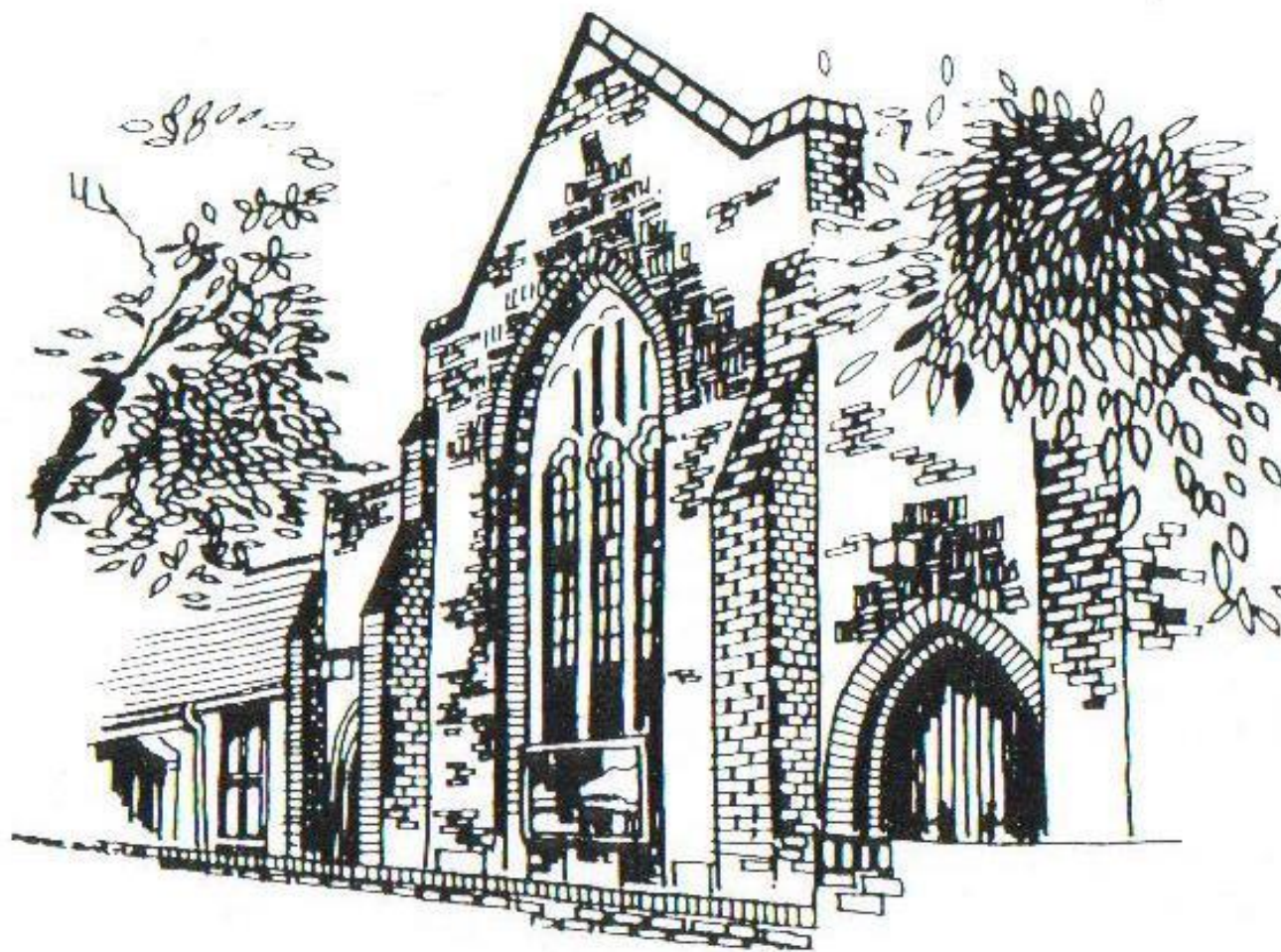




The Magazine
of
**Highams Park Baptist
Church**

Cavendish Road, E.4.



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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

Thursday Boys Brigade and Girls Association:
Company Section (**Suspended at present**)

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.

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

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Over the last few issues we have been reminded of the first letters from past Ministers. To round off the series we are delighted to bring you the first from our new Minister - Rev. Rosemary Eaton



Times and seasons

Since our arrival in February the ever changeable British weather has delivered sunshine, showers and snow. Church life has been almost as varied with an induction service, infant dedication and a service of thanksgiving. My first few weeks with you have been full and I have been grateful for the kindness of so many who have supported me in these early days. Ray and I have also appreciated all that was done to ensure that the manse was comfortable and warm when we moved in.

As I write, we are promised warmer weather. Those of us who are heading to Spring Harvest will be praying the forecast is accurate – I for one have had quite enough of winter for now. The coming of Spring brings with it a sense of hope. As all around plants are flowering and trees blossoming we become aware of the activity of God in all creation. As we celebrate Easter we recall the new life God offers in Jesus and give thanks for all that means.

New life, new hope and, at Highams Park Baptist Church, a new season in our life together as a church. Over the coming months we will begin to look ahead and to plan for the future of our life together. We all have our part to play in shaping that future as we seek both to worship God and to serve our local community. This is a time of new possibilities and a season of hope.

A prayer from the Iona Community

*God of our lives you are always calling us to follow you into the future,
inviting us to new ventures, new challenges, new ways to care,
new ways to touch the hearts of all.*

When we are fearful of the unknown, give us courage.

When we worry that we are not up to the task,

Remind us that you would not call us if you did not believe in us.

When we get tired, or feel disappointed with the way things are going,

*Remind us that you can bring change and hope
out of the most difficult situations.*

Jesus, Master Carpenter of Nazareth

who, through wood and nails,

won our full salvation,

wield well your tools in this your workshop

that we who come to you rough hewn

may here be fashioned into a truer beauty

by your hand. In Jesus name,

Amen.



CAVENDISH CIRCULAR



The early weeks of this year have brought times of great happiness and some sadness to our fellowship. On Saturday, February 17th we celebrated with many friends from near and far, the Induction of our new Minister, Rev. Rosemary Eaton. It has been great to welcome Rosemary and her husband Ray into our Church family and they have already contributed much to our worship. The Induction service proved to be an inspiring and joyful occasion and you can read more about it later in the magazine. We pray that Rosemary and Ray will quickly settle into their new home in Highams Park and look forward to getting to know them in the months ahead.

On the second Sunday after the Induction Rosemary conducted the infant dedication of Elspeth Louise Beatrice, daughter of Kelly and Stephen. Kelly, sister Claire and parents Yvonne and Mike Davey have been part of our fellowship for many years and we rejoice with them on this happy occasion.

Sadly we have also lost a treasured member of our Church family during the past weeks with the death of Dr. Geoffrey Norris on 20th February. Over two hundred friends and colleagues gathered with his family to celebrate and give thanks to God for his life on Saturday 10th March. There were tributes from his brother Hugh, Dr. John Raiman, his colleague of many years at the Highams Park Medical Centre, and our Church secretary, Phil Slaney. Further loving tributes from his five grandchildren, Matt, Rachel, Lucy, Ally and Ben also appeared in the accompanying Order of Service and you can read more about the occasion further in this issue. Geoff, together with Margaret, has been at the centre of our Church family for so many years, inspiring and caring for us all. To many he was not only a friend at HPBC but our G.P. and his Christian witness shone in everything he did. There will be further tributes to Geoff in later issues. Our loving prayers go to Margaret, Liz, Paul, and all the family at this time. He will be sadly missed by all of us in so many ways.

Your prayers are asked for.....

Once again there are those of our fellowship in especial need at present: Cliff Tayler recently underwent an investigative procedure in hospital which resulted in complications necessitating a short stay there. Happily he is now home again and recovering well. Rob Edwards continues to suffer discomfort and pain despite treatment and may have to have further hospital tests to alleviate the problem.

Wendy Sandilands was taken ill while away visiting family which resulted in her being admitted to hospital – happily she is now recovering and hopes to be home again shortly. Christine Close has spent further time in hospital but is hoping to be moved shortly once again for rehabilitation to Ainslie Ward, Chingford where, it is hoped, she will gain improved mobility. Mavis Grint, Joan Ashley, Kelly Daniel and June Tresarden continue to be house-bound and Mavis has recently spent time in hospital again with breathing problems. Please remember these and any others known to us who are unwell or in frail health; may God's loving presence be a very real support to them.

Please continue to pray for the Player family as they work with the Council to gain a suitable placement for Toby where he will be happy and fulfilled. This is a difficult and stressful time for the whole family. Please also pray for Gemma as she enters the final weeks of her degree, that she may receive all the support and encouragement needed to complete her studies successfully.

The Player family are amongst many from our fellowship who will be taking part in Spring Harvest. After the Easter weekend Groups will be travelling to Skegness and Minehead: we do wish them all a very happy time of fellowship, refreshment, and safe journeying and look forward to hearing all about their time there in our next issue.

JL



An update on the progress of the building of the new Selwyn School. As you can see, the old is blending with the new in this picture. Soon all the original building will be just a memory...

DL

The Induction of Rev. Rosemary Eaton.

The long anticipated Induction of our new Minister took place on Saturday 17th February and it was very good to see so many people there to welcome her (and not forgetting her husband Ray!). A good number of people had travelled some distance and we were pleased to welcome a group from Rosemary's previous Church in Bridgewater who had come to join us for the occasion.

The service itself was led by Rev. Gareth Wilde who has been such a help and guide in his role as our Moderator. He welcomed all to the service and, following the hymn 'In Christ Alone' and prayers, we heard the Reading from Philippians 1 : 3 - 11. Two more songs - 'Give thanks with a grateful heart' and 'Faithful One' - followed. Rev. Phil Barnard, the Regional Team Leader of the London Baptist Association, brought greetings and explained what would happen in the formal part of the Induction. He introduced Phil Slaney and Rosemary who described the process which led to Rosemary becoming our Minister.

Rosemary then asked the congregation to stand and make responses to her words. (We have heard this described as being similar to marriage vows!), but is in the form of a covenant where both parties make an agreement as to their relationship each to the other. Rev. Phil Barnard then invited all the Church Deacons to take part in the laying on of hands for Rosemary.

The Blessing given by Rev. Barnard was as follows:

**The covenant God bind you in grace and love,
the faithful God keep you faithful through all things
and the God of hope and peace
sustain you in the way of Jesus
this day and every day. Amen**

We then sang 'I, the Lord of sea and sky' followed by the Sermon from Rev. Dr. Dave Gregory who is the current Vice President (and soon to be President) of the Baptist Union and who had been at college with Rosemary.

The service concluded by the singing of 'How great thou art' with the Blessing from Rev. Gareth Wilde.

Over the years we have had several Induction Services but this was probably unique in at least two ways - Rosemary is our first woman Minister and secondly is probably the first to have helped provide the backing for the hymns by playing the saxophone!

We were delighted to welcome Iain Duncan Smith our local MP, the Mayor of Waltham Forest, Cllr. Yemi Osho and Councillor Geoffrey Walker of the Hatch Lane Ward.

After the service refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall and there was an opportunity to chat with friends old and new. We must thank those involved with all aspects of the provision of an excellent spread especially Mandy and Rob Edwards. A presentation was made to Rev. Gareth Wilde for his hard work and friendship as our moderator - flowers were also presented to Anne his wife. There was a time for people to welcome Rosemary and Ray and this included greetings from the Bridgewater group.



Rosemary and Ray

The laying on of hands
by the Deacons.





Rosemary on saxophone
and Ray on bass guitar.

Our Member of Parliament
and the Mayor of Waltham
Forest.



The group from
Bridgewater.

We thank Dave Kendrick for taking the pictures.

Christian Aid Week 13-19 May 2018



Together we're stronger than the storms

'If another hurricane comes, we'd just die'

Marcelin lost his home and livelihood when Hurricane Matthew hit Haiti in September 2016. 'I lost pigs, goats, everything in the house. I have nothing left,' he says.

He now lives in an old concrete shower block, a tiny space he shares with his teenage daughters. There are no windows or doors, and the only furniture is a single bed that the girls sleep on.

Marcelin has shown incredible resilience in the face of such hardships and is working hard to raise his children alone. **Will you #StandTogether with your global neighbour Marcelin by giving a donation to help build a disaster-proof home in Haiti?**

Every day he gets up at dawn to work the land but he's struggling to support his family. The changing weather frequently destroys the food he grows and his family often go hungry.

He can no longer afford to send all his children to school and is unable to save any money for a new home.

So, this Christian Aid Week, will you build hope in Haiti?

We know how to make it happen – of the 700 houses we built after the 2010 earthquake, just one needed repaired after Hurricane Matthew. But we're relying on the kindness of people like you to be able to do more, and reach more of our global neighbours in their hour of need.

The Service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for Dr. Geoffrey Francis Norris. MBE, MA, FRCGP

(20th October 1934 - 20th February 2018)

On Saturday 10th March some 200 people gathered in the church and Fellowship Hall to give thanks and remember the life of Geoff Norris. Before and after the service a slide show of Geoff, Margaret and the family was screened. The private family funeral had taken place some days before and this was the opportunity for friends, family and colleagues to celebrate Geoff's life. We heard of various facets of his life - family, work and church. As is often the case on what is a sad occasion we were brought to smiles and laughter at some of the stories we heard.

The service started with a welcome and prayer from Rosemary and this was followed by a reading from 1 Peter 1:3-9 given by grandchildren Ben and Ally. The first song had been chosen by Geoff and was 'In Christ Alone'. (All the songs and readings were chosen and given by family members). We then heard of Geoff's family life from his son and daughter Paul and Liz, and Geoff's brother Hugh.

Another song - 'All my days I will sing this song of gladness' chosen by grandchildren Matthew, Rachel and Lucy followed, and we then heard of Geoff's working life from Dr. John Raiman with whom Geoff laid the foundations of the Handsworth Avenue Health Centre. Whilst most of us knew Geoff as a busy GP, we were told of all the other work he had done, much of it on behalf of the Royal College of General Practitioners, of which Geoff was a Fellow. His recent award from the college was noted in previous issues of the magazine. His work was also recognised by the award of an MBE. We then sang 'The Lord's my shepherd' chosen by Margaret and Geoff, followed by a reading given by granddaughters Rachel and Lucy - 1 John 4:9-12. Phil Slaney then reminded us of Geoff's faith and how much HPBC meant to him and he to the Church. Next came the song 'Before the throne of God above' this time chosen by Ben and Ally, and then the reading Luke 10: 25-28 was given. Rosemary gave a short talk followed by a time of prayer and the Lord's Prayer, leading into the final hymn - 'And can it be', again chosen by Geoff. The Blessing brought the service to a close.

Refreshments were served in Fellowship Hall and gave a time for meeting old friends and remembrance of Geoff over many years. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

We thank Rob Edwards who has created on YouTube the slide show and a full audio recording of the service. This may be found at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=deD1csByJc8>

Dr Geoff Norris – Faith life

The tribute given by Phil Slaney at the Thanksgiving Service:



When I was asked, as Church Secretary, to write about Geoff's faith life it seemed an impossible task but having thought and prayed about it I found it was easier than I had previously thought because Geoff's faith was his life.

He was grounded in his Christian faith, he was rooted in the Bible and he could quote from scripture and apply it to almost any situation and he often did. He also believed in the power of prayer and this was his first resort rather than his last resort. Geoff's whole life was a witness to what a Christian should be and an example for others to follow.

I wanted to highlight in some way Geoff's service to this church over many years. He served here as a member, Elder, Secretary, Boy's Brigade Captain, Honorary President and as Chaplain. He with his wife Margaret hosted a 14+ group for teenagers in their home after the Sunday evening service and this had been inspired by a Minister who told them to 'love them and feed them'.

I have been helped in writing this by people whose lives have been touched by Geoff so I want to quote from a few examples I have received. Joyce Stanborough a previous Girl's Brigade Captain and Church Treasurer wrote; 'My memory of Geoff is such a happy one with lots of smiles along the way and many a joke shared. He was always able to give prayerful comfort in any situation. An early memory is that of Girl's Brigade Displays in the school hall in Handsworth Avenue when Geoff on several occasions was the Chairman, and was accompanied by Margaret who graciously presented awards to the girls of the 1st Highams Park Company. His encouragement and support was so appreciated by both officers and girls. Even though I have moved from Highams Park I can still visualise Geoff meeting and greeting folk as they arrived at church on Sundays. His welcome was a large part of preparing us all for worship. Along with my memories of Geoff I would like to mention my dear late friend Beryl Alvarez in this tribute. Beryl and I served as Church Officers at HPB for many years. Beryl was Church Secretary. We never failed to recognise the love, support and loyalty we received from Geoff. To have someone trust you and show confidence to the extent that he did helped us in such a big way through good and not so good times. Geoff became Church Secretary following Beryl's decision to hand over the reins and he continued to keep us up to date with church news when we moved to Frinton-on-sea in 2010. Thank you Geoff for happy and precious days'.

I also received a tribute from our previous Minister Revd Jonathan Boyce who wrote; 'One of my strong recollections is of '100 for 100' monthly distribution of items in Highams Park over the Century year in 2013. My recollection is that Geoff attended all of them, or the vast majority of them.

I especially recall the team of us, Geoff included, giving 100 teas and coffees to early morning commuters on Highams Park station platform. I think too about Geoff and Margaret and them being key people, from year to year, in terms of a group from church attending Spring Harvest. I think about Geoff hosting Monday Gathered Prayer and of those times as being really important and productive to the life and work of the church'.

I also received this tribute from our member and previous BB Captain Bob Jenkins who wrote; 'For me, details about Geoff's status, achievements, academic qualifications, professional history and of course his interest in Welsh rugby seem to be dwarfed by his incredible unselfish love, not only to his beloved Margaret, all the family and to his work colleagues over the years, but devotion to his church, and so many friends, not just members, but his humble approach to anyone and everyone, those who attended regularly or those visiting for the first time, in short everyone was special to him. He had this wonderful social gift of meeting and talking to people whatever their background, race, religion or situation and someone who really cared, always putting others first and shifting the focus on other people's needs rather than his own. The love of his Lord was shown in so many ways and we as a church are so grateful for his knowledge, witness and inspiration over the years. Whether it be shown in his medical work or his experience in the community in Highams Park where he was particularly well known and much respected'.

I have also received a tribute from Jason Close our BBGA Captain and Church Treasurer. 'Geoff became an officer in the 17th Waltham Forest Company later in life and with Margaret supported me and the other officers over many years. Geoff attended each Friday in all brigade sections, attending camp and enjoying the fellowship with boys, girls and officers. He would often ask, 'What can I do - where do you want me?' Geoff was also our Company Chaplain when we did not have a Minister and in later years our Honorary Company President. Geoff with Margaret were always there for us, supporting the company both in prayer, giving time to listen and show their love. Geoff and Margaret had attended Spring Harvest for many years and took their 14+ group where we had lots of good times. He with the other leaders would attend the meetings with us just to make sure we went and they would also cook, feed and look after us and never asked for anything in return. He was a true gentleman'.

So to conclude, I was able to visit Geoff in Bart's Hospital a week before he died and I was able to tell him that Rosemary our new Minister had moved into the manse and he was thrilled. I know he wanted so much to be present at the induction service but this was not possible and he died 3 days afterwards so he did achieve his objective in knowing we had a new Minister before he went to be with his Lord.

I also noted that the American evangelist Dr Billy Graham died the day after Geoff and I can just imagine the conversations they will be having in heaven!

Finally, for me Geoff's legacy was that he set a standard for us to emulate; a faithful follower of Jesus, grounded in the word of God and prayer, a very humble man that displayed the love of God in everything he said and did. May he rest in peace.

Phil Slaney
Secretary – Highams Park Baptist Church
10th March 2018

I am sure that everybody who knew him has a favourite memory of Geoff... This is mine. As was pointed out in the Thanksgiving Service Geoff had some very distinctive characteristics - one was his sense of humour and another was his Welshness. To me they are both summed up in the way he appeared for Church on one Sunday after Wales had become the Rugby Grand Slam Champions - see what you think:

DL



Past Memories

We are grateful to Bob Jenkins for forwarding some pictures of times (somewhat) long ago - in Bob's words:

The photos are courtesy of Andy Bowles who has been circulating old BB photos and memorabilia for over a year now, which has brought great memories, nostalgia and a little bit of embarrassment along the way?!

The first photo was probably taken by Arnold Coe in 1967! in the Peak District on our first Lightweight camping expedition and as you can see, that is me in the picture and I am really enjoying myself feeling exhausted hiking round Langdale Pike?

The second photo is a gem, featuring a group of BB youngsters at Camp in St Helens on the Isle of Wight in the 1950's, and what a line up, Barry White, Derek Harris, Chris Winward, John Francis, the ever popular Phil Slaney, later to become a distinguished Church Secretary and a former member Eric Shearman, whose whereabouts are unknown.



Forthcoming Events from The Highams Park Society:

We are delighted to hear from the Society of its planned events until July 2018:

April:

St. George's Weekend 22nd April

The 17th Pals Battalion Band will be marching

Saturday 28th Cinema showing 'Stage Fright (1950) starring Marlene Dietrich.

May:

Sunday 12th - A Guided Walk at Bethnal Green

Saturday 26th - Cinema showing 'Mid-August Lunch' (originally 'Pranzo di ferrogasto 2008)

June:

Saturday 23rd- Cinema :million Dollar Mermaid (1952) starring Esther Williams.

July

*Saturday 14th - Highams Park Day 2018 - our Village Fete.
For the Cinema:*

Doors open at 1.30 - Film at 2pm.

£3 for members - £4.50 for non-members - Children are free

Further details can be found at the Society e-mail:

<http://www.highamsparkociety.co.uk/contact-us/>

Making wonderful music...

On the 13th March the Redbridge Music Service held its 22nd biennial concert at The Royal Albert Hall. Over 1800 children from schools across the borough attended, with over 50 choirs performing together with the Redbridge Music School Symphony Orchestra.

And guess who was asked to play the famous Royal Albert Hall organ.....none other than our member Doris Thorndyke's grandson Rory (Rory is Chris Thorndyke's eldest son... Chris attended HPPBC and was in the 17th BB Company and also plays bugle in the 17th Pals Battalion Band).

Rory played The National Anthem, Jerusalem and also two Organ pieces, Suite Gothique Toccata by Leon Boellman and Nun Danket by Karg Elert.

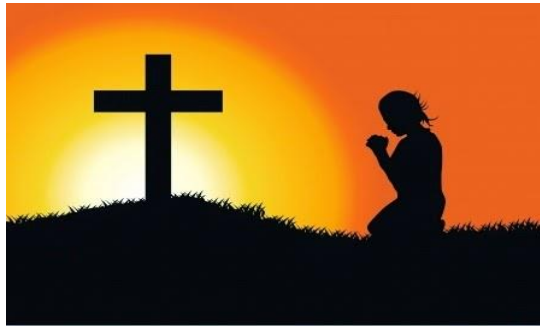
Rory texted his Dad during the concert and said..." This Organ is so powerful...I can make the building shake !"

As you can see, Rory had the best seat in the house.



His Late Grandfather Alf would have been very proud!

With thanks to Chris Thorndyke.



Lord, I come to you knowing that I need your help.
only you alone can rescue me at this time.
Not that my feelings are desperate or that I am ill,
rather, I just need someone special who can get me
straight, sort me out, fulfil my life and in return
I offer myself completely over to you,
knowing I am doing the right thing and
submitting myself to your love, trust
and promise of everlasting life.
It's not been easy for me lately,
I thought I could manage without anyone else's help,
but in this materialistic world, it's not enough
and I have come to realise that your son
Jesus Christ is the only hope for the future.
I recognise what Jesus went through on the cross, to
save all sinners and this moment has arrived when I
must make that decision to follow him, all powerful,
graceful and inspirational, all rolled into one!
Please accept my failings, shortcomings and times
when I have let you down,
this moment is very important to me,
show me the way forward,
put me on the right road and dwell in me forever.

With thanks to the author - Bob Jenkins



17th Waltham Forest Boys Brigade & Girls Association

I thought it would be nice to update you all on where we are and what we have been doing.

This year the Anchor and Junior sections have been meeting each Friday, playing games, doing badge work and craft activities. They took part in the Battalion Junior Section Bible competition and Figure Marching and although they did not win this year, their entry was still good and it's great to see them taking part. In March we had the Battalion International Games and London Bible Quiz, and even though we did not win the games we did come first in the Battalion for the Bible Quiz, so well done!

As you may have heard, the Company Section is currently closed, which we, the Officers felt was the right thing to do at this time. Please do continue to pray and support the Officers as to what we do next and how we move forward. Toby Close is currently completing his Queens Badge and we hope to see him finish this by the end of the summer. Gemma Player has left as an Officer due to the university course she is currently doing, and we thank her and wish her well in this. We also continue to think of the Officers left: Mandy Edwards, Stephen Edwards and Toby Close, running the Anchor and Junior Section.

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, and a London District Day event, called 'Life to Max': a great fun day with over 600 young people from all over London attending, with fun and rides for 5 to 11-year-olds. There is more, but you can hear about our summer next time.

As for me, even though I am not down each week, I am still supporting in the background at Battalion and London events. At the start of March, the London District held their Queens Badge course and some of us got caught in the heavy snow getting there. Yes - me (two hours to go 5 miles) ! It was great that 28 young men attended the course and weekend from all over London.

I would also like to say at this point how grateful the whole Company and Officers of 17th Waltham Forest have been for the love, support and duty that Dr Geoff Norris gave in all he did with and for the Company, as an Officer, a Company Chaplain and Honorary President for the Company. I know we all had happy and fun times with him at camps and other events, and he always showed his love to all.

I remember just one time that comes to mind when he was canoeing with Jean in Wales and they found out how deep the water was, and then him in a wet suit to get out of afterwards! Geoff was truly a Godly man and loved by the boys and Officers. He will be missed but we give thanks for all that he did. God bless, Geoff.

Dates for your diary:

Sunday 22nd April - We are holding a St George's Day Parade service where the Company will be marching with the Band and other Companies from the Battalion have been asked to join us for the morning Parade and Service at 10am. We will be marching from Tesco in Highams Park before the service at 9.40am and then back to there after the service. Please do join us if you can.

Friday 11th May - Our Annual Awards Evening at HPBC from 7pm to 9pm approx. it will be great to see what the girls and boys have done and to receive their awards.

Please do continue to pray and support all the children, young people and Officers as they attend and work together in the Company and as we decide where we go next.

Thanks

Jason Close



The great gift of Easter is hope - Christian hope which makes us have that confidence in God, in His ultimate triumph, and in His goodness and love, which nothing can shake.

Basil C. Hume, 1923-1999 - Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster

PENTECOST



Lord, we want another Pentecost, a revival of the Spirit's power among us, so we look back with nostalgia to the first Pentecost, envying the apostles that experience that seems to elude us; for we want to hear the wind in the streets, rattling the windows and banging the doors, blowing gusty and invigorating from the mountain of the Lord, we want to see the tongues of fire over each other's heads, we want to preach the word that converts, renews, convicts, redeems.... Lord, we want another Pentecost....

At least, Lord, that's what we ask for, I'm not sure whether we really *want* it; I ask myself, Lord, do I know what I am praying for? – the wind Lord, the wind, blowing open doors I thought were safely shut; hurling neat plans, agendas, committee reports into the air; rushing down by-ways where men have been snoring peacefully in the siesta of middle-age; - and the fire, Lord, that flame that is not a cosy glow, keeping me pink and warm, but a flame that sears, scalds, consumes(remember Malachi, Lord: refining fire and fuller's soap, the men nearest to God purged and scrubbed); that flame that makes me shield my eyes, and sweat.

Lord, this is what I am asking for, may I also *want* it: and if You come, Lord, still as wind and fire, yet unannounced and unseen by others, may I recognize You; as I look for the renewal of Your church Lord, may I be prepared for the renewal within myself; the wind that drives out the dust and debris of my half-hearted efforts and my shabby compromises, that makes me catch my breath and clutch again the security of the Rock; and the fire, Lord, the passion for You and people which might, by Your grace, forge something of lasting gold in my life.

Lord, we want another Pentecost that, renewed by wind and fire, we may preach the Good News, and men may hear, and hearing, may see visions and dream dreams.

A prayer for others:

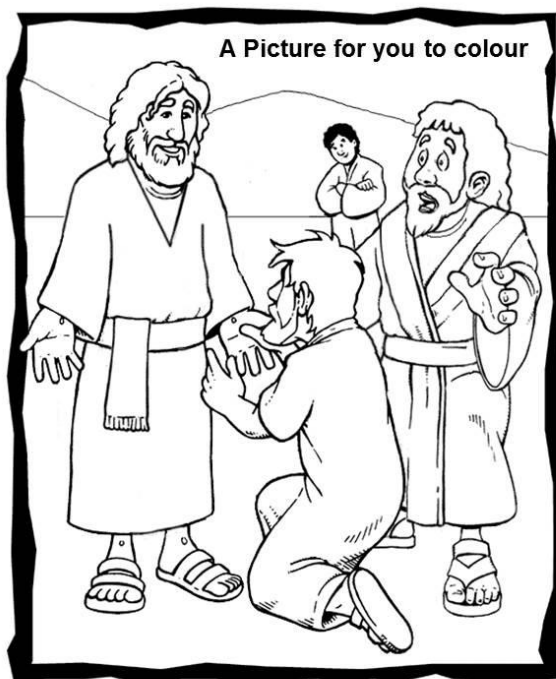
That the Church that prays for the coming of

the Holy Spirit

may be given grace to endure His coming

and may He be poured out on all men.

by Michael Walker, in 'Hear Me, Lord', published by Arthur James Limited, Evesham, Worcs. – Michael was a previous Minister of Highams Park Baptist Church.



A Picture for you to colour



Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance.
John 20:1 (NIV)

Re-arrange the letters to make a word to do with the Easter story then find the answer:

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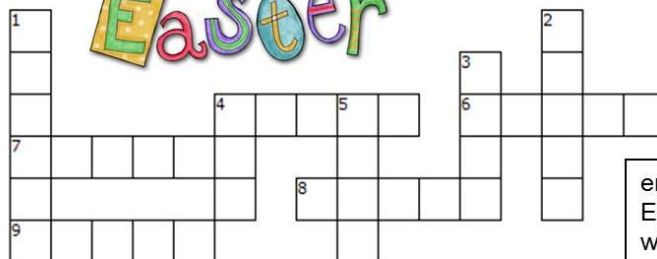
HE IS _____!

The Easter Story

Luke 24:36-48



HAPPY
Easter



empty Mary
Easter cloth
white stone
alive tomb
angels cry

ACROSS

4. A piece of fabric made by weaving cotton, wool, or other fibres
6. Not dead
7. The day we celebrate Jesus' resurrection
8. To have nothing inside
9. What was used to cover the entrance to Jesus' tomb

DOWN

1. Messengers from heaven
2. The colour of snow; the opposite of black
3. The woman who found the stone rolled away from Jesus' tomb
4. To produce tears; to weep
5. A grave or a room where someone is buried

CHURCH DIARY

April

Sunday 1st	10 am	Easter Sunday - Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 8th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 15th	10 am	Morning Service led by Phil Slaney
Sunday 22nd	10 am	All Age Service (St. George's Day Parade) led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Monday 23rd	7.30 pm	Pastoral Care Team meeting at 212, The Avenue
Sunday 29th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

May

Sunday 6th	10 am	All Age Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Thursday 10th	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting at the Church
Sunday 13th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 20th	10 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
followed at	11.30 am	Church Member's meeting
Sunday 27th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

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Sunday 3rd	10 am	All Age Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 10th	10 am	Boy's Brigade Reunion Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

Note that details are subject to change.

All services and events take place at the Church unless noted.

Refreshments are served after the Morning Service every Sunday.