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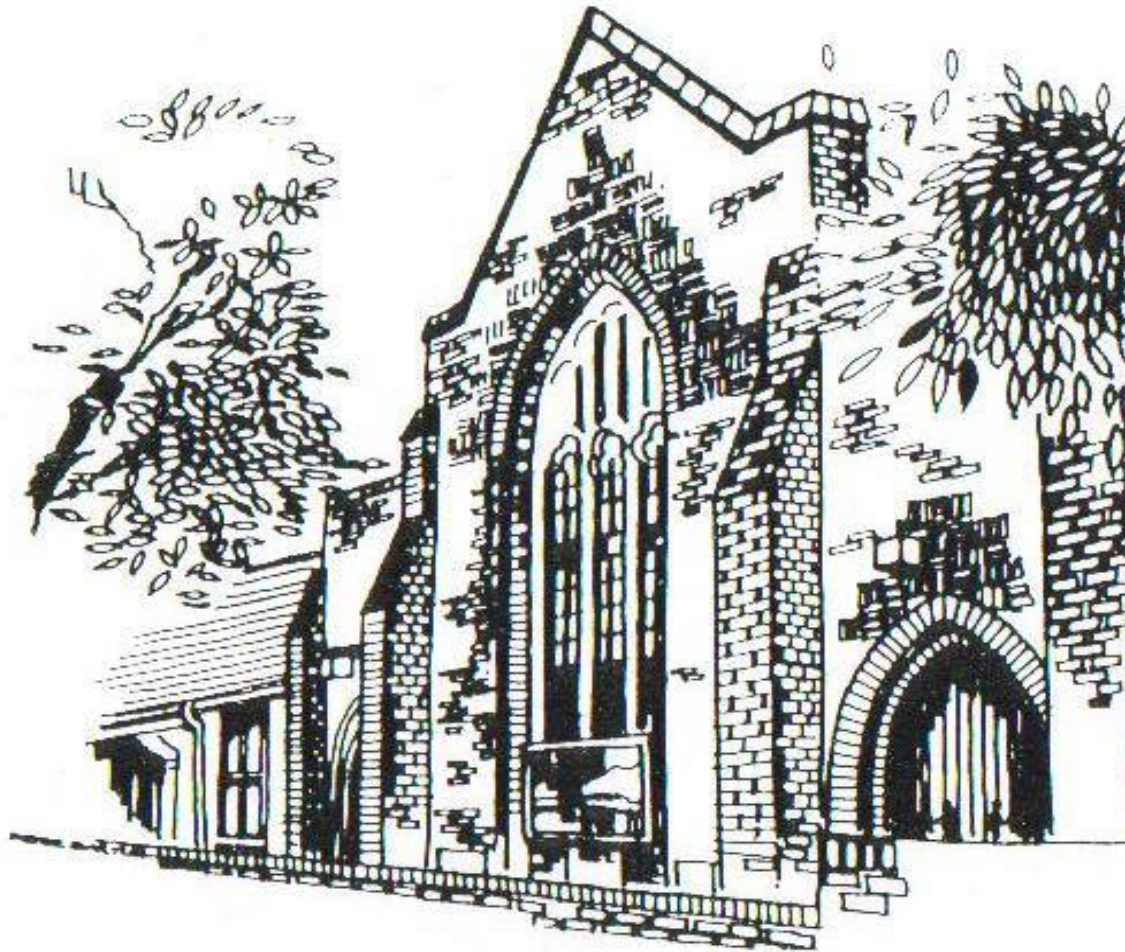
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# THE MAGAZINE

## OF

# HIGHAMS PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

Cavendish Road, E.4.



December 2017 / January 2018



# 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

**Thursday** Boys Brigade and Girls Association:  
Company Section (For boys in school years 7+) 7:30 - 9:30 pm

**Friday:** Boys Brigade and Girls Association:  
Anchors (For boys and girls in school years 1-3)  
combined with  
Juniors (For boys and girls in school years 4-6) 6.30 - 8:30 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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***From the Editor's desk:*** As we look forward to the coming of Rev. Rosemary Eaton we look back through the archive to a time when the Church was in a similar situation:

What next...

Whether you call it an Interregnum or a Ministerial Transition nobody would describe it as an easy time. Since Jonathan left much has happened - we have made (or have had to make) many changes to the fabric of the church to meet current standards. We are now home to the playgroup that has transferred from Malvern Avenue. However, perhaps the biggest change is that we have had to carry on without a Minister. In previous Interregna we have been able to call on members of the church who had experience of taking services and the work involved in seeking a new minister.

What has become clear over the past months is that we still have people who have stepped up to the mark and taken very good services. It would be invidious to name individuals apart from that of Phil Slaney. As Church Secretary he has had to navigate us through the process of seeking a new minister. This in itself has seemed much more complicated than on previous occasions but his connections with the London Baptist Association have proved invaluable.

The time of being ministerless is coming to an end with the arrival of Rev. Rosemary Eaton early in 2018 but Phil and the rest of the Church Council will still have much to do and will value the support of all in the church.



Somebody else who has made a great impression and been of huge help, and is not even a member of our church is our Moderator Rev. Gareth Wilde. As well as leading his own church at Broadmead he has been there for us as support, guide and friend. Over the years we have, obviously, had other Moderators including Rev. Douglas Sparkes. He was there for us during the gap between Rev. Alan Smith and Rev. Stuart Jenkins. Whilst researching for the first letters of previous ministers I came across a letter written by him as his term as Moderator came to an end. There was a part of his letter which I felt was very appropriate in our circumstances and, as such, I felt it would be appropriate to share this with you:

**Douglas writes:**

*'The new partnership is commencing in a joyful spirit of confidence and expectation. As minister and people come to know each other better, that spirit will, I earnestly believe, deepen.*

*You will, of course, discover many things about your new minister that you did not suspect when you first called her. She will discover the same about you! Her ministry will mould you and yours to her will do the same, and that shaping shall be to the glory of God and the increase of His kingdom in Highams Park.*

*You have been called to work together for the Kingdom for such a time as this. There will be many friends who will watch your partnership, with anticipation, with prayer and with joy.'*

With God's help we can live up to this aspiration...

DL

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*May the Christmas Bells  
sounding in glorious  
proclamation remind  
us for a few moments at  
least of the birth of a  
child in a stable long  
ago*





*'I looked from afar and Lo! I see the power of God coming and the cloud covering the whole earth.'*\*

The Christmas tree is in place, the candles stand ready, the nativity scene is down from its' year-long storage, together with the Advent Ring, tinsel, baubles and lights. The post box stands ready to receive our greeting cards and the Junior Church prepare to tell the Nativity story. In just a few weeks we will be celebrating Christ's birth in the time-honoured tradition at HPBC. This reverent and reflective period of Advent allows us to wonder anew at God's gift. So take time, during Advent, to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas; away from the crowded shops, frantic on-line ordering, cooking and lists of jobs to do. Let us remember that God's most tremendous gift of all is available to each and every one of us - now and always. May Christmas bring you joy and peace, wherever you are and whatever your circumstances – truly God is with us!

As always we remember in prayer those of our Church family who cannot worship with us regularly or are house-bound. Mavis Grint celebrated Communion in her home recently, brought to her by Phil and Dianne. She would welcome any visits, calls or letters and continues to be interested in all we do. June Tresardern is very frail and receiving carers during the day and Joan Ashley continues to enjoy Church news despite not being able to worship with us. Linda Lewis-Azayear's health issues have also prevented attendance. We ask for your prayers for Geoff Norris who has been in hospital and receiving frequent, ongoing treatment and investigations for his low blood count; we remember also Margaret who is in frail health. All these remain valued members of our Church family. Please pray for them and all others in especial need at present.

At our recent Annual General Meeting we elected our Church Officers and welcomed new Deacons to the Church Council. These are: Church Secretary: Phil Slaney; Church Treasurer: Jason Close; Church Administrator Jacquie Lyus. Deacons newly elected are: Dianne Kendrick, Marilyn Robinson and Cliff Tayler. We also thanked Rob Edwards who is stepping down from the role of Treasurer after many years faithful service, and Sarah Raymond who has completed her full term of six years and steps down. We do thank both these for their commitment to the work of HPBC and their valuable contribution to the Church Council. We also thank Jason for taking on the role of Treasurer.



Hazel Ansell has also kindly agreed to continue as our most efficient Chapel Steward and has written about Stewardship further in the magazine with a special request.

***STOP PRESS!! Exciting News....***As we were going to press we received news of a very special Award that has been presented to our member Dr. Geoffrey Norris. Geoff has become the recipient of a new prestigious Award from the North East London Faculty of the Royal College of General Practitioners. The Award was presented to Geoff at his home and is a glass plaque engraved with the words: '**Special Award for relationship based care and being loved and respected by patients and colleagues**'. This Award is to be presented annually and will be known as 'The Geoffrey Norris Award'. We hope to bring more news and a picture in our next issue. Our loving congratulations go to Geoff on this very special and well-deserved recognition of his wonderful work over the years. For those of us who have had the privilege of not only being a member with him at HPBC but a patient at the Health Centre he helped to set up, this Award comes as no surprise and is richly deserved.

*\*From The Advent Responsory.*

JL



*The Magazine team: Jacquie, Dave, Rob, Mandy and Stephen would like to wish all our readers and contributors a very Happy Christmas and a fulfilling New Year.*



## POST EARLY FOR CHRISTMAS!



Dianne and David Kendrick are donning their postie costumes again this year - we are very grateful to them.

These are the delivery and collection dates:

**Sunday, 3rd December - EARLY BIRD DELIVERY**  
(no collection available)

**Sunday, 10th December - DELIVERY. COLLECTION**  
after Service only.

**Sunday, 17th December - LAST SUNDAY FOR DELIVERY**  
Collection available after Service only

**Sunday, 24th December - LAST MINUTE COLLECTION ONLY.** Please DO NOT deliver cards to Church on this day as there will not be time to sort them for collection.

### PLEASE REMEMBER TO:

**PRINT names with Surnames** clearly, and put your cards in **alphabetical Surname order**. This helps the organisers to quickly and easily sort the cards, while also enabling them to get to some of the Morning Service.

Please note that this service is for the exchange of cards that are for personal collection or that can be collected on behalf of somebody - it is not for cards that need posting on as normal mail.

Remember also that the money saved on postage by using this system can go to the Christmas offering!



## O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL.....



Help spread the news of all the Christmas services being held by the Churches in Highams Park over the Christmas period by handing out leaflets with the details at **Highams Park Station on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December between 5 - 6.30pm**. We are in need of at least 3-4 people to

join with other Churches in this task, and Phil Slaney will be grateful for your help so please contact him if you are able to help in this way.

## HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING.....

Angelic voices will hopefully be raised outside Highams Park Station on **Monday, 18<sup>th</sup> December between 5.30-6.30pm** when 'Churches Together in Highams Park' gather to sing carols. Please come along to swell the chorus, bringing Christmas greetings to the people of Highams Park and spreading the good news of Christ's birth to commuters and all those passing by. Phil will be happy to take your name and give you further details.







## **Could you be a Steward at HPBC?**

*Hazel Ansell, our Chapel Steward, writes:*

**Stewards Needed!!** I need two more Stewards for the 2018 rota:  
Qualifications - Reliability and a Smile!!

### **Duties for Sunday Stewards at Highams Park Baptist Church**

**Before the Service:** Normally there will be two Stewards on duty each Sunday from 9.30am. One will be the designated Team Leader. He/She is to select four members of the Congregation to be responsible for taking up the offering. He/She is to ensure that each person involved knows which rows/seats they are collecting from.

One Steward is to be at the door of the Welcome Area greeting people as they enter the Church buildings. When possible (i.e. weather permitting) please can the doors into the Church buildings be fully opened.

One Steward is to be responsible for welcoming and giving out the Bulletin to incomers to the Sanctuary.

Please can the Stewards ensure that the chairs are tidily arranged and that water is available at the back of the Sanctuary, especially when the weather is excessively hot.

When necessary, Stewards are responsible for bringing in (or recruiting help to bring in) extra chairs from Fellowship Hall.

Please can the Stewards identify new comers and ensure that they are greeted and welcomed both before and after the Service.

The Stewards are responsible for overseeing health and safety regulations i.e. making sure emergency exits are accessible, making sure chairs do not restrict access in and around the Sanctuary etc.

**After the Service:** If and when the Minister leaves literature/items at the back of the Sanctuary for people to take, please can a Steward facilitate this. When there is a Collection Plate at the back of the Church, the Stewards are to supervise and collect in cooperation with the Treasurer.

Please can the Stewards collect used and unused Church Bulletins and place them at the back of the Sanctuary, return the chairs to order if displaced and be available to help the Duty Deacon if requested.

**Most importantly, please can the Stewards greet, smile and talk with all who enter the Church buildings, remembering that we are all part of the family of God.**

You would be on duty once every six weeks. If you could serve the Church in this way please let me know. Thank you, Hazel.



## *Women's World Day of Prayer*



The interdenominational movement of the Women's World Day of Prayer invites everyone to attend one of over 5,000 services being held on Friday 2nd March with the title 'All God's Creation is Very Good!' We will join an estimated 3 million people around the world that day in a service which has been written this year by the women of Suriname in South America. Starting in Samoa as the sun rises, and ending as the sun sets off the coast of American Samoa, the service will have been translated into more than 95 languages and 1000 dialects as we are reminded that we have responsibilities in caring for this wonderful world we live in. With its vast rainforest and wealth of resources, Suriname asks us to pray for conservation and the protection of wildlife, through an awareness of pollution, misuse and abuse, as well as for the situation in Suriname and concerns for the future. This is not simply a day of prayer for women, but for everyone who cares about our world and those who live in it.

### **CALLING ALL WOMEN AND MEN!**

The 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2018 is **Women's World Day of Prayer**. The service will be at Winchester Road Methodist Church. It has been prepared by the women of SURINAME (top right-hand corner of South America).

I will put up a poster with more information nearer the day.  
Please do come if you are able.

Hazel Ansell,  
HPBC WWDP representative.



# **eat or heat**

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Many thanks to all those who have already contributed items to our **Eat or Heat** box. Your gifts have been gratefully received by those in need who attend the food bank at the South Chingford Congregational Church.

The demand on this service is as great as ever and I hope you will continue to support this worthy cause. Items in particular demand include:

- canned meat/fish
- canned fruit
- sugar (large bags especially)
- canned soup
- canned vegetables
- jam/marmalade
- large boxes of cereal
- teabags/coffee
- toilet rolls
- soap/toothpaste/shampoo



Any other items you wish to contribute will obviously be gratefully received.

Again, thank you so much for all you've done in the past to help those in need.

Dave and Di Kendrick



## Three Months in Ghana – Part 2

After living and teaching in the North of Ghana for two months, I spent several days in Accra, in the South, first at another private school. I was invited by Titus, the Director of I Care Learning Centre, who I met through my friend Dora, to present certificates to the pupils who were moving to the next phase of their education. This included those who were moving from the Infant School to the Primary School, or from the Primary School to the



Junior High School, or leaving for Senior High School. This was a wonderful time of celebration for the pupils and staff. It lasted around three hours, starting with praise and worship, followed by prayer, then musical items from several pupil groups. Those graduating wore purple and yellow robes, complete with mortar board hats.

The next day I was asked to speak to the staff about classroom management and resources, on their end-of-term INSET day. The teachers were

very responsive and eager to find out about different ways of managing their classes, despite this being the end of the school year.

The plan was then to head off to a beach resort for lunch, returning later so that I could present the second session, introducing some resources I had taken to Ghana from the UK. I had my doubts about the teachers being willing to return for another session, after a few hours at the beach! Sure enough, this was the last thing they wanted to do and I wasn't terribly keen at that point either, so we decided to abandon that session, as long as the teachers agreed to read the notes that I had prepared to go with the resources!



It was great socialising with the teachers and sharing in their fun and hopefully I will return one day to spend more time in their school. One thing I will never forget is our journey to the beach in a very rickety school bus, on some extremely bumpy unmade roads, for part of the way.





Also in Accra, I spent a few days staying with an English friend, Vicky, who was a Salvation Army officer working as the Administrator of Anidasofie (means house of hope) which is a vocational training centre for young girls who have lost their way in life and are maybe living on the streets or are disadvantaged. They are usually a mix of girls, aged from 17 to 25, from different backgrounds, situations, beliefs and tribes, referred to the clinic by social workers or Salvation Army officers who

encounter them in the cities, towns and villages. At the centre, there is also an HIV/Aids support group and a health clinic.



The purpose of the vocational training is to introduce the girls to a variety of skills such as bakery, event decoration, hair weaving, pedicure, manicure and bead jewellery making, which they can then develop, with a view to eventually earning a living or setting up their own businesses.

For the first three weeks, they rotate the various activities, then choose what they would like to specialise in. Twelve girls live at the centre for a period of six months, after which they are given a pack and follow-up support, either in Accra or back in their own home areas, so that they can make something of their lives.

Through daily morning devotions led by one of the staff, and church attendance on Sundays, they come to hear about the Lord and how He can change their lives as well. Many become committed Christians or rededicate themselves to the Lord.

I enjoyed being part of their classes during my few days



at the centre – making bead jewellery with the girls was a memorable experience!



I was invited to teach a class of four girls in the bakery how to make English scones! This was great fun, but challenging, as the huge gas oven only had one temperature, but no-one knew what it was! Somehow, we managed to produce enough scones for the twenty-eight people at the centre, including the girls, to enjoy one with their lunch!



I was very moved to hear some of the background stories of these girls. Meeting them and seeing their faces as they experienced success in their activities was a wonderful, yet moving experience. Although Vicky has now been appointed back to the UK, the amazing work at Anaidasofie will continue, under the expert eye of Nafissa, her Ghanaian assistant who took over. Your prayers for Anidasofie would be much appreciated.

In my report, 'Three Months in Ghana – Part 1' I mentioned that there was no Salvation Army church in Bolgatanga, where I spent two months living and teaching. Within the last six weeks, a church has been built and as soon as the foundations and walls were completed, a small group started meeting at one end of the building. Now the church is finished and the local people are meeting together for worship each Sunday. I am sure many of you will want to pray for the SA church in Bolga.



Jan Smithers







# Women's Group

On a cool Saturday afternoon at the end of October, the Women's group met at the church for a time of fellowship, which included coffee, tea and cake, and hearing more about Ghana. Jan spoke of her experiences in Bolgatanga, in the North of the country, where she was living and working as a voluntary teacher for two months earlier this year, teaching in a private school on the edge of the town and in a village school several kilometres away.



Ghana. She also showed us a number of gifts she had received from her friends at the two schools including woven baskets, handbags, leather flip-flops and jewellery.



As well as presenting a PowerPoint of photos and sharing her stories, Jan wore a beautiful colourful outfit made in the traditionally woven kente fabric from the Ashanti region of



Jan also showed us some photos of her travels and experiences in other parts of the country. These included meeting a crocodile at the Paga Crocodile Reserve and visiting a Cathedral built entirely of mud bricks, near the Burkino Faso border in the North.

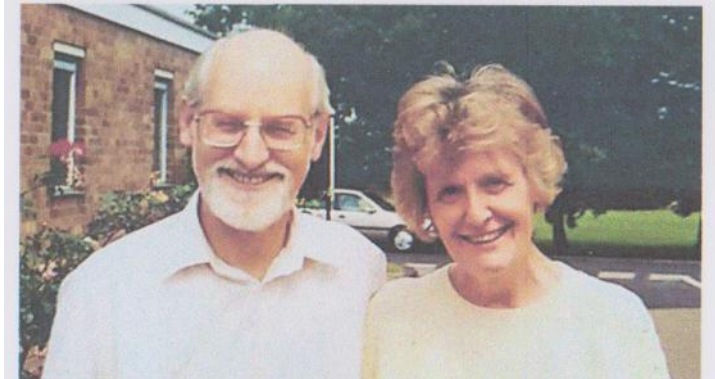
In the South, Jan visited Kakum National Park, where she walked on several swing bridges above the canopy of trees, and Elmina Castle, one of the castles along the coast of Ghana from which slaves were loaded onto ships and transported to other countries.





## Kenneth Howland 1930 - 2017

Many of you will know Jenny and Ken Howland who, over the years, have led our worship. Ken died recently and as part of the Thanksgiving service for him held at St. Anne's Church, Chris Winward - son of one of our earlier Ministers - gave the following reminiscences :



My name is Chris Winward and I first came to know Ken in the mid -1950's when I was a spotty youth and a member of the young people's fellowship at HPBC- known as the YPF- of which Ken was an enthusiastic and committed leader.

He had arrived at HPBC-after his conversion. He had visited various churches without sensing that he had found his spiritual home but he eventually came to HPBC armed with his bible. As he walked away after the service, the minister- Stephen Winward- ran after him to catch him to greet him personally and when he saw that Ken was carrying a bible, he put his hand on it and said to him 'this is the most precious book you will ever have in your life'.

It was at that moment that Ken knew that that was where God wanted him to be. That was to be a really significant meeting in Ken's life and when he was later baptised he came up out of the water and cried out 'Jesus is Lord'. Rather like blotting paper, Ken lapped up my father's teaching and I can picture him now sitting in the front row as dad preached- craning forward to absorb every word and which teaching became the spiritual bedrock on which he and Jenny and so many others based their lives.

The next most significant moment in his life came when he met a beautiful-charismatic and highly intelligent young ex University student called Jenny Yelland..At first, Jenny told me, she thought he was a bit full of himself; he once had the effrontery to tell her off for being out enjoying herself on a Saturday evening when she should have been preparing herself spiritually for Sunday worship!.

But they did love the theological discussions that they had together and pretty soon they came to love one another too.





They became engaged and together began involvement in - to me anyway - their most valuable ministry at HPB-in the leadership of 2 youth groups which at one stage had 100 members.

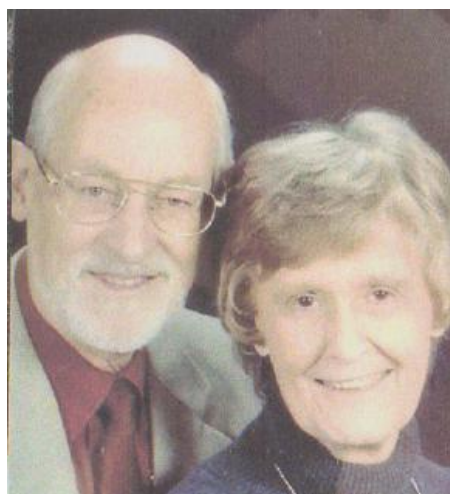
The group I was in met on a Tuesday evening I think and we had games and refreshments and teenage chit-chat for most of the evening and then in conclusion-a period of teaching and devotion.

And there were youth weekends too starting on a Friday evening with activities on Saturday-church services on Sunday- closing with a 'squash' in someone's front room. It was undoubtedly the Christian fellowship that Ken & Jenny helped to create in this group - in addition to the teaching that they and my father did that led so many young people to being baptised and making Jesus Christ the corner stone of their lives. For those of us who were around then, who can forget those wonderful, spiritually electric baptismal services on a Sunday evening. During my father's 27 year tenure there, 450 people- many of them teenagers- were baptised and a lot was due to the ministry of Ken and Jenny.

Surely that was a golden era for HPBC when the fellowship was wonderful and generated so many friendships which have stood the test of time. One could reflect that the YPF was a kind of dating agency as well and many members of the YPF met their marriage partners in that era. Indeed, Ken and Jenny had married in 58 and continued in leadership of the YPF for a further 13 yrs.

But that wasn't all that Ken did at HPB .He was also-along with his good friend Geoff Norris-responsible for leading children's church and he was also Sunday School superintendent and served as a deacon.

So, to conclude, speaking on behalf of the 100's of young people who benefited in so many ways from Ken and Jenny's wholehearted commitment to their ministry at HPB I say a very sincere and hearty 'thank you'.





## A Christmas Miscellany

In past years we have tried to bring you some facts about Christmas - some you may know, but others come fresh - this year's selection:

In A.D. 350 Pope Julius 1, Bishop of Rome proclaimed December 25th the official celebration date for the birthday of Christ.

The traditional three colours of Christmas are green, red and gold. Green has long been a symbol of life and rebirth, red symbolises the blood of Christ and gold represents light.

In Poland, spider webs are common Christmas tree decorations because, according to legend, a spider wove a blanket for Baby Jesus.

President 'Teddy' Roosevelt, an ardent environmentalist, banned Christmas Trees from the White House in 1901.



The first printed reference to a Christmas tree was in 1531 in Germany.

Queen Victoria ( and Prince Albert) did not introduce Christmas Trees to Britain - this was done by Queen Charlotte. Victoria and Albert did popularise the custom especially after a drawing of them appeared in The Illustrated London News.

Most trees are about 15 years old when sold.

The Germans made the first artificial trees out of dyed goose feathers.

THE world's tallest Xmas tree at 221ft high was erected in a Washington shopping mall in 1950.

The first person to decorate a Christmas tree was believed to be Martin Luther, the Protestant reformer. The legend tells that he was so moved by the beauty of the stars shining between the branches of a fir tree that he took an evergreen tree and decorated it with candles to share with his children.



Christmas was not declared an official holiday in America until June 1870.



Most of Santa's reindeer have masculine names. However, male reindeers shed their antlers around Christmas and so are either more special than we thought or are female.

Norwegian scientists have put forward the theory that Rudolph's red nose is caused by an infection of his respiratory system.!

If you received all the presents in The Twelve Days of Christmas you would have 364 gifts. In 2016 it was calculated that the cost of all the presents would be a few pounds less than fifty thousand pounds. (the 'Lord's a leaping' was calculated on each Lord being able to claim £300 per day for attendance at the House of Lords).

During the Christmas season nearly 28 sets of Lego are sold per second.

US scientists calculated that [Santa](#) would have to visit 822 homes a second to deliver all the world's presents on Christmas Eve, travelling at 650 miles a second.

Bolivians celebrate 'The Mass of the Rooster' on Christmas Eve. Some take roosters to Midnight Mass to symbolise the belief that a rooster was the first animal to announce the birth of Jesus.

A good many of the most popular Christmas songs such as 'White Christmas', 'Winter Wonderland', 'Chestnuts Roasting on a Open Fire' and 'Rudolph the red nosed reindeer' were written by Jewish songwriters.



In 1999, residents of the state of Maine in America built the world's biggest ever snowman. He stood at 113ft tall.

SANTA has different names around the world - Kriss Kringle in Germany, Le Befana in Italy, Pere Noel in France and Deushka Moroz (Grandfather Frost) in Russia.

Hopefully you found something that you did not know....



## 42 Years on...

As readers are aware we sometimes look back to past times in the magazine. We do so again in this issue courtesy of Bob Jenkins who came across the Order of Service (equivalent to our 'Bulletin' ) for Sunday 2nd February 1975. The Minister Was H. Alan Smith and there were two Services each Sunday. On this day there was a Parade service in the morning. The evening Service proved to be an important one in the life of the Church as six people were baptised - including Bob's mother, Ann. A copy of the front of the Order of Service is shown together with the details of the service.

HIGHAMS PARK		<u>Service of Baptism and Communion</u>	
BAPTIST CHURCH		Call to worship	
LONDON, E.4		Hymn 33	
Minister - The Rev.H.Alan Smith, M.A.		Prayer and Lord's Prayer	
		Offering	
		Readings St.Matthew 3 vv.7-17	
		Romans 6 vv.1-11	
		Hymn 227	
		Sermon: 'Saints alive!'	
		Hymn 298	
		THE BAPTISMS	
		Hymn 299 (a verse of this hymn will	
		be sung after each baptism)	
		Prayers: Mr.George Cartwright	
		Hymn 182	
		THE LAYING ON OF HANDS AND RECEPTION	
		INTO MEMBERSHIP	
		Hymn 327	
		THE LORD'S SUPPER (All who confess	
		that Jesus is Lord, of whatever	
		Church they are members, are invited	
		to take the bread and wine with us)	
		Hymn 766	
		Blessing	

The rest of the week was full of events:

Monday Girl's Brigade  
 Tuesday Women's Fellowship, Imps, Youth Group, Prayer Meeting.  
 Wednesday Junior B. B. Women's Group, Women's Home Group  
 Thursday Thursday Club, Church Council.  
 Friday Boy's Brigade  
 Saturday Girl's Brigade Explorers

*Thanks to Bob DL*





## *Highams Park Snippets*

Some of our readers may be familiar with the name of Dr Willie Brace and may like to learn that he has recently become a centenarian. His life has been one of dedication to medicine.

Mary's Hospital in Paddington where one of his tutors was the inventor of penicillin, Dr. Alexander Fleming who, we are told was small, quietly spoken but an excellent



teacher. Dr. Brace qualified in 1941 and spent the next year as a surgeon in both the general hospital and casualty department. His war was spent in the RAF after which he worked as a locum. In 1948 he spent some time with a Dr. McKenzie in Chingford. But just two days before the commencement of the NHS he set up his own practice opposite the Royal Oak public house in Hale End Road.

Things changed in 1963 when he joined the Handsworth Avenue Health Centre with three other doctors; John Raiman, Robin Winch and our own Geoff Norris. He carried on there long past retirement and worked until the age of 75

in 1991 when his place was taken by Dr. Ormerod. He has been married to his wife June for 65 years.

We wish them a lot more years together.

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In the latest newsletter of the Highams Park Society the question is asked of why Highams Park does not have its own War Memorial. The answer given is that during



the two World Wars we were part of the Borough of Walthamstow and there is a memorial at The Town Hall. However, we do have a number of separate memorials in various sites - mainly churches but not to forget the Halex workers memorial to be found in Hale End Library (see picture). On the 18th November the Society held a walk starting at the Clock Tower by the station and visited All Saints Church, Winchester Road Church and HPBC where they gathered the names of those who made the ultimate sacrifice.

They visited the cenotaph in the grounds of the Town Hall and then by bus to the Vetry House Museum...



Here they met Chris Hunt representing the London East Branch of the Western Front Association. He was very interested in our plaques and trying to cross reference the names of all those who died on the different memorials. At the time of writing he has been able to find information on one of those remembered in our Church:-

Alfred Henry Bruncker Barnard - Service number(s): 7469, 534060 - Rank: Private  
Unit: "B" Company, 2/15<sup>th</sup> London Regiment (Civil Service Rifles)  
Enlisted: 1916  
Died: 20<sup>th</sup> February 1918 (killed in action)  
Buried: Jerusalem War Cemetery, Israel & Palestine (including Gaza)  
Birth: 1879, Harrow, Middlesex  
Parents: William Samuel and Mary Anne Barnard of Harrow, Middlesex  
Wife: Mary Barnard (nee Faulkner), married 1901, later of 38 Oxhey Avenue, Oxhey, Watford  
Address (1911): 93 Selwyn Avenue, Highams Park, Chingford, Essex  
Trade: assistant in Education Branch, London County Council (the LCC records have him as being in the Education Officer's Department, Central Administrative Staff)

Next year they they are planning a big remembrance event at Vestry House Museum and hope to involve the 17<sup>th</sup> Pals Band so they are talking to Steve Jenkins about this.

As ever our favourite snapper Phil 'The Pic' Slaney was on hand to take some pictures:





For those of you who wonder what happened to Budgen's after the arrival of Tesco's, wonder no more - it is now a furniture shop called 'Inside Job' among items that have been seen are a table for about £7,000!



Similarly 'La Trevi' is no more - it has morphed into 'Breeze' a Mezze Bar and Grill. It was due to open during November



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*I said to the man who stood  
at the Gate of the Year,  
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown'.  
And he replied, 'go out into the darkness,  
and put your hand into the hand of God.  
That shall be to you better than light,  
and safer than a known way'.*

*'The Gate of the Year' from 'God Knows' by Minnie Louise Haskins (1875-1957 );  
read by King George VI in his Christmas broadcast of 1939.*



## **CHURCH DIARY**

### **December**

Sunday 3rd	10 am	All Age and BBGA Parade Service led by Jason Close.
Sunday 10th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Peter Robson and Phil Slaney
Sunday 17th	10 am	Christmas Nativity Service led by Mandy Edwards.
	6 pm	Christmas Carol Service by Candlelight led by Mandy Edwards
Sunday 24th	10 am	Morning Service led by Bob Jenkins
	11.30pm	Midnight Communion Service led by Phil Slaney
Monday 25th	10 am	Christmas Morning Celebration led by Phil Slaney
Sunday 31st	10 am	Songs of Praise Service led by Bob Jenkins.







### **January**

Sunday 7th	10 am	Morning Worship and Covenant Service led by Phil Slaney
Sunday 14th	10 am	Morning Service led by Sarah and Paul Raymond.
Sunday 21st	10 am	Morning Service led by Rob Foster.
Sunday 28th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rev. Gareth Wilde.

### **February**

Sunday 4th	10 am	All Age and BBGA Parade Service led by Gemma Player.
Sunday 11th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Jason Close
Saturday 17th	3 pm	Induction Service for Rev. Rosemary Eaton followed by Refreshments
Sunday 18th	10 pm,	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

*Note all services and events take place at the Church unless noted.*

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

