



July – August
2017



Outlook

Beckenham United Reformed Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - JULY 2017

2nd July	Mrs. Marion Bayley – Holy Communion
9th July	Meditation Service - Mrs. Marion Bayley
16th July	Rev. Margaret Tremeer
23rd July	Rev. Tina Kelsey
30th July	To Elmers End - NO service at Beckenham

OTHER DIARY EVENTS

Tuesday	4th July	7.30pm	Elders
Wednesday	5th July	2.30pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	19th July	1pm	Luncheon Club
Monday	24th July	7pm	Vacancy Meeting

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.



July	Donors	Flowers	Arrangers
2nd	available		Muriel Aldcroft
9th	The Duncans		Monica Duncan
16th	Jeanne Lane		Pat Power
23rd	available		Jane Ball
30th	available		Marion Bayley

People don't notice whether it's winter or summer when they're happy. Anton Chekhov

SUNDAY WORSHIP - AUGUST 2017

6th	August	Mrs. Marion Bayley Communion & Church Meeting
13th	August	Mr. John Morley
20th	August	Major Cliff Kent
27th	August	Mr. Tony Russell

OTHER DIARY EVENTS

8th August 2.30pm Crescent Club Tea Party –
110 Hayes Way
6th August - Cheese/Pate Lunch after Church Meeting



August	Donors	Arrangers
6th	The Duncans	Monica Duncan
13th	available	Muriel Aldcroft
20th	available	Jane Ball
27th	Gill Ross	Monica Duncan

FROM THE SECRETARY

I am sure we have all felt very sad and troubled over what has been happening in the past couple of weeks in London. I think the excellent sermon that Geoff Larcombe gave us this last Sunday helped by giving us a lot of food for thought.

We were joined by over 50 people for Jim Nevill's Thanksgiving Service ably led Rev. Bill Bowman. It was nice to meet all his family and friends afterwards and enjoy the fellowship time together.

Hilda has moved into Foxbridge House and has settled in well.

A few of us visited Crossway Church at the Elephant and Castle at the end of last month. Peter Stevenson our ex Interim Moderator showed us round and we ended with a superb bowl of soup at the nearby Polish restaurant. We all very much enjoyed the visit.

By the time I write the next letter for the Outlook, summer will be nearly over! How time flies! Happy holidays to you all!

Gill Ross

Dear Friends,

As we enter summer we must be thankful that we have been blessed with such good weather and our roses and other plants have blossomed earlier and better than I can ever remember. On 18th June we celebrated Father's day which is a happy family occasion. But as we do so we must remember that the "Father of all" is God from which all our world and life originates. Some may describe our trust in God as faith which may not always be as strong as we would like. This may well be so when one encounters the bad things in life. But we must never let go of our faith and when bad things happen we must pray harder than ever. At the present time we do so for those who suffered in Manchester and London at the hands of the terrorists and pray too for their families and friends.

It is important in our devotions that there are times when one must focus on the Father in the person of God, both in our prayer, and set out heart and mind on his divine truth. Devotions are quiet times of reflection and worship. Our devotions must be Christ centred and seek to move us into a more intimate and personal relationship with our Lord. So let us go forth and enjoy the wonders of a beautiful summer and pray that it will be a peaceful one –

Elma Smith

Lectionary

2nd July Genesis 22:1-14 Psalm 13 Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18 Romans 6:12-23 Matthew 10:40-42

9th July Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 Psalm 45:10-17
Or Song of Solomon 2:8-13 Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14 Romans 7:15-25a Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

16th July Genesis 25:19-34 Psalm 119:105-112 Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13 Romans 8:1-11 Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

23rd July Genesis 28:10-19a Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24 Wisdom of
Solomon 12:13, 16-19 or Isaiah 44:6-8 Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

30th July Genesis 29:15-28 Psalm 105:1-11, 45b or Psalm 128
1 Kings 3:5-12 Psalm 119:129-136 Romans 8:26-39

6th August Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 ;Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21 Romans 9:1-5 Matthew 14:13-21

13th August Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28 Psalm 105: 1-6, 16-22, 45b 1
Kings 19:9-18 Psalm 85:8-13 Romans 10:5-15 Matthew 14:22-33

20th August Genesis 45:1-15 Psalm 133 Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Psalm 67 Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32 Matthew 15: (10-20), 21-28

27th August Exodus 1:8-2:10 Psalm 124 Isaiah 51:1-6
Psalm 138 Romans 12:1-8 Matthew 16:13-20

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

On holiday in Northern Ireland we drove through the town of Slane which has a hymn tune named after it. We use it when singing 'Lord of all hopefulness' but also for Anthony's favourite hymn, which we've decided to use for Prayer Fellowship. Try not to sing it - not easy!!!! - but use it as a wonderful prayer for our Lord and Saviour, Jesus.

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart.

Naught be all else to me save that thou art - thou my best thought in the day and the night, waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word.

I ever with thee and thou with my, Lord.

Thou my great Father, thy child let me be, thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

Be thou my battle shield, my sword for the fight.

Be thou my dignity, thou my delight;

thou my soul's shelter, thou my strong tower - Raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power,

Riches I heed not, nor earth's empty praise - thou mine inheritance now and always; thou and thou only, the first in my heart - High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun, grant me its joys after victory is won.

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Amen



COFFEE money for **July** go to –

Rainbow Trust supports families who have a child aged 0-18 years with a life threatening or terminal illness and need the bespoke support we offer.

Their Family Support Workers provide a life line to these families and children. They support the whole family including parents, carers, the unwell child, brothers, sisters and grandparents. They bring support and help to families who so desperately need it at home, in hospital and in the community. Any family can receive support from the moment of their child or young person's diagnosis.

COFFEE money for **August** go to – **Scope**

They provide incredible hospice and neurological care for people facing a frightening, life-changing diagnosis. It's not just expert medical care they provide. It's the emotional support and practical things they take care of too. They do whatever we can to be a safety net for our patients and their loved ones at the most difficult time of their lives. Not only do they treat more conditions than any other UK charity in their hospices, neurological care centres and out in the community; they also influence others to improve the lives of people living with them. They see the person, not the condition, taking time to understand the small things that help that person live the fullest life they can.

OFFERINGS

The offerings during May were as follows:-



May 7	£90.00
May 14	£187.00
May 21	£161.10
May 28	£181.00

The after service coffee collections during May were in aid of Christian Aid and totalled £78.01. Anthony Bayley

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

I am pleased to advise you that during Christian Aid Week we raised a total of £1,168.83. Around half of this total was gift aided and will therefore add about £150 to this total. Below I am providing details of the ways in which we reached this amount. Thank you everyone who assisted in whatever way, being a collector, an envelope deliverer or a donor or perhaps all 3!

COLLECTOR	ROADS	No. Envs Collected	£ raised
Anthony Bayley	Wickham Road, Bogrove Gdns, Kelsey Park Av. Oakwood	14	53.49
The Balls	Av/Whiteoak Drive	24	133.53
Monica / Elma	Overbury Avenue	19	162.77
Stuart Almond	Lankton Close Whitecroft	6	18.55
Roger Penry	Way/Malmains Way	48	251.96
Stuart Almond	The Mead / Meadway	7	36.16
Gill Ross/Marion Bayley	Hayes Way	29	84.36
Church Coffee mornings & Don's			88.01
Church Lunch		16	340.00
GRAND	TOTAL	163	£1168.83

35 Gift Aid slips were completed covering £600.40 of donations which increase the gifts by 25%

Anthony Bayley

TUVALU

What is Tavalu, many of you will be saying. It is an island state in the middle of the Pacific Ocean. Following President Trump's recent decision about global warming, this is very much in the news and I thought it appropriate to quote from a letter from the General Secretary of the Tuvalu Christian Church which was featured in a recent edition of Reform, the URC's monthly magazine. Please read it, it makes you think!

“Tuvalu is among the most vulnerable countries in the world to climate change and rises in sea level. We struggle to live from day to day. It is so hard to ignore the plight we are living in, and it is more difficult to explain to our people the reality and the link between environmental changes and what is happening on the ground. We continue to witness the loss of islands overnight, depletion of our corals due to bleaching, constant strong winds and cyclones, disappearing fish stocks, the dying out of our traditional plantations due to salt water intrusion into our underground water tables and much more.

As a Tuvaluan living in the midst of these challenges, I see the injustices that cause our suffering. We have no part at all in creating this problem and yet we are the first to suffer the consequences. How can the actions of developed countries – which create enormous amounts of CO2 in the atmosphere and cause the global warming that leads to our weather pattern changes and rising sea levels – be justified? Why do we have to suffer because of something we did not do? The avariciousness and greed in the world economic system needs to stop. Justice needs to be carried out – for it is only through justice that countries in the world, like us, will survive in the face of this global challenge” A.M.B.

Constance Coltman centenary celebrations



On 17th September 2017, the United Reformed Church and the Congregational Federation in the UK will mark the centenary of the ordination of Constance Coltman as a Congregational minister. She was the first woman to be ordained in a mainstream British denomination – and she continued her pioneering role by remaining active in ministry as a married woman and mother.

Her courage showed from the start in the sacrificial ministry she shared with her husband in London Docklands. A committed pacifist and suffragist, she was also an early supporter of birth control. With clear views on women’s history and role in the Church, Constance

Coltman did much to promote women's ordination across the churches, at home and abroad.

There will be two public events to mark this important centenary to which all are warmly invited:

On Sat 16th September at 1pm there will be a public lecture at the Dr Williams Library in London. Please contact [Eve Parker](#) to register your interest. More details will be made available in due course.

A thanksgiving service to mark the Centenary will be held on Sunday 17 September 2017 at 3pm at the American International Church in London. The preacher will be Revd Dr Susan Durber and taking part will be international guests from the wider family of the Council for World Mission.

Grenfell Tower: A prayer

The moderators of the United Reformed Church General Assembly, Kevin Watson and Alan Yates, offer a prayer following the Grenfell Tower fire disaster -

We pray for all who have suffered because of the dreadful Grenfell Tower fire.

We pray that those who have died and been taken from us are remembered and treasured.

We pray for healing and support for those who have survived, and for everyone affected by this tragedy.

We pray for physical healing for all those injured, especially those in hospital, the elderly, and infirm.

We pray for emotional healing, recognising the shock, trauma and grief to be lived through.

We pray for the revival of human spirit, with faith, hope and love surrounding each in peace.

We pray for justice to help us accept mistakes made and warnings ignored, for lessons to be learned.

We pray that all who suffer are granted the opportunity to cry out in their pain and be listened to.

When all is lost, all is lost, no words can ease the pain. But we are carried through that pain by those who come around us, helping us back onto our feet, walking with us, listening to us, or just being there with us. We see the presence of God's love through them.

And so we give thanks and pray for all those who have offered healing, support and comfort:

For the emergency, medical and social services, working sacrificially and with courage; For those in authority, responsible for taking a lead in facing the challenges this fire has revealed;

For local residents, churches and charities, for the community itself, expressing such tangible love.

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A well-worn five pound note (pre plastic) and a similarly distressed fifty pound note arrived at the Bank of England to be retired. As they moved along the conveyor belt to be burned, they struck up a conversation.

The fifty pound note reminisced about its travels all over the county. "I've had a pretty good life," the fifty proclaimed. "Why I've been to Ascot, The Playboy Club, The Ritz and the finest restaurants in London, performances in the West End, and even a cruise to the Caribbean."

"Wow!" said the five pound note. "You've really had an exciting life!"

"So tell me," says the fifty, "where have you been throughout your lifetime?"

The five pound note replies, "Oh, I've been to the Methodist Church, the Baptist Church, the URC"

The fifty pound note interrupts, "What's a church?"

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Pilates	Monday	19.30 – 20.45
	Tuesday	09.30 – 13.15
	Thursday	09.30 – 12.00
	Monday	14.00 – 16.00
U3A Arts Class	Monday	14.00 – 16.00
	Monday	15.15 – 19.30
	Tuesday	16.00 – 21.00
	Thursday	16.00 – 17.45
	Friday	16.45 – 19.30
Janie Harris Ballet School	Saturday	08.00 – 17.00
	Mon - Fri	08.30 – 12.30
	Monday	17.00 – 18.00
Montessori	Monday	17.00 – 18.00
Jazz Dance	Monday	20.00 – 22.00
Tai Chi Chuan	Monday	20.00 – 22.00
Spanish Dancing	Tuesday	20.00 – 22.00
	Saturday	14.30 – 16.30
U3A Guitars(2 nd & 4 th)	Wednesday	14.00 – 16.30
Brownies	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00

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