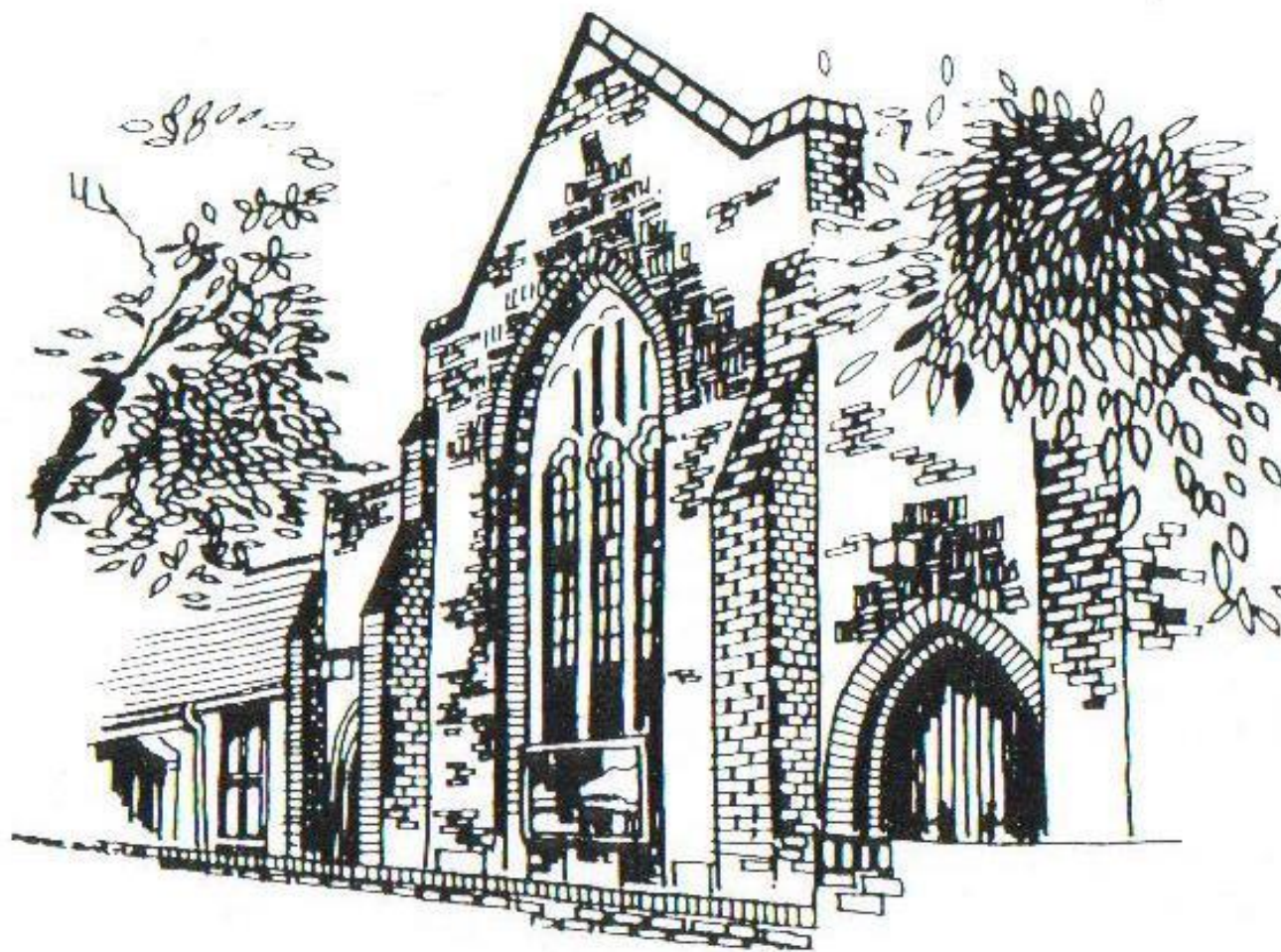




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CHURCH PROGRAMME

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 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
Company Section 6.30 - 8.30pm

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.

Thursday Cell Group: 2.00 – 3.30pm, for current dates please contact Sheila Humphrey

Friday 'Praise, Prayer and Worship'
7.00 -8.00pm at the Church.
Contact Muneyi Antoniou or Peter Burke

Tuesdays September to December weekly at 8.00 pm at Sarah and Paul Raymond's House. See this issue for more details

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Canterbury Tales

Christians have long been drawn to the English city of Canterbury. Today the cathedral where the Archbishop of Canterbury is based draws both worshippers and tourists to this small city in Kent. Individuals and tour groups come to admire the building or to learn about the history of the Cathedral church that has been central to the life of the Church of England for centuries.

In earlier times the cathedral was part of a Benedictine monastery and was known as Christ Church, Canterbury. The murder of Archbishop Thomas Beckett in 1170 in the church led to the establishment of a shrine that drew large numbers of pilgrims to the city. The influx of visitors brought with it a sizeable income for the church and as a result the cathedral was in due course rebuilt in grand style. In 1538, following the English Reformation, the shrine was removed on the orders of Henry VIII and pilgrimages ceased.

English poet Geoffrey Chaucer wrote his *Canterbury Tales* in the later fourteenth century when the practice of pilgrimage was at an all time high. Chaucer lived in a time of significant political, economic and social change. In those uncertain days pilgrims of all kinds flocked to Beckett's shrine in search of healing, comfort and purpose. Chaucer's fictional Canterbury Pilgrims were drawn from all walks of life. Some were religious professionals but many were ordinary working people seeking reassurance in troubled times.

It is still possible to walk along parts of the route taken by pilgrims all those centuries ago. In Kent, sections of what has for centuries been known as the Pilgrim's Way now form part of the North Downs Way. Those who use the path are reminded of the pilgrims who walked before them by Brother Percival who rests on a bench above the village of Harrietsham.



This summer, with the appointment of a new Prime Minister and ongoing uncertainty surrounding the Brexit process, we too may feel the need of reassurance. The time in which we live is in many ways not so different from the time in which Chaucer wrote his most famous work. The Book of Psalms offers many reminders that whatever the uncertainties of our daily living God is a rock in whom we may take refuge. As modern day Christian pilgrims reading the words of God's faithful people down the centuries would be a good place to seek comfort in our own troubled times.

Rosemary

New Home Group Starting!

All are welcome to join us as we meet to look deeper at our faith and seek to grow together in our experience of God. We will use short talks and DVDs to help us discuss different topics and there will be time for prayer. We want to explore both the bigger picture and our personal relationship with God....

"The human spirit has two fundamental desires of God. First, God must be vast, limitless, transcendent, all-comprehensive... The stars in the universe and the great galaxies as well as the tiny blade of grass by the roadside, are all within His love. Second; that God is personal and intimate. We must have a sense of being cared for, of not being alone and stranded in the universe. All of us want the assurance of not being deserted by life nor deserted in life." Adapted from Howard Thurman.



We will meet on Tuesdays 8-9.30pm at Sarah and Paul's home from September- December. We will start on Tuesday 10th September at 8pm.

If you have any questions/ comments/ideas please chat to us!

Thanks, Sarah and Paul Raymond.

Cavendish Circular

During this Summer period some of our friends have been experiencing health issues and we remember those who are in particular need of prayer at this time. Dorothy Tayler has recently undergone surgery and a hospital stay but is now recovering at home. Please remember Dorothy, Cliff and all the family at this time in your prayers; that she may soon be feeling stronger and her recovery swift. She has sent a message of thanks further in this article.

Peter Burke's father Tom suffered a stroke while recovering from a heart attack in hospital in Southampton. Please remember Tom, his wife Betty, Peter and Elise at this worrying time.

Simon Jones' sister Jane has also recently suffered a stroke. Prompt medical help was fortunately available and at the time of writing she is showing good signs of recovery. Please remember all the family in prayer as she continues to improve.



Congratulations go to Jharna and Toby who celebrated birthdays at Whitsun. One was 20 and one was 80. We leave you to work out which was which! They are shown with their delicious birthday cake after the service

Jacquie

A message of thanks.

Dorothy has asked us to convey her heartfelt thanks to everyone for all their messages, cards and most of all prayers, following her recent operation and hospital stay. This loving support has helped immeasurably during this time and will continue to do so as she recuperates with the family at home. She and Cliff send their loving thanks and best wishes to all at HPBC.

17th Pals' Battalion Band – Normandy Tour

The 17th Pals' Battalion Band completed a tour of Normandy in June, to coincide with the 75th anniversary of the D-Day landings. The band, accompanied by family and friends, set off early from Leyton Orient's Stadium in bright sunshine to head down to Portsmouth for the afternoon, in readiness of the overnight crossing to St Malo.

Upon arriving in Portsmouth, everyone had the option of having some free time in the City or tour the Royal Naval Dockyard, where many attractions make it a really good place to visit. Not only is it the home of HMS Victory – which to this day is still the flagship of the Royal Navy, but also HMS Warrior - the first iron-hulled armoured battleship, and HMS M33, the last surviving British ship from WW1.

Once settled on board the ferry, 'MV Bretagne', many of those in the group headed to the superb restaurant, spending most of the evening enjoying a fine meal. Cabins with bunk-beds were the order of the day, although some paid a premium for an upgrade for a cabin with single beds.

Thankfully the crossing was smooth, as the buglers had to be up early the following morning, following permission being granted by Brittany Ferries for them to perform 'Naval Reveille' as the ship entered St Malo.

It was only a short drive after disembarking at St Malo that the group reached their first point of call – Marigny German Cemetery.

The cemetery was deserted, apart from a group of veteran Belgian and German soldiers who were busy attending the headstones that were in need of repair. They were extremely pleased to see the band parading and eagerly asked if they could participate in the Act of Remembrance which included the laying of a wreath in memory of the German soldiers and the playing of 'Good Comrade' – the German equivalent of 'Last Post', by Bugler Brian Hawkins.

Following-on from Marigny, the tour continued on to Pointe du Hoc - a beautiful location on the Normandy Coast, where 75 years ago, the Texas Rangers scaled a sheer cliff face to assault the Germans who were guarding the area. There were many tourists in the immediate vicinity, many of whom were inspecting the gun-emplacements and memorial on the cliff-edge. Once again, the band performed and a wreath was laid.

Lunch was spent in Saint Laurent-sur-mer, which is where Omaha Beach is to be found. Omaha saw some of the heaviest fighting take place during the beach assaults - not only did the American troops have to contend with determined German forces, once onto the beach they had to climb the cliffs under fire to reach their objectives. Following lunch, the tour made its way to the top of the cliffs – where the American Cemetery is to be found.

The band proudly performed as part of a memorial ceremony that was held at what is undoubtedly a beautiful location, high up overlooking the sea. At both Pointe du Hoc and Saint Laurent-sur-mer the buglers played 'Taps' – the American equivalent of 'Last Post'



Having had a very busy, but enjoyable and interesting day, the tour continued on to Bayeux where everyone was booked in at the Novotel Hotel.

Leaving bright and early on the Saturday morning, the tour got underway for a short drive to Bayeux British War Cemetery where a memorial ceremony was held, this was then followed by the choice of two excursions – one to a D-Day Museum and the other to see the Bayeux Tapestry.

The next location was Arromanches and Gold Beach, which along with Sword Beach at Ouistreham was where the British main assaults took place. A memorial ceremony was held high up on the cliffs above the town, after which a visit was made to an amazing 360 degree cinema, which showed a very atmospheric and moving film, telling the story of D-Day and the days immediately after, during which the Battle of Normandy took place.

Everyone then made their way to the Museum down by the sea-front, which as well as helping to tell the story of D-Day, majored on Arromanches involvement, particularly the famous Mulberry Harbour that was constructed a short way out to sea, to enable the unloading of equipment and provisions during the fighting and aftermath.

Lunch was then taken before moving on to the Juno Canadian Beach Centre. Juno Beach being where the Canadians landed on D-Day. The Band put on a display outside the beach centre, prior to a memorial ceremony being held, after which a visit was made to the Beach Centre and then a guided tour, which was led by a Canadian student, to a couple of German bunkers in the sand dunes and then on to Juno Beach itself.

The weather was particularly hot with relentless sunshine glaring down, so it came as a big relieve to board the coach and return to the hotel in readiness for the final day.

The Sunday morning was to prove busy as everyone had to check-out as it was time to depart for the final day's visits and then the journey home.



The first location was one that everyone had been looking forward to – the village of *Bénouville and Pegasus Bridge*. The band had been given permission to play and march across Pegasus Bridge, which crosses over the Canal de Caen à la Mer and was the site of the first glider landings that signalled the commencement of the D-Day invasions - footage of this proud moment can be found on YouTube. Following a Memorial Ceremony, which was held

on the original bridge that is now to be found in the grounds of the visitor centre, a visit was made to the Museum, after which lunch was taken at the 'Three Gliders' Bar before the tour moved on to its last location – Ranville British Cemetery, where as at previous locations, the band performed and a Memorial Ceremony took place.

With the final strains of 'Retreat' having been played by the buglers, the tour came to an end.

Having boarded the coach it headed to Ouistreham, where the ferry back to Portsmouth was waiting for the journey home.

A special mention to Jane Lepley who spent over twelve months organising this excellent tour – Thank you Jane!

Steve Jenkins



WE WILL REMEMBER THEM

Care Highams Park

We include an article from Winchester News the magazine for the Methodist Church. As it mentions, a number of people from HPB already go along to help but they are always delighted if more can spare some time for such a worthwhile cause...



WINCHESTER ROAD METHODIST CHURCH

Care Highams Park – Sunday lunches

For about 25 years, Care has provided Sunday lunches on 10 Sundays per year (not January or August) for up to 50 guests, mainly elderly people who live in Waltham Forest and who live alone (we have occasionally had couples attending but have none at the moment). We also provide lunch for any of the helpers who would like it.

All the cooks are members of Winchester Road, some have been involved with lunches from the beginning; I have “only” been involved for the last 20 years or so as a cook; a few of the helpers have also been helping for several years and one has been helping for 20+ years and has indicated she would like to stand down. Obviously we are all ageing and some of us, myself included, are finding it more tiring nowadays. Although we usually have a good team of volunteers to help with serving lunch and clearing up on the Sunday morning, including quite a few from the Baptist Church, we do still need help – on the Saturday morning, when most of the preparation is done, and also on the Sunday morning to help set everything up, and to help deal with the heavy saucepans and baking trays. Volunteers to help with washing up plates and cooking pans for up to 60 people are always welcome. New cooks to join our small team would also be much appreciated.

If you were able to help even once a year, this would be very helpful. If you would like more information, do please contact me – my e-mail address is maryrose.french@btinternet.com and my mobile number is 07808 121347.

In the meantime, many thanks to all those who have helped in the past and who are continuing to help us now. Without their support, we would not have been able to provide this service which our clients tell us they much appreciate, and which we very much hope to be able to continue to provide with the help of new volunteers.

Mary Rose French



As it says on the poster 'Our Village Fete' was enjoyed by lots of people on Vincent Green. We are lucky to have such green spaces amongst the urban sprawl!

This year the sunshine was out, (well for most of day) and after all the rain we had had for most of that week it was a pleasant change.

We had a stall with a difference to past years in that it was a joint venture between both the 17th Waltham Forest BBGA Company together with Highams Park Baptist Church.



We were there setting up at 9 am ready for a packed day which started at 11 am and finishing up at 4pm. A band started proceedings by marching from the Station. Thanks to Phil for the picture.

We had our normal spot on the corner where we had a new sign for the church, with updated cards and leaflets. We were selling sweets, drinks which made £75.00 for the BBGA. There were bird boxes that our Church member Liz Jones had made.

It was a good fun day with lots of chatting, meeting new people and letting people know about HPBC & BBGA. Our thanks go to the team that manned the stall, Rosemary, Ruth, Mandy, Robert, Ray and Jason.

Apart from our stall the Highams Park Day had its normal Entertainment Programme and stalls, food, cakes and strawberries and cream - sounds like an ideal Summer Fete!

The mention of our green spaces prompts some pictures, taken by Phil Slaney, of the wild flower meadow that has been planted by Humphrys tea rooms by the lake. According to a recent television programme such meadows are being destroyed in favour of farming useage so it is great that we are reversing the trend!



Highams Park Snippets

Perhaps a little outside Highams Park itself is an amenity that we probably take for granted. It is, however, seen as one of the best of its kind in the world - it is of course Epping Forest. Below we print a press release from the City of London Corporation who manage the Forest - we thank them for permission to print it.

'Epping Forest has retained its prestigious Green Flag Award status, recognising it as one of the very best managed open spaces in the world.

The international award is now into its third decade. It rewards well managed parks and green spaces, setting the benchmark standard for the management of recreational outdoor spaces across the UK and around the world.

The site has also received a Green Heritage Award in recognition of its historic features and the high standard of conservation. It has won both the Green Flag Award and Green Heritage Award since 2003.

Epping Forest is London and Essex's largest green space and has been owned and managed by the City of London Corporation since 1878.

It is home to Queen Elizabeth's Hunting Lodge, a unique example of a surviving timber-framed hunt standing, built on the orders of Henry VIII in 1543.

The woodland has over one million trees, some of which are up to 1,000 years old – including 50,000 ancient pollards of Beech, Hornbeam and Oak. There are around 500 rare and endangered insect species in the Forest.

Epping Forest joins 14 other sites managed by the City of London Corporation which have also received the awards.

Graeme Doshi-Smith, Chairman of the Epping Forest and Commons Committee, said:

"These awards are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our staff and volunteers who help to keep the world class standard of the site.

"Epping Forest is a beautiful open space of national and international conservation importance, known as the green lungs of London.

"The ancient woodland is an intrinsic part of the local community and a hugely valuable natural resource for the 4.2 million visits we welcome every year."

The City Corporation protects and conserves 18 important green spaces in London and south east England – including Hampstead Heath and Burnham Beeches - and over 200 smaller ones in the Square Mile. They include important wildlife habitats, sites of scientific interest and national nature reserves and are protected from being built on by special legislation.

The City of London Corporation's green spaces, most of which are charitable trusts, are run at little or no cost to the communities that they serve. They are funded by over £29million a year from the City Corporation, together with donations, sponsorship, grants and income generated on site'.



2019/2020 Season

September 14th Walk - Stepney Green – meet at the Clock at 10am
15th Photographic Competition – last day for entries

28th Film – Evergreen (1934) – 2pm at Highams Park Baptist Church, E4 9NG

28th AGM – 6pm – All Saints Church Hall, E4 9QD

October 5th Autumn Talk – The Highams Estate – 7 for 7.30, All Saints Church Hall, E4 9QD

12th Photographic Competition – Presentation to winners in Hale End Library

26th – Film for Black History Month – ‘Song of Freedom’ (1936) – 2pm

November 2nd Quiz – 7 for 7.30, All Saints Church Hall, E4 9QD

9th Remembrance Ceremony – Halex Plaques – Hale End Library 10.40 am

30th Film – Trottie True (1949) – 2pm Highams Park Baptist Church, E4 9NG

December 14th ‘A Run for your Money’ – Lunch 1pm. Film 2pm.
Highams Park Baptist Church

January 25th ‘South Riding’ (1938) - 2pm at Highams Park Baptist Church, E4 9NG

February 22nd ‘Good Morning Boys’ (1937) - 2pm at Highams Park Baptist Church, E4 9NG

March 10am	21 st Walk – The Beech Hall Estate - meet at the Clock at 28 th ‘The Canterbury Tales’ (1944) - 2pm - Highams Park Baptist Church, E4 9NG
April	25 th ‘Populaire’ (2012) - Lunch 1pm. Film 2pm. Highams Park Baptist Church 26 th ‘Saint George’s Day Parade’
May	9 th – Walk – Highams Park’s Rural Past - meet at the Clock at 10am
June	27 th ‘The Mouse That Roared’ (1959) - 2pm - Highams Park Baptist Church, E4 9NG
July	11 th Highams Park Day – Vincent Green, E4 – Our Annual Village Fete 18 th Film ‘the Dancing Years’ (1950) – Film at 2pm. Afternoon Tea at 3.45pm

Highams Park Station Saturday Gardening – Dates:

We garden from 9-midday. Come at any time between those hours and bring your own tools.

21st September

19th October

18th April

16th May

20th June

18th July



Do you remember?...

The latest edition of 'The Park', the newsletter of the Highams Park Society, has an article about a site in Highams Park which has entertained several different shops over the years. It is now occupied by NISA but for many years up until the mid 60's was 'home' to 'The Home and Colonial Limited'. As the article mentions the railway line had a tendency to divide Highams Park into two and with shops on both sides defined where you shopped. The Home and Colonial was perhaps viewed as being a bit more special than the Cooperative Society on the other side of the tracks!



At one time Home and Colonial was amongst the biggest chain of stores in the country. It had been started by Julius Drewe, who went into partnership with John Musker in 1883, selling groceries at a small shop in Edgware Road in London. Stores were later opened in Islington, Birmingham and Leeds. The shops mainly sold tea and by 1885 they were trading as the 'Home & Colonial Tea Association'. By the turn of the century the company had over 100 stores and by 1903, it had 500. Between 1924 and 1931, several stores, including Liptons, merged with Home & Colonial to form a company with over 3,000 branches. As time went on various mergers and takeovers diluted the company name and with the rise of the supermarkets it disappeared.

Since the closure of the Highams Park branch the site has changed hands a few times with varying degrees of success - Bonimart, followed by Cordon Bleu freezer stores (apart from Iceland, whatever happened to those?) and then several 'convenience' type stores until NISA came along - it is the acronym of Northern Independent Supermarkets Association which strangely is now owned by the CO-OP, so eventually the two sides of the tracks are united!

Copies of 'The Park' can be obtained at the library or at V & A Books

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17th Waltham Forest Boys Brigade & Girls Association

Since the last time we updated you in the Church Magazine the 17th have had a few events happening.

At the start of May we held our Annual Awards evening and our Guest of honour this year was Mrs Jean Owen, a former Officer of the Company and Leader of the Imps back in the 1970 & 1980's with her late husband, John Owen.

Below is a list together with some information of the awards given:

Anchor Section Awards

Our first award was given to the Anchors who have regularly attended the Friday evening sessions and BBGA Parade Services on Sunday mornings. The following Anchors have gained more than 90% attendance: Samuel Llewellyn, Juliet Wanjau, and Alice and Joseph Ige.

Our Badge Programme is separated into five different 'zones' and they have to complete at least one activity from each area to achieve their award. The zones are: 'Body' - fit for fun, 'Mind' - think and do, 'Spirit' - God and me, 'Community' - me and my world and 'Creativity' - making and doing.

Anchors receive a blue badge in their 1st year, a Red badge in their 2nd year and a Green badge in their 3rd year. They also receive a Service badge which is awarded for the number of years that they have been in the 17th Waltham Forest Company. Alice and Joseph Ige received their Red Badge & 2 year service award and Samuel Llewellyn & Juliet Wanjau achieved their Green badge and 3-year service award.

Our Best Anchor: This award is given to the Anchor boy or girl who the staff team feel has shown the best all round effort and enthusiasm over the year. The winner of the Best Anchor Award this year is Alice Ige.

The John Owen Trophy: This award is given to the Anchor boy or girl who the staff team feel has made really good progress in different ways over the course of the year. The winner of the Anchors John Owen Trophy this year is Joseph Ige.

Junior Section Awards:

As is the case with the Anchors, this award is given to Junior boys and girls who have regularly attended the Friday evening sessions with over 90% attendance and have also regularly attended our BBGA Parade Services on a Sunday morning. This award went to Lovelyn Wanjau, Vinda Matondo, George Wanjau and Esme Llewellyn.

Badge Awards: Juniors work towards badge awards based on the same five 'zone' headings as the Anchors: Body, Mind, Spirit, Community and Creativity.

The Juniors first work towards their Target Award, followed by a Bronze Award, a Silver Award and finally a Gold award. Each level is progressively harder to achieve as they must complete an increasing number of badges in each zone. The target award is one in each zone. The bronze is at least one in each zone and 10 overall, silver and gold are at least three in each of the zones and 20 badges overall.

In the run up to Christmas along with the Anchors we undertook a project which covered several badges. They learnt some Christmas songs, made some sweets, made and decorated some boxes and visited St Francis Residential Care Home in Highams Park where they entertained the residents and gave them boxes of sweets. The residents really enjoyed our visit, joining in with the traditional carols and beaming at the children and clapping during the modern songs and they said the sweets were lovely. I am really proud of their behaviour and the effort they put into the visit. Other badges include Bible Maths and Figure Marching

Service badges are awarded for the number of years that members have been in the 17th Waltham Forest Company. Vinda Matondo received the Bronze award and 4-year service; George Wanjau & Esme Llewellyn - the Bronze award and 5-year service, and Lovelyn Wanjau the Gold award and 6-year service.

The Year Awards:

2nd Year Award – The Bob Goldthorpe Shield. This award is given to someone in the second year of the Junior Section who the staff team feel has shown the best all round effort and enthusiasm over the year. The winner of the Bob Goldthorpe Shield this year is Vinda Matondo.

3rd Year Award – The Gwladys Taylor Plate. This award is given to someone in the third year of the Junior Section – the criteria are the same as the other Year awards. The winner of the Gwladys Taylor Shield is Lovelyn Wanjau.

The Margaret & Geoff Norris Plate. This award is given to the Junior boy or girl who the staff team feel has made really good progress in different ways over the course of the year. The winner of the Juniors Plate this year is Lovelyn Wanjau

Company Section Awards

We have a very small Company Section and currently they are attending with the rest of the company. Both Cairo Beckford & Sophie Close gained their badges and Service awards. The following three Cups & Shields are given to the young person that has shown commitment, a clean and smart uniform, progress within their own ability over the year at a level the Officer feels they can achieve, enthusiasm and good conduct. David Evans Cup (First Year) went to Cairo Beckford, the David Gwilliams Cup (Company Section): Sophie Close and the Cyril Trenworth shield (Senior Section) to Toby Close. This, I guess, was a bit more special with Toby being my nephew and his achieving it twenty seven years after I did; also with Jean presenting the award as she has known our family since Stephen and I started attending back in 1979...

We also said good bye to Stephen Edwards who was moving away due to work and thanked him for all he has done.

Our final Award for the evening was our **Queens badge**. This is the highest award in the Senior Section in the UK and the Commonwealth and is equivalent to a Founder's Badge. This is the highest award a young person can get in the company and I am pleased to say that Toby Close achieved his Queens badge.

After the awards we had some items from the sections, and the 17th Battalion Pals band also played for us.

Summer Events

Over the summer we have had lots of different things going on. We held our normal Friday nights in and out, with visits to Quasar and bowling, clubroom and games at the hall, making ice cream sundaes, visits to the park, plus competitions in the Battalion, with sports, football and more. The Junior Section were joint winners for the Sports day and second in the football. We finished our final Friday session with a BBQ evening, but as the rain over took us we had food and clubroom inside and fun was had by all.

The London District held their annual **'Life to Max'** event where just under eight hundred children and young people aged from five to fifteen years, together with Leaders, attended this great event held at BBHQ Felden Lodge. Activities on the day were fun-fair rides (including Dodgems, Orbitor, Wave Swinger and Paratrooper), Inflatables (including Human Football, Giant Inflatable Slide, Gladiator Duel, Bouncy Castle, Bungee Run) Land Zorbs, Laser Tag Arena, Archery Range, Putting Green, Foot Golf Course, Circus Skills, Sumo Suits, Falconry Displays & Meet and Greet, Punch & Judy Shows, Crafts Zone, Water Games & Giant Games. I know that all the young people really enjoyed themselves and had a great day out.

As for me, I am standing down as London District Trustee and Queen's Badge Advisor after ten years. I am continuing to do the events in London, but will be taking a more back-seat role.

We thank our leaders: Amanda Edwards who led the team this year; Stephen Edwards, Toby Close, Ray Eaton & Mundele Pedro for all they have done and given in time and energy over the last session.

Please do continue to pray and support all the children, young people and officers as they go on their summer break and when they return in September.

Thanks - Jason Close

The whole company pictured at the bowling evening.





Strawberry Tea Party

On Saturday 29th June, the hottest day of the year so far, Rosemary and Ray, hosted an afternoon strawberry tea at the Manse. It was a lovely afternoon filled with chatting, cakes, brownies and scones and children splashing each other with water from Ray's hosepipe and a paddling pool! We all survived the heat and enjoyed spending time together. Thanks to Rosemary and Ray for organising and hosting it, Ruth for helping and serving drinks and to all who came and also to those who brought delicious food.



Our thanks to Sarah for the words and pictures.

Baptist Assembly 2019

This year's Baptist Assembly AGM was held on Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th May in Telford and had a new format where you were able to connect, be inspired and the church leaders equipped. I thought that now I had settled in as Church Treasurer it would be good to attend the Assembly and find out what it was all about.

I set off on Friday on what I thought would be an easy drive and got stuck for three hours on the M6 toll road. Those who know me will appreciate that sitting in a traffic jam is not my best experience (!) but hey - I had no choice. So after taking almost seven hours I got to Telford too late to eat and drink, but I found somewhere nearby and relaxed for the rest of the night before the day ahead on Saturday.

The Saturday programme offered something for everyone from 'Pioneering & Planting', 'Equipping Church for Mission', 'Investing in Godly Leadership', 'BMS World Mission', 'Enabling Voices and Action in the Public Square' & 'Support Service team'. Each part had five different topics and you could choose what to take part in: I chose Support Service.

I found out what we should - or should not - be doing as a church and as leaders. The topics I found out about were: Church Meeting and Governance, Constitutions & Registration ready for Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) and Conversion Church property, Church Accounting and Finance and Church Administration. Yes, I know that all this might make some feel ill and that they couldn't think of anything worse (!) but it did prove a helpful and practical day and it was good to receive the information. Over the coming eighteen months we hope to make positive changes and move forward to ensure that, as leaders and members, our Church works correctly with everything as it should.

I stayed for the evening celebration and it was great to see about fifty new Ministers being inducted together with a praise service; we also heard about what has been going on with Baptist Churches around the UK. After finishing at 9.30pm I travelled home that night.

There is so much that we can learn and take away from a day like this and next year the event will be held in Bournemouth - so not as far hopefully! This event is open to all and you can choose what sessions to join in with. Maybe a few more of us could attend? *Jason*

There follows more information about each of the topics discussed in the meeting that Jason attended taken from the Baptist website.

Great Church Meetings and Good governance in a Baptist context:

As Baptists we believe that engaging every member helps us to hear from God and discern his will. If this is the case, what is the role of the leadership team, elders or diaconate? And how come the church meeting can feel like a trial to endure rather than a blessing from God? Do we need to re-interpret the whole concept of a church meeting for the 21st century? This session will give some ideas on how to make the most of your church meetings and discuss how they fit into a wider framework of good charity governance.

Church Constitutions, Charity Registration & CIOs:

Getting Ready for 2021:

Most Baptist Churches are going to have to become registered charities once the exempting regulations expire in March 2021. This seminar will look at what churches need to do to register, which may include agreeing a new Church constitution. Many Baptist churches are also considering converting to the legal form of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO) to reduce the legal liability of their Trustees.

Making the most of your church property:

For most Baptist Churches, their church building is their most significant tangible asset. This seminar will look at best practice in managing your church property so it really is an asset for mission rather than a burden and how to approach potential redevelopment of church premises to provide the facilities your church needs for the 21st Century.

Best practice in Church Accounting and Finance:

Charity accounting can be complex and burdensome.

This session, aimed at church treasurers and anyone interested in church finances, will look at the basics of Church accounts and look at best practice in reporting to church trustees and members to enable good financial decision making, as well as issues.



Ed's note: As Jason implies there were a great many areas of interest to Baptists, both as a Church and as an individual at the Assembly. Far more, in fact, than could be included in the magazine. However much further information can be found on the Baptist website :

www.baptist.org.uk

Under the 'Assembly 2019' and 'Resources 2019' much useful information can be found.

Words^{OF} WISDOM

Our oldest grandson has just left Junior School and on leaving was presented with a very professionally printed 'Year Book' featuring the thoughts of all the children in that year and the staff. One of the sections was for their favourite quotation and I thought that some were worthy of inclusion (and thought) :

'No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the bright side'

'Children must be taught how to think, not what to think'

'Follow your dream, they know the way. You will learn from your mistakes'

'If you can't fly then run. If you can't run then walk. If you can't walk then crawl -you have to continue forward'

'Keep away from negative people. They have a problem for every solution'

'If Plan A fails don't worry. There are 25 other letters in the alphabet'

'There is no point in saying shush; it makes more noise'

'Be yourself; because an original is worth more than a copy'

'Bravery is being the only one who knows you're afraid'

'The BAD news is that time flies - the GOOD news is that you're the pilot'

'Be happy - it drives people crazy'

'I am not clumsy. It is just the floor; it hates me. The table and chairs and the walls get in my way'

'Goodbyes are not forever, goodbyes are not the end, they simply mean I miss you.. until we meet again'

'It is not happy people who are thankful. It is thankful people who are happy'

Perhaps some are deeper than others but all offer food for thought.

CHURCH DIARY

August

Sunday 4th	10.00am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 11th	10.00 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 18th	19.00 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 25th	10.00 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

Please note: there are no young people's groups being held between July 28th and August 25th.

September

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Thursday 5th	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting in the lounge
Saturday 7th	10.00am	Church Safeguarding Level 2 Training Day
Sunday 8th	10.00 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
	2.30 pm	Picnic in the Park
Sunday 15th	10 am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
	11.30 am	Church Member's Meeting
Sunday 22nd	10.00 am	Morning Service with Communion led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton

October

Sunday 6th	10.00am	Morning Service led by Rev. Rosemary Eaton
Sunday 13th	10.00 am	Morning Service with 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.