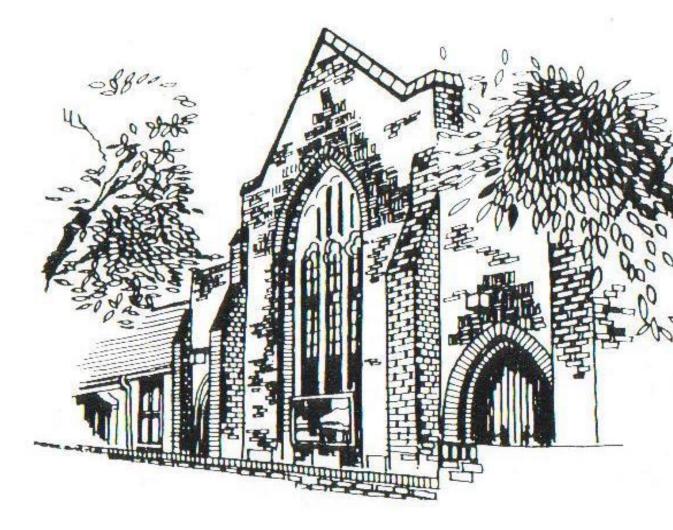


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#### **CHURCH PROGRAMME**

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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 home of Margaret Norris. 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			

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

Company Section 6. 30 - 8.30pm

Thursday Cell Group: 2.00 – 3.30pm, contact Sheila Humphrey

Friday 'Praise, Prayer and Worship'

7.00 -8.00pm at the Church. Contact Muneyi Antoniou or Peter Burke

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### **Beware the Ides of March**

March this year has brought storms and, in some parts of the country, disruption to daily routines. None of this is particularly unusual for the time of year. As we have battled high winds and heavy downpours in our daily activities, at Westminster storms of a different nature have brought disruption to political life in Britain.

In the midst of all the debates and politicking, a terror attack on the other side of the world interrupted the seemingly endless flow of Brexit news. People of all faiths and none were appalled at the shooting of Muslims at prayer in two Christchurch mosques. British Christians were encouraged by Archbishop Justin Welby to visit Friday prayers at local mosques. The Bishop of London took the call to heart standing alongside the Mayor of London and Imam Mohammed Mahoud at the Finsbury Park Mosque, where Muslims had been the target of an attack in 2017. Bishop Sarah said that 'an attack against faith anywhere is an attack on faith everywhere'.

Coincidentally, the shootings in New Zealand took place on March 15<sup>th</sup>, a date known in earlier times as the 'ides of March'. On that date in 44BC Julius Caesar was assassinated by members of his own Senate. With all his attention focussed on extending the reach of the Roman Empire Caesar failed to recognise a threat closer to home.

Fear of Islamic terror attacks has preoccupied our world since the attacks on New York in 2001. Eighteen years later concerns are emerging that negative images of Islam in the West have led to Islamophobia. The Christchurch shootings should give pause for thought if Caesar's mistake is to be avoided. 'Beware the ides of March', as Shakespeare put it.

Good Friday is a reminder of the lengths to which both states and religious groups will go to protect their interests. Unlike Julius Caesar, Jesus walked towards his own death intentionally and purposefully, intent on fulfilling his mission to overcome the darkness of this world. As we celebrate Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday we mark not only the fulfilment of that mission but also the triumph of love and life over hatred and death. *Rosemary* 

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## Cavendish Circular



At this time of year our thoughts turn to new birth as nature emerges from its' winter sleep, and the promise of warmer weather and sunnier days hopefully encourages fresh enthusiasm and renewed energy. Easter brings joy and celebration after the reflective days of Lent when we consider the sacrifice Christ made on the cross, and hopefully look forward to the coming months with renewed faith, sure in the knowledge that the sorrow of the cross is once again followed by the

joy of Easter morning. You can read more on the Easter message further in the magazine, along with details of some of the ways in which we may celebrate Easter together.

The first few months of this year have brought us some sad news for our fellowship, but also a new birth to rejoice in. Our friends Safiya and Michael, who have recently joined in worship with us, have had a baby boy, Elijah, born on 18<sup>th</sup> February. We were delighted to meet the little baby, along with his proud parents on a recent Sunday morning and send our congratulations and best wishes to all the family, praying that God's presence may uphold and bless them in their family life together.

Sadly we have recently heard of the death of three former members of our fellowship. Mary Hough died on 2<sup>nd</sup> February after a brief illness in Eastbourne hospital aged ninety six. Mary and husband John were faithful and committed members of HPBC for many years until they retired to Eastbourne in the 1990's. Mary was involved in and led many of our Church activities and was a loyal, loving support to John who acted as Elder, Deacon, Organist and worship leader. Mary continued to keep in touch with our Church through friends and the magazine. You can read a tribute to Mary from her son David later in the magazine, together with other memories of her. We send our loving condolences to David, wife Julia and all who mourn her passing, and give thanks for all she meant to our fellowship.

Friends will be sad to hear of the death in late February of Nellie Butterwick, a regular member of HPBC until her move to Maldon in Essex a few years ago. Nellie, who had just celebrated her ninetieth birthday, had been in frail health for some time and suffered a fall from which she was unable to recover; she died in hospital in Chelmsford. Nellie was a regular reader of the magazine and in regular contact with Church members. We remember her son Jonathan and the family in our prayers at this sad time.

Our more senior friends will also remember Joan Hyde, who was baptised at HPBC and was very involved with the lunch club and women's fellowship during the 1970's and 80's. Her son, Stewart, has informed us that Joan died peacefully on 23<sup>rd</sup> February aged ninety five. Joan moved away to the Southend area many years ago but maintained a keen interest in our Church through the magazine. Her son writes: 'I know that Mum greatly cherished her time at HPBC and made many friends there'. We send Stewart and the family our loving condolences as they mourn her passing.

Several friends are in particular need of our prayers at this time through illness. We remember Eva Vidal and her daughter Rut who worshipped at our Church some time ago. Eva has been seriously unwell in hospital and is continuing her recovery at home. We pray that she speedily regains full health once more and that she and Rut are strengthened by God's loving presence.

Mike Ansell is currently having great difficulty in walking and is undergoing hospital tests to ascertain the problem and decide on possible treatment. We pray for him and Hazel as they cope with the distress and frustration this has brought and pray that the doctors will find the cause soon so that suitable treatment can commence.

Lynda Lewis-Azayear has recently been admitted to hospital and we pray that she quickly recovers and that the medical professionals may be guided on the best way to support her. Please pray for Lynda, Gerald, Craig and Emma at this difficult time.

We also remember those unable to worship regularly with us, including Doris Thorndyke who continues to recover from her fall and regain mobility at home, Mavis Grint, Joan Ashley and June Tresadern, all confined to home. Although they are not able to be with us at Church we pray that they feel the presence of God day by day and know that they are still cherished members of our fellowship.

It was with great joy that we witnessed the baptismal service for Helen Savage and of Elise, daughter of Peter Burke, on 3rd February. May God continue to guide them both in their future lives in all they do.

Finally, congratulations go to Jenny Cove and Bob Jenkins who have recently celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> birthdays. Bob invited the fellowship to a birthday lunch after a recent Sunday service where everyone enjoyed some delicious food and, of course, a birthday cake! Jenny also celebrated with friends and family and we send our heartiest best wishes to the new septuagenarians!

Jacquie

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### Christian Aid Week: 'All mums should live'

Sierra Leone is the world's most dangerous place to become a mum. Every day 10 women die from giving birth. In Sawula district, the community struggle with a clinic which has no electricity and only two delivery beds.

Jebbeh is heavily pregnant but as her baby grows, it's not joy that fills her heart, but fear. When Jebbeh's sister Fatmata went in to labour, there were so few ambulances that Fatmata had no choice but to walk for three hours under the baking sun, to the nearest hospital. The journey was long and with every step Fatmata struggled to keep walking.

Jebbeh told us: 'My sister was crying out with hunger. She died on the side of the road. She never gave birth.'

This Christian Aid Week, together, we can make childbirth safe for mums and babies. Through our gifts and prayers, we can help give the world's poorest mums a chance to live.



On 12th May the Service will be in the form of a café style 'Big Brekkie' to raise funds for Christian Aid.

#### A PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED BY CYCLONE IDAI



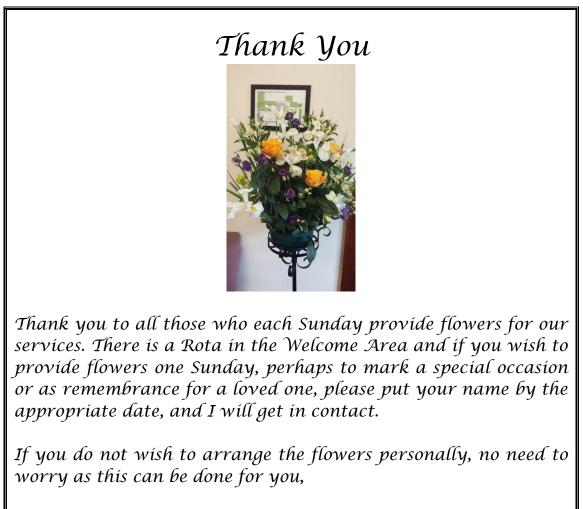
Shelter in the storm, light in the darkness, hope even in a living hell, God be with our sisters and brothers in Mozambique, in Malawi, in Zimbabwe.

Behind the numbing numbers are the names of loved ones. Behind the staggering statistics are life stories still to be told.

God, help us be with our sisters and brothers – gather us close so we open our spirits and share. Your world is our global neighbourhood. Help us forge the rain-driven path together, for only together can we weather the storms.

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Christian Aid



Marílyn Robínson

#### MARY HOUGH 17<sup>th</sup> January 1923 – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

David, Mary's son, writes:



Very sadly my mother died, aged 96, at Eastbourne General Hospital. She had been admitted after a swallowing incident but in the end it all proved too much for her and she was unable to recover. She had indeed been becoming ever more frail of late so it was not totally unexpected. She was able to celebrate her 96th birthday recently, on 17th Jan, in relatively good health. She enjoyed receiving the HPB magazine each month, reminding her of her very many happy years there.

My mother and father, John, moved to Highams Park after their marriage in 1953. They had decided on Highams Park for two reasons. Firstly my father was to take up a job at the Baptist Union in Holborn and so needed to move to London from the Midlands / North of England. Secondly, they were attracted to HPB because of the then minister Stephen Winward, whom my father held in high regard. Prior to their marriage my mother had been a secretary at Phillips. During the war she had worked at Tollerton airfield near Nottingham, I believe, ordering parts for Lancasters. She was a talented musician and much in demand as an accompanying pianist.

It must have been quite daunting to move to London, away from her family and many friends in Nottingham to start a new life. They were helped by local estate agent, Mr. Alf Yelland, to find their house in Gordon Avenue, which had been empty for some time. They managed, I think with a loan from my grandfather the Rev William Hough, to find the then staggering sum of some two thousand pounds to purchase the three bedroom semi. There they were to stay until a retirement move in the 1990's to Eastbourne.

Both my parents were active members of HPB: Mother contributing to a 'Young Wives' home group and Women's World Day of Prayer. She occasionally played the organ and piano for various services and events; my father was for some years the church organist. She supported the church and its community through good times and bad in her cheerful and energetic way, also assisting my father in his various church roles down the years.

During their retirement years they were both regulars at Eastbourne's Victoria Baptist Church. When my father died in 2006, a minibus of HPB friends attended his funeral at Victoria. For the last six years she has lived at Ashridge care home in Bexhill-on-Sea. She moved there after a stroke made it difficult to remain in her house.

Generally she has enjoyed remarkable health and vitality throughout her long life. No doubt taking after her father, Walter Simpkins, who also lived well into his 90's.



To me, she was the best of mothers and we remained very close always. The world

feels very strange without her.

## Remembering Mary Hough

Both Mary and John were faithful and committed members of Highams Park Baptist Church for many years until their retirement to Eastbourne in the 1990's. Mary ran the Young Wives Group (latterly the Wednesday Home Group) and is still remembered with great affection by those members who are now rather more elderly ladies! The group included members from the other Churches in Highams Park as well as our own and many who, while not regular attenders at HPBC, were brought into the wider circle of our fellowship, a contact that continues in some cases to this day and holds very fond memories. She was an active participant in the annual Women's World Day of Prayer and organised the Cradle Roll for the youngest members of our Church. She was a skilled pianist and a popular accompanist for other musicians and singers. There were many other tasks that she undertook quietly and sensitively, not least in her pastoral care of our members; undertaking visiting and help where needed for those in particular need and her wise counsel was of great value in all areas. Her support of John was paramount in all he contributed to the life of our Church. John was our organist for many years, a Deacon and Elder who frequently preached and led our worship, and Mary was by his side, encouraging and offering practical and cheerful support. Their contribution to the life of our Church was immeasurable and is still valued highly today and indeed has helped make us the fellowship we are.

#### Our Chapel Steward, Hazel Ansell writes:

'When in the Young Wives Group I used to baby sit David when needed as I lived quite near and I had no children. David was a very good baby and I really enjoyed being asked to look after him. Mary used to leave me biscuits or cake – she was a very good cook!'

#### A former member of the Young Wives Group, Jackie Rich, remembers:

'I have very fond memories of Mary when she ran the Young Wives Group which became the Wednesday Home Group, transferring to homes as we became mothers and then added a few years! She was a lot of fun, seeing the good side of everything, everyone, and all situations. We corresponded for many years via Christmas cards and I always thought of her and chuckled when writing them, remembering a particular incident. Two lads knocked at her door near Christmas asking for a tip for delivering her paper. She asked why they thought they deserved a tip from her. " "Cos we deliver your paper " they chorused. "Oh no you don't!" said Mary. "How do you know?" cheekily responded one of the lads, "because we have a paper *girl* !" revealed Mary (who knew that our daughter Melissa delivered it !) God Bless, Mary.

#### Love Is Come Again.....

I had just started my new job in Guy's Hospital's Medical School, providing administrative support to a small research group. The colleague I would be working most closely with was Judy, the Consultant Radiographer: a lovely, warm woman of a similar age to my own who welcomed me into the department, easing my initial nervousness at entering an entirely new world, surrounded by highly qualified researchers – quite a challenge! Those first few weeks were a whirl of new experiences, unfamiliar procedures and technical terms that had to be quickly learned. Through it all Judy was by my side, encouraging and supporting me every day and I gradually settled into the group and learnt to love the work.

Sadly I had known when interviewed that Judy would be leaving the group at some point as she was undergoing further chemotherapy for breast cancer and would be unable to continue commuting and working full-time. However, within three months it became obvious that she was very unwell and it was with much regret on all sides that she left. We were grieved when she passed away only a few weeks later and on one sunny late winter's day we gathered in the large, ornate Catholic Church in south London for her funeral, to join with family, friends and former colleagues to give thanks for her life. I remember much of that service, the tributes paid to a wellloved, brave and gifted person; the Communion which we were all invited to partake of and the hymns she had chosen to reflect her faith. One hymn in particular stood out for me; at first I was surprised that it had been chosen by her as it didn't seem an obvious choice for a funeral, but as I sang the words, accompanied by it's beautiful haunting melody, I understood that here, encapsulated, was Judy's faith, her hope for life after death, and her desire that we who were left to mourn would be comforted by the promise of new life and that death is not the end. At this time of year as I see Spring blossoming all around I remember that hymn and thank God that I knew Judy and was inspired and encouraged by her love for others and her strong faith that triumphs over death. Jacquie

Now the green blade rises from the buried grain; wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain; love lives again, that with the dead has been: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

In the grave they laid Him, love whom men had slain, thinking that never He would walk again, laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain, He that for three days in the grave had lain, quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

When our hearts are wintry, grieving or in pain, Your touch can call us back to life again, fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been: love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

### Our Young People Today.

With all the news of knife crime and young people, we should remember all the good things the young people can bring, do and show which we don't hear about. What all the youth groups bring; the leaders and the work that goes on.

Young people and all of us should remember the below. From Jason

#### About us

Your DNA, the way you are, your gifts, your talents and your experience are all specific to you.

In the whole history of the world there never been anyone like you and in all the time to come there will never be a person like you, you are different to anyone in the universe, and that makes you special.

In all eternity no one will ever walk, talk, think or do things exactly like you do them...

That means there is something that only you can do in your own unique way – So do it!

Don't spend your life wishing you were someone else, wishing you had a talent for something you haven't.

Live your life to the full and be who you are.



YOU ARE UNIQUE!

### In a small blue book...

I found a small blue book in the Church Bookcase, in the Church corridor, called 'Hymns for Worship and Communion' compiled by Stanley Voke and Stephen Winward (our then Minister in 1946). I wondered if there may be something to catch my eye and found this sensitive quiet poem / hymn which I like very much.

Mike Robinson

According to Thy gracious word. In meek humility, This will I do, my dying Lord, I will remember Thee.

*Thy body, broken for my sake, My bread from heaven shall be; Thy testamental cup I take, And thus remember Thee.* 

*Gethsemane can I forget? Or there Thy conflict see, Thine agony and bloody sweat, And not remember Thee?* 

When to the Cross I turn mine eyes, And rest on Calvary, O Lamb of God , my sacrifice, I must remember Thee.

Remember Thee, and all Thy pain, And all Thy love to me; Yet while a breath, a pulse remain, Will I remember Thee.

And when these failing lips grow dumb, And mind and memory flee, When Thou shalt in Thy Kingdom come, Jesus, remember me.

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## My Magical Mystery Tour to Church...

On Sunday 3rd of March I walked to Chingford Station to get a train to Highams Park and church. When I arrived there were no trains until later in the morning so there was a Rail replacement bus service. This often happens and by the time that the bus came there were about twenty of us waiting. The first bus had a fault and so we had to wait for a replacement replacement(!) bus. This eventually turned up and we climbed on. I settled down to read my newspaper and when I next looked up we were not in Larkshall Road but at Bancroft School in Woodford. The bus turned right so I assumed there was trouble in Larkshall Road and we were getting to Highams Park via Chingford Lane. We went past the Castle on the Woodford Road and I realised we were in the wrong lane to turn right so I went up to the driver and asked if we were going to Highams Park. He said we should be but that he was completely lost and would I stand next to him and get us there. I told him that we needed to turn right and after some manoeuvring he managed it. I then said to go straight on, but rather than go down Chingford Lane he branched left into the Charter Road. He looked so worried I did not mention the mistake and so I guided him down a very scenic route to Highams Park Lake. I was rather worried about getting a double decker bus through the two pinch points by the Lake but he just managed it. We glided very slowly down Falmouth Avenue passing the Norris house on the right, to The Avenue where I told him to turn left towards the Station, right over the crossing and left to the bus stop. I got off there so I could not help any more, but I got a cheer from the other passengers, none of who seemed to have noticed we were in the wrong place when in Woodford,



Hope they got to their stations. I really enjoyed my moment of glory in charge of a big red bus,,, Hazel Ansell

## Brilliant banana loaf recipe



PREP: 15 MINS COOK: 40 MINS

**CUTS INTO 8-10 SLICES** 

A cross between banana bread and a drizzle cake, this easy banana loaf recipe is a quick bake that can be frozen and is great for using up overripe bananas

## Ingredients

- 140g butter, softened, plus extra for the tin
- 140g caster sugar
- 2 large eggs, beaten
- 140g self-raising flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 2 very ripe bananas, mashed
- 50g icing sugar
- handful dried chips, for decoration

## Method

- Heat oven to 180C/160C fan/gas 4.
- Butter a 2lb loaf tin and line the base and sides with baking parchment.
- Cream 140g softened butter and 140g caster sugar until light and fluffy, then slowly add 2 beaten large eggs with a little of the 140g flour.
- Fold in the remaining flour, 1 tsp baking powder and 2 mashed bananas.
- Pour into the tin and bake for about 30 mins until a skewer comes out clean.
- Cool in the tin for 10 mins, then remove to a wire rack.
- Mix 50g icing sugar with 2-3 tsp water to make a runny icing.
- Drizzle the icing across the top of the cake and decorate with a handful of banana chips.

#### Rob Edwards

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> March saw 5 tables of friends and family stretch their brains and enter into battle to become Smarties of the evening, or rather to win some Smarties. Not a big prize for sure but the aim of the event was to have a fun social evening whilst raising a little for the work of the Spring Harvest Fairy. This year the fairy is supporting some families on restricted budgets to attend Spring Harvest in addition to her usual work. It was good to see church members coming along as well as other families from local churches that are also coming to Spring Harvest.

The food was piping hot and very tasty, and everyone seemed to have a fun evening. The questions were very eclectic, although there were quite a few questions about Winnie the Pooh(!) and the round titles did not always give the game away as to the content. The final scores were very close with only 12 points separating 1<sup>st</sup> and last place.

The judges were given some giggles by funny answers when teams had no idea, Mandy's voice managed to survive to the end of the evening and £90 was raised in the process. So thank you to everyone who supported the evening and we will certainly look to organising another event later in the year. Here are a few of the questions that were asked, do you know the answers? The answers are on Page 19 - NO PEEKING!

- 1. Which marsupial produces cube shaped poo?
- 2. If my jumper is jaune, what colour is it?
- 3. What is the sequel to Monsters Inc called?
- 4. Tamworth is a breed of animal, but which type of animal is it?
- 5. Who is Archibald Alexander Leach better known as?
- 6. What was the name of the doctor in George Bernard Shaw's Pygmalion?
- 7. Which sport uses the lightest ball?
- 8. What are David and Victoria Beckham's children called?
- 9. A question of Sport has been hosted by Sue Barker since 1997. But who did she replace?
- 10. Who are the three friends of Winnie the Pooh who are known for jumping?



## Highams Park Snippets



The remainder of the area of Selwyn School is now being landscaped - the problem with fuel oil having (we assume) been solved. This is now a large area and we hope the pupils will enjoy it.

The signs are that work is underway on the Regal cinema. We look forward to the opening of the cinema in time to come. It seems likely that it will be showing 'Art House' films! We reserve comment...



The Regal then

and now!

One of Highams Park's cafés - Indulge - has a number of pictures by local artist Juliet Thomas for sale. They are mainly of Highams Park scenes. I felt that one of the Regal with a Halex van passing by was appropriate.

Moving a little outside of Highams Park there is the news that the Granada cinema may, at last, live again as a place to see films. The Council looks set to purchase the building and totally refurbish it to make it into a 'destination venue'.

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The news came via the Council's 'Waltham Forest News' publication. Interestingly it shows a picture of crowds gathering outside the cinema in 1963 to see the Beatles perform live... Why 'interestingly' you may ask? Well it is for me, because I was among the crowd and surprisingly the Beatles were not given top billing - that went to Mary Wells of 'My Guy' fame. At least it meant that you could almost hear what the four were singing. The Granada at one time was the cinema to visit - comfortable, a great ambience and a Commissionaire! The music shows that they hosted allowed people to see the most popular artists of the day without having to go into town. Some years ago I wrote a piece for Heyuguys film website who had asked for memories of the Granada. Since my son was one of the founders of the site I felt I had to oblige! An abridged version follows - it may jog a memory or two!



Growing up as a teenager in Walthamstow in the late 50's and 60's meant that if you wanted to see the best films in the best surroundings then you went to the Granada. It always had an air of opulence about it the Art Deco foyer etc, meant little to me then - an appreciation of such things came later in life!. There was

always Ernie the commissionaire to guide you to the pay box and then that magic world where anything seemed possible on that large single screen (none of your multiple screens then). The films seen at that time have faded from memory but I am assured that Star Wars was among them. In a way once the lights had gone down you could have been in the Granada or the ABC at Woodford or any of the cinemas in the area - some considerably less well looked after than others!

However it was only the Granada that had the stage shows. My first was in 1961 seeing The Shadows (without Cliff Richard) and thence to a lot of American performers as well as the British ones. There would be quite a list, but one that sticks in the mind is Roy Orbison who I saw several times. He basically stood at the microphone, played his guitar and, seemingly without opening his mouth, filled the cinema with a sound that made the hairs on the back of your neck stand up.

I think that the last stage show I saw was with the Rolling Stones. The screaming was so loud that you could not even make out what song they were singing - I gave up after that...

I seem to have a dim memory of being taken for tea into the restaurant that was attached to the cinema - over a carpet showroom I think. Another rather stranger memory is of the introduction of the Austin Maxi with one such in the foyer - it must have worked subliminally as I had two in years to come! It is to be hoped that the move to refurbish and reopen the cinema comes to fruition and enables future generations to make their own memories - but probably not quite the same without the music. Dave L

## Some Dates for your Diary HEADLINE COMMUNITY EVENTS 2019



# Highams Park Day

Saturday 13th July. 11am - 4pm organised by The Highams Park Society

> The Picnic in The Park

Sunday 8th Sept. 12:30pm - 5pm organised by The Friends of The Highams Park

HP Vintage Market at Hale End Library Car Park

Saturday 11th May. 11am - 4pm organised by ARC - Highams Park Art & Culture

## The Spring Festival in The Highams Park

Sunday 19th May. 11am - 4pm organised by The Friends of The Highams Park

## The Highams Park Christmas Fayre

Sunday 15th December 11am - 5pm organised by the Highams Park Planning Group

For the most up to date information, search for us on www.facebook.com 'It's a Highams Park thing'











Lord, sometimes I look around and feel that nothing's happening for good. That we've changed gears by accident and with a screech of pain reversed creation. Taken all you've made and turned it back to chaos.

But underneath the turmoil of our frantic world your spirit works unseen. A pimpernel of grace and love unrecognised, appearing where we least expect, to offer transformation.

Beneath the seeming strange coincidence and accidental purpose – not strange to you and hardly accidental – the ferment of your re-creative spirit transforms people and events according to some loving chemistry I can't yet comprehend.

And as I walk today and do the tasks in front of me, keep me within your plan. Help me to see your hand at work. And when I can't, give me the grace to accept uncertainty and live it with assurance, knowing that in chaos or creation your hand is in control.

*From: 'CROSS PURPOSES, Meditations and Prayers based on meals with Jesus ' by Eddie Askew, published by The Leprosy Mission.*1995

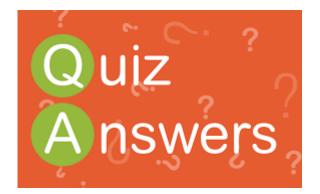
## The Church Website

As noted in the last issue of the magazine we now have, courtesy of Ray, a much updated website.

It is hpbc.co.uk and contains much useful information both in terms of the Church generally and also news of events, services etc.

Following on from the upgrading of the site there is a new way to contact the magazine editors (mainly, we hope, with articles and news for inclusion in the magazine). You can now reach us at: magazine@hpbc.co.uk - we look forward to being inundated!

Jacquie and Dave Lyus



- 1. Wombat
- 2. Yellow
- 3. Monsters University
- 4. Pig
- 5. Cary Grant
- 6. Dr Henry Higgins
- 7. Table Tennis
- 8. Romeo, Brooklyn, Cruz and Harper
- 9. David Coleman
- 10. Kanga, Roo and Tigger

### CHURCH DIARY

### <u>April</u>

Saturday 6th	4.00 pm	One hour Service of quiet reflection entitled 'No Greater Love' (please note - there will be activities for the children)
Sunday 7th	10.00 am followed by	Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton A 'Bring and Share Lunch' with Spring Harvest presentation- all welcome.
Sunday 14th	10.00 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Friday 19th	11.00 am	Good Friday Service at Winchester Road Methodist Church
Sunday 21st	10.00 am	Easter Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 28th	10.00 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Jason Close



#### <u>May</u>

Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 5th	10.00 am	Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Friday 10th	7.30 pm	BBGA awards evening
Sunday 12th	10.00 am	Café style Big Brekkie for Christian Aid Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 19th	10.00 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
	11.30 am	Church Members Meeting
Sunday 26th	10.00 am	Morning Service and Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

#### <u>June</u>

Sunday 2nd	10.00 am	Morning Service and BBGA Parade led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Thursday 9th	10.00 am	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.