



July-August  
2016



# Outlook

**Beckenham United Reformed  
Church**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP - JULY 2016

3rd	July	Mrs. Marion Bayley – Holy Communion
10th	July	Mr. Alan Kienlan
17th	July	Mr. John Grundy
24th	July	Mrs. Maureen Bull
31st	July	To Elmers End - No service at Beckenham

## NOTES ON VISITING PREACHERS

Mr. Alan Kienlan - Lay Preacher from Emmanuel West Wickham  
Mr. John Grundy - Student Minister on placement to us and Hayes for the summer.

Mrs. Maureen Bull - Lay reader from Beckenham Methodist Church, who has visited us on quite a few occasions.

## OTHER DIARY EVENTS

Tuesday	5th July	8pm	Elders
Wednesday	6th July	2.30pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	6th July	7pm	Vacancy Group
Wednesday	20th July	12.30pm	Luncheon Club & Songs of Praise
Wednesday	27th July	2.30pm	Bible Study



	<b>Donors</b>	<b>Arrangers</b>
3rd	Sylvia Hicks	Muriel Aldcroft
10th	<i>available</i>	Jane Ball
17th	The Duncans	Monica Duncan
24th	The Balls	Marion Bayley
31st	<i>available</i>	Muriel Aldcroft

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## OUR VISION

Our vision is to glorify God and to serve God throughout our lives, always open to God working through us. We seek to share the good news of love, forgiveness and grace with all in our local community through our actions and our prayers.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP – AUGUST 2016

7<sup>th</sup> August Mrs Judy Davis - Holy Communion – followed by  
Church Meeting

14<sup>th</sup> August Mr John Morley

21<sup>st</sup> August Mr Tony Russell

28<sup>th</sup> August Mr John Grundy

### NOTES ON VISITING PREACHERS

Mrs. Judy Davies - Lay preacher from Trinity URC in Bromley

Mr. John Morley - Lay Preacher from Bromley

Mr. Tony Russell - Lay Preacher from Hayes Free Church

Mr. John Grundy - Student Minister on placement to us and Hayes.

### Other Diary Events

Wednesday 3rd August 7pm Vacancy Group

Holiday from Home - 1st - 4th August Hayes Free Church

Crescent Club Tea Party - 9th August - 2.30pm 110 Hayes Way



	<b>Donors</b>	<b>Arrangers</b>
7 <sup>th</sup>	<i>available</i>	Pat Power
14 <sup>th</sup>	<i>available</i>	Jane Ball
21 <sup>st</sup>	The Duncan	Monica Duncan
28 <sup>th</sup>	Gill Ross	Marion Bayley

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*“Don’t regret knowing the people who came into your life.*

*Good people give you happiness.*

*Bad ones give you experience.*

*The worst ones give you lessons and the best people give you memories.”*

-Submitted by Pat Power

Dear Friends,

We are passing through an interesting and exciting time. As I write this we are inundated with information (and misinformation) and pleas concerning the Referendum but by the time you read this we will know the result. I am certainly not going to get political and tell you how I voted or how you should have voted but I hope, if you were able, that you did indeed vote. It makes a lovely change that we, the people, have a real opportunity to decide the future of the country. That is real democracy in action and is probably the most important decision that the country has made in a generation.

Also in very recent days we have been celebrating the official 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday of our Queen, the longest reigning monarch in our long history and the oldest monarch we have ever had. This too relates to democracy. Over many, many hundreds of years we have moved from an absolute monarch who had the power of life or death over each and every one of us to the constitutional monarch, who is so beloved by the nation that we have today. People died to bring us this vital democratic change.

The bible does not talk much about democracy. There was not a lot of it about in those days! In his letter to the Romans Paul says “Everyone must obey the state authorities, because no authority exists without God’s permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God” (Romans 13.1). It’s an interesting chapter. Have a read. How very fortunate we are to live at a time and in a place where democracy, for all its faults, reigns supreme. We are in a very small minority of people throughout history who have been able to say that. Have a great summer.

**Anthony**

Since writing the above, the news has come in of the murder of one of our most promising young MP’s. This is desperately sad and our hearts go out to her family. Democracy must prevail, however, and we cannot let this evil act interfere. She would have wanted it no other way, I am sure.

## FROM THE SECRETARY

At the beginning of last month, the Vacancy Group together with Hayes met with the Scoping Committee. We had prepared a joint Church Profile and a general discussion took place between us all. Hopefully we will get some idea within the next few weeks as to whether we will be scoped again or perhaps get an Interim Minister. We will now wait and see what the future holds for us!

We hear that Alasdair Smith is getting on reasonably well after having both his legs amputated below the knees. He has been seen whizzing down the corridors in his wheelchair in the hospital in Brussels.

Hilda has been in respite care in a Residential Home for a couple of weeks whilst her family have been away. She was unwell to start with but is now joining in the various activities at the Home.

Sheila Baldwin was taken to hospital last week with a suspected slight stroke, but they have since said they do not think she has had a stroke, and not sure what is causing her problems. On visiting today she was sitting up in bed eating ham sandwiches and was very bright! We remember all these people in our prayers.

It is hard to believe that when I next write a letter for the Outlook it will be for our September issue!

Let us hope that the sun shines over the next few weeks and we can all enjoy the summer!!

Gill Ross

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### Lectionary

3<sup>rd</sup> July 2 Kings 5:1-14; Psalm 30; Isaiah 66:10-14; Psalm 66:1-9;

Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

10<sup>th</sup> July Amos 7:7-17; Psalm 82; Deuteronomy 30:9-14;

Psalm 25:1-10; Colossians 1:1-14; Luke 10:25-37

17<sup>th</sup> July Amos 8:1-12; Psalm 52; Genesis 18:1-10a

Psalm 15; Colossians 1:15-28; Luke 10:38-42

24<sup>th</sup> July Hosea 1:2-10; Psalm 85; Genesis 18:20-32

Psalm 138; Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19); Luke 11:1-13

31<sup>st</sup> July Hosea 11:1-11; Psalm 107:1-9, 43; Ecclesiastes 1:2,

12-14; 2:18-23; Psalm 49:1-12; Colossians 3:1-11;

Luke 12:13-21

## Lectionary –August

7<sup>th</sup> August Isaiah 1:1, 10-20; Psalm 50:1-8, 22-23; Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16; Luke 12:32-40  
14<sup>th</sup> August Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19; Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82; Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56  
21<sup>st</sup> August Jeremiah 1:4-10; Psalm 71:1-6; Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17  
28<sup>th</sup> August Jeremiah 2:4-13; Psalm 81:1, 10-16; Sirach 10:12-18  
Or Proverbs 25:6-7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16;  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

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## CHRISTMAS FAIR

I haven't reminded you lately so it is time I rectified this omission. As if you needed reminding but Saturday November 26 is the day of our Christmas Craft Fair and a couple of stall holders have already confirmed their presence. You can rest assured that you will be hearing more in due course!

Anthony Bayley

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## OFFERINGS

The offerings during May were as follows:-



May 1	£219.00
May 8	£167.75
May 15	£174.00
May 22	£204.69
May 29	£117.50

The after service coffee collections during the month were in aid of Christian Aid. Please see the separate article.

Anthony Bayley

## **PRAYER FELLOWSHIP**

O God,  
lead us from death to life; from falsehood to truth.  
Lead us from despair to hope; from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love; from war to peace.  
Let peace fill our hearts, our world, our universe.

O Christ the Master Carpenter,  
who at the last, through wood and nails,  
purchased our whole salvation,  
wield well your tools in the workshop of your world,  
so that we who come rough-hewn to your bench  
may here be fashioned to a truer beauty of your hand.

O God,  
you have set before us a great hope  
that your kingdom will come on earth  
and have taught us to pray for its coming,  
make us ready to thank you for the signs of its dawning  
and to work and pray for the perfect day  
when your will shall be done on earth as it is in heaven.

O Holy Spirit,  
you are within each of us –  
it is our own inner being you have renewed.  
Take us outside into our world  
so that your church continues to be justified.

O God,  
set your blessing on us.  
Confirm us in the truth by which we rightly live  
and confront us with the truth from which we wrongly turn.  
We ask not for what we want buy for what you know we need,  
as we offer this day and ourselves for you and to you,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour,        Amen.

# CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

We had another successful Christian Aid Week and the final total raised was a magnificent £1,236.05. My thanks go particularly to the brave souls who undertake the actual house to house collections and received, if they were anything like me, a good selection of negative responses, but, at least for the most part, polite! But, as you will see below, the amounts raised in this way are significant, which makes it all worthwhile. Sincere thanks also, to all those who delivered envelopes and who gave money, however much, to this truly worthwhile cause.

COLLECTOR	ROADS	No. Envs Collected	£ raised
Anthony Bayley	Wickham Road, Bograve Gdns, Kelsey Park Av.	13	70.77
The Balls	Oakwood Av/Whiteoak Drive	30	134.84
The Duncans	Overbury Avenue	24	216.65
The Hunts	Lankton Close	11	31.54
Roger Penry	Whitecroft Way/Malmains Way	48	241.64
Stuart Almond	The Mead / Meadway	16	94.33
Gill Ross/Marion Bayley	Hayes Way	30	137.87
Church Coffee mornings			76.41
Church donations		8	82.00
Church Lunch		12	150.00
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>192</b>	<b>1236.05</b>

50 Gift Aid slips were completed covering £625.77 of the donations which will increase the value of these donations by 25%.

Thank you all very much for your assistance and generosity.

Anthony Bayley

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And God promised men that good and obedient wives would be found in all corners of the world.

Then he made the earth round .....and laughed and laughed and laughed.....

## Alphabet for Aging

A is for Arthritis

B is for bad Back

C is for Chest pains, Corned beef, Cardiac

D is for dental decay and decline

E is for Eyesight – can't read the top line

F is for Fissures and Fluid retention

G is for Gas (which I'd rather not mention

And not to forget other Gastro intestinal glitches)

H is for High blood pressure

I is for Itches, and lots of Incisions

J is for Joints, that now fail to flex

L is for Libido – what happened to sex?

Wait I forgot about K

K is for Knees that crack all the time

(But forgive me I get lapses in my

Memory from time to time)

N is for Nerve (pinched) and Neck (stiff) and Neurosis

O is for Osteo for all the bones that crack

P is for prescriptions, that cost a small fortune

Q is for queasiness – fatal or just the flu?

Give me another pill and I'll be as good as new.

R is for Reflux – one meal turns into two

S is for Sleepless nights, counting my fears on

How to pay my increased medical bills!

T is for Tinnitus – I hear bells in my ears and the word Terminal also rings too near

U is for urinary and that difficulties that flow (or not)

V is nor Vertigo, as life spins by

W is for Worry, for pains yet found

X is for X ray and what one might find

Y is for year (another one I'm still alive)

Z is for Zest; for surviving the symptoms my body's deployed,

And keeping 26 doctors gainfully employed.

## HOLIDAY AT HOME

Is coming up and will be from 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> August. Please publicise it to anyone you think would be interested – and bring a friend. We have not managed to book the Hayes mini bus this year so we are looking for offers of help with transport to get people to and from the church. If you would like to come and join in the activities or help with transport, please contact Joan Smith (020 8462 3920) or Pat Marshall (020 8462 3111).



### COFFEE

**July** Coffee money goes to **InterAct Stroke Support**, a charity which takes professional actors in to stroke wards and stroke clubs to help patients improve mood, motivation and rebuild confidence in their recovery. Jane & Julien have been involved with this award winning charity since it began in 2000.



and **August** Coffee money goes to **Motor Neurone Disease Association**. It has over 7,000 active volunteers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland and around 170 paid staff, all dedicated to improving the lives of people affected by MND, now and in the future.

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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**Copy for the September Outlook  
by 21st August please.**

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Rainbows	Mrs M Sloper	<a href="mailto:martine.sloper@btinternet.com">martine.sloper@btinternet.com</a>
Pilates	Monday	19.30 – 20.45
	Tuesday	09.30 – 13.15
	Thursday	09.30 – 12.00
U3A Arts Class	Monday	14.00 – 16.00
Janie Harris Ballet School	Monday	14.00 – 19.30
	Tuesday	16.00 – 21.00
	Friday	16.45 – 19.15
	Saturday	08.00 – 17.00
Montessori	Mon - Fri	08.30 – 12.30
Jazz Dance	Monday	17.00 – 19.15
	Thursday	16.00 – 20.15
	Saturday	10.15 – 13.15
Tai Chi Chuan	Monday	20.00 – 22.00
Spanish Dancing	Tuesday	20.00 – 22.00
	Saturday	14.30 – 16.30
U3A Guitars(2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Wednesday	14.00 – 16.30
Brownies	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00

For lettings apply to Mr. Anthony Bayley 020 8402 2563