Sarah had no children and were promised a child by God at a very old age.
- When Abraham was 100 years old Sarah gave birth to a son who was called Isaac.
- As a test of Abraham's faith God asked him to sacrifice Isaac. God then provided a ram for the sacrifice instead.

### Words to Find:

RAM ISAAC HORNS  
SACRIFICE THICKET  
OFFERING ABRAHAM  
HAND KNIFE WOOD  
SERVANTS WORSHIP  
ALTAR LOVE FEAR  
FIRE BURNT SON  
LAMB DONKEY

## **CHURCH DIARY**

### **June**

Friday 2nd	7 - 9 pm	Youth Cafe
Sunday 4th	10 am	All Age BBGA Service led by Jason Close
Monday 5th	7.45 pm	Pastoral Care Team Meeting at 212 The Avenue
Wednesday 7th	8 - 9 pm	Gathered Prayer to pray for the General Election.
Sunday 11th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Sarah and Paul Raymond
Tuesday 13th	7.30 pm	CTHP& Care HP AGM at HPBC
Sunday 18th	10 am	Morning Service led by Phil Slaney
Tuesday 20th	7.30 pm	BBGA Officers Meeting
Sunday 25th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rosemary Easton

### **July**

Sunday 2nd	10 am	All Age Service led by Gemma Player
Sunday 9th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Mandy Edwards
Thursday 13th	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 16th	10 am	Morning Service led by Peter Robson
followed by	11.30 am	Church Members Meeting
Sunday 23rd	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Bob Jenkins
Sunday 30th	10 am	Morning Service led by Rob Foster



### **August**

Sunday 6th	10 am	Morning Service led by TBA
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Sunday 13th	10 am	Morning Service led by TBA
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*All services and events take place at the Church unless otherwise stated.*

*Refreshments are served after the Morning Service every Sunday.*