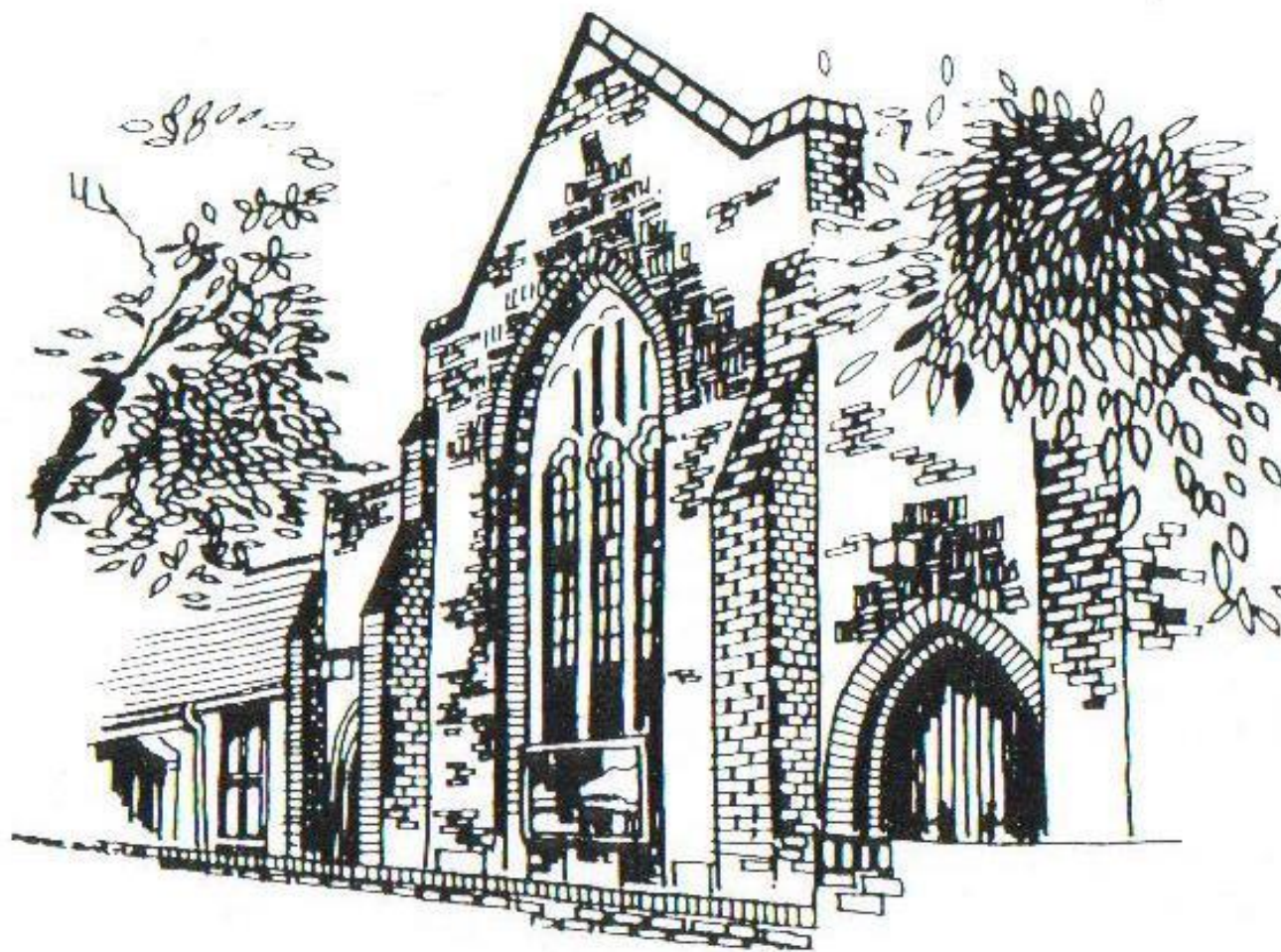




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**Highams Park Baptist  
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# CHURCH PROGRAMME



**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)  
combined with  
Juniors (For boys and girls in school years 4-6) 6.30 - 8:00 pm  
Company Section 7.00 - 8.30pm

**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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**What must I do?**

A wealthy young man once asked Jesus a question. What was it that he, a religious man who in the eyes of the world had all he needed, must do to ensure his eternal future? The answer was that he should leave his life of ease, sell all he had and follow Jesus. This prospect was too much to bear. To leave his comfortable existence and follow a wandering preacher held no appeal. With great sadness in his heart, the young man walked away.

Others who met Jesus responded differently. Women and men alike accepted the call to follow. Fishermen, tax collectors and women of substance were among those who travelled around with Jesus. Each played their own part in the early success of the mission of this itinerant preacher and healer.

What must I do? For each of us the question will have a different but very specific answer. For the rich young man material goods were a barrier to following Jesus. For the group of women led by Mary Magdalene the call was to use their resources to support Jesus as he moved around the country. For Peter, Andrew, James and John a change of profession was implied. Fishermen no longer, they were to become evangelists.

As we move through life following Jesus requires us to be willing to go on asking 'what must I do?' at every stage. Change is challenging. The familiar is comfortable and the prospect of abandoning that which makes us feel secure can be too much to bear. Much easier to walk away or, perhaps, not to ask the question at all.

Jesus' encounter with the rich young man was brief. We know nothing of what became of him. Did he regret his decision that day? Did he go away, think about what Jesus had said and act on it in some other way?

What must I do? The question is ours to ask and the response to the answer ours to make. Will we choose to follow whatever it takes or will be we, with regret, walk away?

# *Cavendish Circular*

As we enter Autumn the days shorten, summer holiday memories fade along with the sun tan (if we were lucky enough to obtain one). Schools and Universities welcome students back (some more willing than others perhaps!) and our Harvest celebrations have heralded a return to our regular meetings, and, yes, preparations for Christmas. The Summer provided not only some record-breaking temperatures but great opportunities for fellowship, more of which you can read later. Our Church was once again beautifully decorated for our Harvest festival and we extend thanks to all those who helped Jenny Cove who oversaw the preparations. A Bring and Share lunch followed the service, organised once again so efficiently by Mandy Edwards, providing yet more chances to get together and chat, and this was followed by the sale of flowers and perishable produce, all of which went to our two chosen charities. There are pictures and more details of this event in the Magazine.

Our apologies go to Mandy and Rob Edwards whose Silver Wedding Anniversary should have been reported on in our last issue. I think we couldn't believe that it was twenty five years ago that they married on a very hot day in July! Belated congratulations and best wishes go to them on this great achievement. We take this opportunity to thank them both for all they do in the life and work of our Church.

It is with sadness that we record the death of Christine Close, mother to Stephen and Jason, in Whipps Cross hospital on 7<sup>th</sup> August, after a long period of ill health and increasing frailty. Her funeral took place on 31<sup>st</sup> August when family and friends gathered to remember all that she meant to them, and to give thanks for her life. There is a tribute to Christine that Jason gave at her funeral further in this issue. We extend our loving condolences to Stephen, Jason, Toby, Sophie and Annette and all the family at this sad time.

Simon Jones' father Bernard has recently spent time in hospital following a fall and is now in a nursing home. It is hoped that he is recovering and settling well in his new surroundings.

A number of our fellowship have undergone, or are awaiting surgery. Rob Edwards had a long-awaited operation in Whipps Cross Hospital a few weeks ago which fortunately proved to be a shorter procedure than had been expected so that he was able to return home the next day.

It is hoped that this means he will be free from pain and on the road to recovery after a lengthy period of ill health and discomfort.

Doris Thorndyke suffered a fall recently which necessitated a visit to A & E at Whipps Cross but unfortunately fell again at home just last week. Once more in hospital she has undergone a hip operation and at the time of writing is making good progress. She has been greatly missed at Church and we send her our loving best wishes for a very speedy recovery.

Dorothy Tayler is due to have knee replacement surgery shortly and our thoughts and prayers are with her as she undergoes the operation and recovers in hospital and at home. We also remember Cliff as he continues with out-patient tests and treatment.

Congratulations and best wishes go to Regilin (Perlita Jenkin's daughter) and husband Jhaysen who have a little girl, born on 27<sup>th</sup> September. Regilin had spent some weeks in hospital prior to the birth which was due in November. Please pray for the family, including proud brother Jhayden, that his little sister will continue to make good progress. Every happiness to them in their future family life together.

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*'Lord, You have come into the pattern of our lives, Your presence is there in the midst of every relationship ("Where two or three are gathered....."), and You give permanency to our love, hope to our faith; our lives are held in You, You have woven eternal life into our all too transitory existence.*

*A Prayer for Others:*

*Remember the human relationships that  
God has given us.  
Remember how much we have taken for  
granted in our day.  
Remember those who fill out the pattern  
of our lives.'*

From "Fellowship" in 'Hear Me, Lord' by the late Michael Walker, previously Minister of HPBC.



## *Harvest time at HPB*

Whilst not exactly ploughing and scattering we celebrated Harvest on the last Sunday of September. As usual the Church was covered in flower arrangements large and small and our thanks go to Jenny Cove and all who helped with the setting out of the flowers or who made contributions of money to buy the flowers.



During the service the congregation were given the opportunity to bring harvest gifts to the front of the church. The food so collected will be donated to the 'Heat or Eat' scheme.

The celebration continued with a 'Bring and Share' lunch where an excellent array of food, both savoury and sweet, was served and we are very grateful to Mandy for organising the catering and also to all those who helped in the preparation and serving (and the making of tea and coffee and doing the washing up!).



After we had all eaten our fill (or at least made a very good attempt at so doing...) the floral displays were sold off together with some very attractive loaves of bread courtesy of Rob and Mandy. The proceeds were to be added to the collection

and divided between Spurgeons Child Care and The Christian Kitchen.



Ready, steady



Serve!



Women and children (well children) first!



Not to forget the adults...

## **Christine Phyllis Close (Finn)**

**07/10/1943 - 07/08/2018**

Before I start, I wanted to thank you all on behalf Stephen, myself and the family, for coming today to support and pay your respects to Christine and for all those who have supported us over the last seven months, when Mum spent most of her time in hospital and respite care.

### **Mum**

To most of you here today Mum was Christine or Chris, but to Stephen and me she was our Mum and she loved her boys and our Dad, Doug, and the grandchildren: Toby & Sophie and her daughter in law, Annette. Mum was someone that always put her family first, no matter what.



As you know, if Mum and Dad had still been here they would have been married for fifty four years in October. This brought good and bad times along the way, but a lot of happy and fun times like most families.

Mum loved her family when growing up and all the years when she was an only child with the wider family. Mum would always talk about her time as a child. She remembered her cousin Marion being born; she was nine at the time and wanted to see her that day, but her Dad, Pat, said no as it was raining. She moaned so much that he put her out in the rain – so I'm told! Marion & David can't be here today as they now live in New Zealand, but their son Robert and his partner Vicki are here to represent them all.

Over the years we all attended different social clubs and it was Mum as a child who was at the Kentish Town Railway club which Granddad Pat was heavily involved with as he worked on the railway for fifty one years. Mum grew up there and went with her mum (Jean) and her Dad and family, and then at the age of nineteen met our Dad through work. They spent many years there together with Mum's cousin Valerie who is here today, who went with her as a teenager, with Christine and Doug and our grandparents. Mum loved being there with everyone and both Valerie and Marion were bridesmaids at Mum and Dad's wedding. We both remember going as kids and had many great nights there. We would go to our Nan and Grandad's and if we did not sleep in the afternoon Mum would say 'if you don't sleep you know Granddad will get cross.' Mum loved parties both at home and elsewhere - she loved to see the house full. If you were sitting down as Midnight struck at New Year she would get you up - no matter what!



When we had New Year at home Nan and Granddad Talbot (Dad's Mum and Dad) would come with other friends as the years passed - she would always make sure you were all up!

When Stephen and I was growing up we loved the family holidays and I think Mum loved the sunshine even more than me. She loved to relax by the pool and enjoyed the days out watching her boys and everyone having fun. Yes, when we were growing up Stephen and I did everything together.

Mum was always there in the back ground supporting us in what we did in Boys Brigade, both as boys and Officers. She was always happy to lend a hand when in better health and was always asking what was happening and so on. She also loved having a day out with Jean Owen and Jean's late mum when they came with me to see the camp sites and look at things we might do.

When Stephen and Annette married she gained a daughter and having had two boys I think she thought this was a nice change! Shortly after Toby arrived, followed by Sophie three years later and she loved them both and enjoyed seeing them when I had them staying over for the weekend as we would always go out on a Saturday evening to one of the social clubs and they went on a few holidays with them too.

Later life brought Mum a lot of health issues and pain at a younger age than for most. She struggled to walk and relied on our Dad to do it all. The last two years since Dad passed have been tough and Mum got much worse. As Stephen was living with Mum he had to deal with a lot, but he had his son Toby & daughter Sophie to support him and Mum loved it when Toby stayed, as he did most weekends.

I could go on. We will remember the good times, the happy and fun times and when Mum was more well and able - as she would want us to. Mum, rest in peace. You are no longer in pain or suffering; you are with your all, your everything - our Dad, back together.

Mum hated it when I called her Christine, but she would listen then –so, for the last time: Christine, your boys will be fine. We have all these here to keep us in order and I'm sure if they don't Toby and Sophie will. We know you tried your best and we know you wanted so much to be with Dad even more. I know you have gone to a better place in Heaven; you will not be forgotten, but you will be in all our hearts and in our thoughts for ever. We will try our best to live up to your name and how you brought us up to be. We will all love you for ever; God bless Mum, now have a drink together with Dad; you are our Mum, our Nan and our Friend.

*A tribute given by Jason at the funeral.*

*Please remember that the Church Council Elections will be held on Sunday 25th November at our Annual General Meeting. Nominations to be given to Phil Slaney, Church Secretary by Sunday 4th November.*

### **Church Council Elections - Thinking about Church Leadership:**

The only two local Church 'offices' mentioned in the New Testament are those of elder ('*overseer*') and deacon ('*servant*').

The Apostle Paul gives criteria as to people suitable for the roles. Implicit in these qualities is a person's heartfelt desire for the care and oversight of God's people. The verses of the Bible that address both the roles of deacon and elder clearly speak of selfless Christian servants who desire to humbly and sacrificially care for the people Jesus died to save.

The Greek word for deacon is 'diakonos'. In its pre-technical usage, this word simply meant "one who serves." The seven men chosen to serve in this capacity in Acts 6:1-6 were likely the first deacons ever to be appointed in the Church. Generally, their attention to the physical needs of the early Church was to allow 'the Twelve' (the 11 original disciples plus Matthias, also referred to as 'the apostles' in v6) to give full attention to prayer and the teaching of the word of God (Acts 6:2,4). However, Acts 6:8-8:1 clearly shows that gifted deacons may preach and teach boldly at times!

The criteria explained in these verses as to those who were chosen is that they were known to be 'full of the Spirit and wisdom' (v3). Stephen is particularly mentioned as being a man 'full of faith and of the Holy Spirit' (v5).

In Paul's letter first letter to Timothy, a young leader in the Church at Ephesus, Paul doesn't write about the roles of elder and deacon but rather the criteria / 'qualities' that someone should meet in order to be considered for the role: *(v8) Deacons, likewise, are to be men worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. (v9) They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience. (v10) They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons. (v11) In the same way, (their) wives are to be women worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything. (1 Timothy 3v8-13)*

Apparently the Greek word translated as 'wives' (v11) can also refer to 'women helpers' or 'deaconesses'. Hence Paul could either be writing about 'wives of deacons' or 'female leaders of the Church' (such as Phoebe, the deaconess mentioned in Romans 16v1). In either case, Paul expected the behaviour of prominent women in the Church to be just as responsible and blameless as that of prominent men.

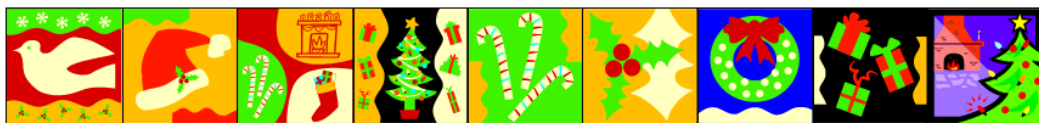
The lists of qualities in the New Testament for Church office show that living a pure and blameless life requires effort and self-discipline. All believers, even if they don't plan to be Church leaders, should strive to follow these guidelines because they are consistent with what God says is true and right.

For Highams Park Baptist Church the elected leadership is referred to as the 'Church Council'. Individual members of the Council are referred to as 'deacons' but serve together with oversight and responsibility for both 'practical' and 'spiritual' matters within the life and work of the Church (involvement with 'spiritual' matters is often more associated with the role of elder).

The Biblical material that speaks about deacons and elders hence serves as a helpful guide with regards to those potentially entrusted with leadership responsibility at the Church: Acts 6:1-6, 1 Timothy 3:1-13, Titus 1:5-9 & 1 Peter 5:1-4.

Finally '...it is important to understand that they *[those elected to serve as leaders]* always serve with the agreement of the local congregation. The only Lord in the congregation is Christ himself'.

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## CARDS & COOKIES



**Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 2-4 pm**

*An afternoon of Card and Cookie making for children and adults ~ all materials supplied*

# ***RAW ACADEMY SUMMER WORKSHOPS 2018***

RAW Academy has had an AMAZING summer 2018! We had two fantastic weeks of workshops, 'The Greatest Summer Workshops' and 'MOVIE MAGIC'. For the 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive year running, RAW Academy returned to Highams Park Baptist Church for this year's Summer Workshops, and we had a blast!

Using all the halls at HPBC we facilitated workshops looking at all areas of the performing arts! Acting, singing and dancing! We explored The Greatest Showman, and celebrated the history of performing arts! In this week we were also visited by an awesome theatre company 'MOTH Physical Theatre Company' and they performed snippets of their show 'WILD WILMA', as well as giving us a puppetry masterclass and physical theatre workshop!

In our second Summer Workshops of 2018 at HPBC we took the big screen, as we began 'MOVIE MAGIC'! This week of workshops focused on the blockbusters of today, and in this week, we turned Highams Park Baptist Church into a Hollywood set, as we filmed twelve, yes TWELVE short films and music videos, using our RAW-ians as the stars! We looked at using our Green Screen to transport us to different worlds, and using SFX make up, as we embraced the magic of film!

On this week of MOVIE MAGIC we were also joined at HPBC by Hollywood star Harris Dickinson. (Star of 'Maleficent 2', 'The Darkest Minds' and Danny Boyle's latest BBC series 'TRUST'!) And he gave our RAW-ians an epic masterclass on acting for the big screen!

We thoroughly enjoyed using Highams Park Baptist Church again for our Summer Workshops, and are already looking forward to returning in 2019 for our next Summer Workshops!

If you'd be interested in joining The RAW Team and enrolling on our weekly workshops that take part at Peterhouse Centre (E17 3PW) do get in touch with us today! We have weekly workshops for ages 4, all the way to young adults! Do give us a call to discuss getting signed up for your FREE RAW Trial! We look forward to hearing from you!

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# RAW ACADEMY AUTUMN 2018

## #JoinTheTeam



**RAW Academy are BACK for Autumn 2018, and we can't wait!**

Weekly workshops will return on the week commencing **Monday 10th September** back at **Peterhouse Centre!**

**MINI RAW WORKSHOPS (4-6 yrs):** Tuesdays 16:30-17:30  
**YOUNG PERFORMER WORKSHOPS (7-9 yrs):** Mondays 16:30-18:00/Thursdays 17:00-19:30  
**JUNIOR PERFORMER WORKSHOPS (10-12 yrs):** Mondays 16:30-18:30/Thursday 17:00-20:00  
**SENIOR PERFORMER WORKSHOPS (13-18 yrs):** Tuesdays 17:30-20:30  
**MASTERCLASS(Adults):** Tuesdays 20:30-22:00

**Don't forget that you can book your FREE RAW Trial now!**  
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# The Church Tea Party

On Saturday August 11th the weather was kind to us - not too hot (after several days of trying to break the temperature records!) and not too windy so that we could have a bouncy castle...



This was a time to take things easy - to sit and chat (and how), to take refreshment and it was enjoyed by the good number of people who came. The multitude of cakes and light refreshments were provided on a 'bring and share' basis and the kitchen was manned by teams of two people for half an hour at a time - a scheme which worked well. We are grateful to Ruth for the planning of an excellent idea.



Food, glorious food...



Time for a chat or two or three!



It was so tiring...



But Jason enjoyed it very much!



# Holiday Club

This August Rosemary and I helped at the Winchester Road Holiday Club. The theme was "Creation ~ God's Wonderful World". Naturally I was looking forward to a rest on one of the days, but as they compressed the 7 days of creation into 5 and did away with the 7<sup>th</sup> day entirely I was disappointed.

I helped with games, Rosemary helped with craft. Rosemary helped the children make pretty things, I made the children wet and encouraged them to throw things at each other.

On Wednesday we took the children on a 1 mile hike, in the blazing sunshine, to the park (The Highams Park) for a picnic. All this on top of a full morning and still the children wanted to play on the zip wire, with the parachute, with the footballs, with the dogs, with the climbing frames, with the helpers. Eventually their parents came and took them away.

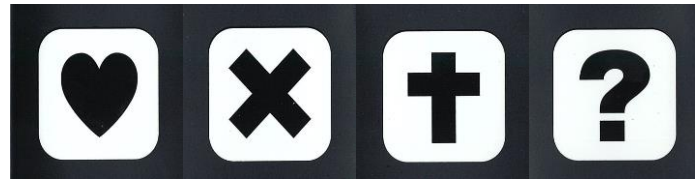
Each day there were 40 - 44 children and 19 attended the Sunday morning service at Winchester Road. We were both made very welcome and were allowed to have special biscuits at the morning briefing. It was a

good opportunity to make contacts with our Methodist friends; we both enjoyed ourselves and maybe we'll be back.



Don't say: "We've run out of squash"  
Do say: "I'll just walk  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to Humphrey's to fill up two jugs of water and carry them back; just for you!"

## ***The Four Points***



When we were at Spring Harvest Stephen ordered a new hoodie, as they did not have his size in stock. When it came it had a label attached explaining the four points. I have never completely understood what each of the symbols stood for and thought that it would be useful to explain - the meanings are as follows:



### **God Loves Me**

The four points is a very simple overview of the Bible and the first thing you need to know is that God is crazy about you! His love for you is unlimited and completely unconditional. There is nothing you can do to make God love you any more or less than He does right now. There is nothing that God wants more than to love and be loved by you. *Psalms 100 v5, 1 & John 3 v16*



### **I Have Sinned**

Sadly we have been separated from God's love by something the Bible calls sin. Simply put sin is when we choose to live for ourselves rather than God. We sin when we ignore God, break His laws and basically do things our own way. Sin destroys relationships with friends, with family and with God. The Bible says that sin ultimately brings death. *Isaiah 59 v2 & James 1 v15*



### **Jesus Died For Me**

The third point is probably one of the most well known facts in the history of mankind but is often misunderstood. The key is to realise that the penalty for sin is death. We've all sinned and we all deserve to die. But God, who is full of mercy, loved you so much that He sent Jesus to come and die in your place. Jesus dies, so that we can have eternal life. *Romans 6 v23 & Romans 5 v8*





## **I Need To Decide To Live For God**

Not only did Jesus die for our sin, three days later He rose from the dead! Through His death and resurrection, Jesus has now made a way for us to have a relationship with God. All you need to do is accept you have sinned, ask for God's forgiveness and then decide to live the rest of your life only for Him. The choice is yours *John 14 v6 & 1John 1 v9*

## **A Prayer You Can Say**

Dear God, thank you that you love me and have a good plan and purpose for my life. I'm sorry for ignoring you and doing things my way. I realise now that my sin has hurt you and the people around me, and for this I'm truly sorry. Thank you Jesus that you gave your life for me and took the punishment for my sin. Please forgive me and help me now, by the power of your Holy Spirit, as I decide to live only for you. Amen

*Rob Edwards*

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## *The Picnic in The Park*

Sunday 9th September was a 'just right' day - neither too hot, nor too cold and with a pleasant breeze. Just as well, as many people descended on The Highams Park to enjoy The Friends of Highams Park 'Picnic in The Park...



It was an incredible sight that met the eye as you approached The Park. There were crowds of people, a good number of stalls for local organisations - and then there was the Church Gazebo providing

shelter for the gallant HPB'ers. ( as far as could be seen the only such group shelter).

The children's playground and zip wire were doing excellent business. We seem to have missed the tug-of-war but the wellie throwing and dog show were in full flow.







Phil Slaney spent some time manning the Friends of Highams Park stall trying to persuade us to buy Viking helmets and succeeding in selling us raffle tickets. We were glad he did - we won afternoon tea for two at Humphreys - they were doing very good trade. In a short time they seem to have become a firm fixture in Highams Park. There

were examples of chainsaw sculpture and a good choice of food and drink. What more could you ask for?



It's a dog's life!



Music in the Park (or at least in the tent...

DL

# Congregation

A word which we know well - or do we?

We recently attended our daughter's Open University Graduation ceremony at the Barbican in London - except that we didn't! What we did attend was a Congregation. Not as a group of people meeting for a religious service but as a group of people attending 'A Congregation'. This needed investigation...

We know what a Church Congregation is; and we know that people and animals congregate together to form a crowd or a herd or a group of something - so far so good. Further looking revealed that 'it is (in some universities) a general assembly of resident senior members' - this seemed a little more like our case. Whatever it was called the ceremony was unlike any other Graduation we had been to. Before the presentation of degrees we watched a short film some of which was promoting the ethos of the Open University but which finished by showing clips from previous Graduation ceremonies and the way in which the graduands expressed their joy at reaching this momentous day. There were high fives, cartwheels, dancing across the stage, Usain Bolt poses as well as thumbs up signs and other outpourings of happiness. In the speech that followed Prof. Ian Fribbance, the Presiding Officer, positively encouraged such behaviour from those graduating and insisted that the audience should cheer, clap and make as much noise as they wished to show their approval. There were no actual cartwheels there were lots of cases where a handshake from the Dean was not enough! And the audience did certainly make their presence felt - in fact the biggest rounds of applause were for an elderly lady who walked carefully across the stage using a stick and for a graduate in a wheelchair.

Whatever it was called it was a very happy day, but we do hope that the Church Congregation is not expected to cartwheel down the aisle.



*For your added information:*

*- the collective noun for a group of plovers is a 'Congregation'*

*DL*

## Highams Park Snippets



Selwyn Avenue School is up and running in the new building. In fact the move took place early. This, of course, meant that the old building was no longer needed and is now a pile of rubble. It is good to note that it seems that the old

Caretakers House has been spared.

Many of our readers will no doubt remember Heales Cycles, for so long part of the Highams Park community. The original shop run by Lionel Heales and his wife Winifred was an Aladdin's Cave of all things bike. If you went into buy something Lionel, dressed as always in his brown dust coat, would disappear into the gloom and return with just the right item.



On his death in 1979 Winifred took over and the service was as good as ever. She could be a flamboyant lady especially when dressed in flying helmet and goggles she drove her open top MG car! Many local people grieved the 'last of the old school' when she died in 1991. Ashley Morgan took over the shop and extended it to the deserted next door shop (once a wool shop) and brought it into the modern world. He has now taken retirement and as

shown below was remembered by the Highams Park Society:



'The Highams Park Society wishes Ashley Morgan, the proprietor of Heales Cycles on Hale End Road, a very happy, healthy and long retirement! Last Friday we presented him with a card and bottle of wine to say 'thank you' on behalf of the people of Highams Park for his

service to our community. Heales has been a cycle shop since 1936, having been first established by Winifred and Lionel Heales. Ashley will be missed by many. But the business he has developed so well will continue as a cycle shop even after his departure.' DL

At this time of year we think about the people who lost their lives or were injured physically or, indeed, mentally in the World Wars and in later conflicts. As we reach the centenary of the cessation of the First World War we know that the phrase 'We will remember them' will be much used. But it is only one stanza in a longer poem – we show it in its entirety below:

## For the Fallen

Poem by Robert Laurence Binyon (1869-1943), published in The Times newspaper on 21<sup>st</sup> September 1914.

With proud thanksgiving, a mother for her children,  
England mourns for her dead across the sea.  
Flesh of her flesh they were, spirit of her spirit,  
Fallen in the cause of the free.

Solemn the drums thrill: Death august and royal  
Sings sorrow up into immortal spheres.  
There is music in the midst of desolation  
And a glory that shines upon our tears.

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,  
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.  
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,  
They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

They mingle not with their laughing comrades again;  
They sit no more at familiar tables of home;  
They have no lot in our labour of the day-time;  
They sleep beyond England's foam.

But where our desires are and our hopes profound,  
Felt as a well-spring that is hidden from sight,  
To the innermost heart of their own land they are known  
As the stars are known to the Night;

As the stars that shall be bright when we are dust,  
Moving in marches upon the heavenly plain,  
As the stars that are starry in the time of our darkness,  
To the end, to the end, they remain.





Laurence Binyon composed his best known poem while sitting on the cliff-top looking out to sea from the dramatic scenery of the north Cornish coastline. A plaque marks the location at Pentire Point, north of Polzeath. However, there is also a small plaque on the East Cliff north of Portreath, further south on the same north Cornwall coast, which also claims to be the place where the poem was written.

The poem was written in mid September 1914, a few weeks after the outbreak of the First World War. During these weeks the British Expeditionary Force had suffered casualties following its first encounter with the Imperial

German Army at the Battle of Mons on 23<sup>rd</sup> August, its rearguard action during the retreat from Mons in late August and the Battle of Le Cateau on 26<sup>th</sup> August, and its participation with the French Army in holding up the Imperial German Army at the First Battle of the Marne between 5<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> September 1914.

Laurence said in 1939 that the four lines of the fourth stanza came to him first. These words of the fourth stanza have become especially familiar and famous, having been adopted by the Royal British Legion as an Exhortation for ceremonies of Remembrance to commemorate fallen Servicemen and women.

Laurence Binyon was too old to enlist in the military forces but he went to work for the Red Cross as a medical orderly in 1916. He lost several close friends and his brother-in-law in the war. *Pictured: Robert Laurence Binyon, by artist William Strang.*

Another poem which evokes the First World War is 'In Flanders fields by John McCrae:



In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow



John McCrae was a poet and physician from Guelph, Ontario. He developed an interest in poetry at a young age and wrote throughout his life. His earliest works were published in the mid-1890s in Canadian magazines and newspapers. McCrae's poetry often focused on death and the peace that followed. At the age of 41, McCrae enrolled with the Canadian Expeditionary Force following the outbreak of the First World War. He had the option of joining the medical corps because of his training and age but he volunteered instead to join a fighting unit as a gunner and medical officer. It was his second tour of duty in the Canadian military. He had previously fought with a volunteer force in the Second Boer War. He considered himself a soldier first; his father was a military leader in Guelph and McCrae grew up believing in the duty of fighting for his country and empire. McCrae fought in the Second Battle of Ypres in the Flanders region of Belgium, where the German army launched one of the first chemical attacks in the history of war. They attacked French positions north of the Canadians with chlorine gas on April 22, 1915 but were unable to break through the Canadian line, which held for over two weeks. In a letter written to his mother, McCrae described the battle as a "nightmare",

*'For seventeen days and seventeen nights none of us have had our clothes off, nor our boots even, except occasionally. In all that time while I was awake, gunfire and rifle fire never ceased for sixty seconds.... And behind it all was the constant background of the sights of the dead, the wounded, the maimed, and a terrible anxiety lest the line should give way.'*

Alexis Helmer, a close friend, was killed during the battle on May 2. McCrae performed the burial service himself, at which time he noted how poppies quickly grew around the graves of those who died at Ypres. The next day, he composed the poem while sitting in the back of an ambulance at an Advanced Dressing Station outside Ypres. This location is today known as the John McCrae Memorial Site.

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Hello Samson, we were all wondering how you are in your spiders web in the organ loft?

Well Ed, I was woken up from my hibernation by people singing hymns!

But that's what churches are for - to worship God with singing of hymns and songs.

I know that but every week I keep hearing singing in 'rounds' and it does my head in!

Well Samson, that's because the Worship Team are teaching the congregation new ways to worship.

Well Ed, I've been in this church all my life and my old dad, Sam the spider, told me they used to sing in 'rounds' in his day, so what's new?

Thanks Samson, I'll let the Worship Team know as I'm sure they could do with your feedback.

P.T. Slaney - after the tradition of Sam the Spider by A.S. Fugler

## ADVANCE WARNING - 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, 2nd December - EARLY BIRD DELIVERY**  
(no collection available)

**Sunday, 9th December - DELIVERY. COLLECTION**  
after Service only.

**Sunday, 16th December - LAST SUNDAY FOR DELIVERY**  
Collection available after Service only

**Sunday, 23rd 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!**

## **CHURCH DIARY**

### **October**

Sunday 7th	10 am	Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 14th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Gemma Player and Paul Raymond
Sunday 21st	10 am	Morning Service led by Bob Jenkins
Sunday 28th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

### **November**

Thursday 1st	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting in the Lounge
Saturday 3rd	2.00pm	'Cards and Cookies' at the Church
Sunday 4th	10 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 11th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 18th	10 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 25th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Followed at	11.30 am	Church Members Meeting and AGM

## December

Saturday 1st	2.00 pm	Advent Reflections at the Church
Sunday 2nd	10 am	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 9th	10 am	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent All Age Christmas Service with Nativity led by Mandy Edwards
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10 am	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
	6.00 pm	Carols by Candlelight Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup>	11.30 pm	Christmas Eve Communion Service
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	All Age Service: Christmas Day Celebration

*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.*