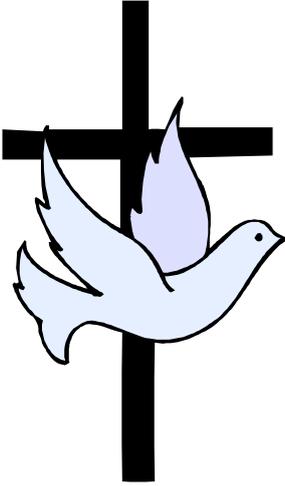


JUNE 2016



Outlook

Beckenham United Reformed Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - JUNE 2016

5th	June	Rev. Canon Derek Carpenter – Holy Communion
12th	June	Rev. Geoff Larcombe
19th	June	Mrs. Marion Bayley
26th	June	Rev Nicola Furley-Smith

Including Holy Communion and followed by Church Anniversary Lunch

OTHER DIARY EVENTS

Wednesday	1st June	2.30pm	Bible Study
Wednesday	1st June	7pm	Vacancy & Scoping Meeting
Tuesday	7th June		Elders
Wednesday	15th June	12.30pm	Luncheon Club & Songs of Praise

NOTES ON VISITING PREACHERS IN JUNE

Rev. Canon Derek Carpenter. - Previous Rector of St. Georges. Visited us a few times before!

Rev. Geoff Larcombe - retired Missionary. Also a frequent preacher with us.

Mrs. Marion Bayley - no introduction

Rev. Nicola Furley- Smith. - Moderator of Southern Synod



	Donors	Arrangers
5th	Pat Power	Pat Power
12th	Peter Bevan	Jane Ball
19th	Jeane Lane	Marion Bayley
26th	Gill Ross	Monica Duncan

Dear Friends,

So here we are in June hoping for more glorious sunny days; The joy of birds singing, and the wonderful colours in the gardens from roses and other beautiful flowers. Midsummer, the longest day and God's gift is pulsing through nature at its best keeping us in touch with God's work and its possibilities.

Our church family in Beckenham continues well and we seem to be getting used to this period of interregnum. We are looking forward to our holidays and hoping for good weather.

But how important it is that we are not bound up in our own lives and interests, and do not neglect those important times of religious reflection and refreshment. How vital it is not to dismiss those quiet times alone with our heavenly Father, because they don't fit in with our busy schedule. How important not to miss that still small voice of God, calling us to come aside from the busyness of life and to spend time in the company of our heavenly Father. But let us remember to take time to be alone with Him and to trust Him in every situation that we may be called upon to face.

Thanks be to God for this wonderful life.

Elma Smith

It was a bright and cheerful afternoon
Towards the end of the sunny month of June
When the north wind congregates in crowds
The floating mountains of the silver clouds
From the horizon – and the stainless sky
Opens beyond them like eternity.

Shelley.

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.

FROM THE SECRETARY

It is so nice to hear some good news! Jean Baker who recently came to live in Beckenham and comes to Church with one of her sons most weeks was presented with the British Empire Medal last Friday by the Lord Lieutenant at the Tower of London. She used to live in Torbay and was nominated for it by the Chairman of the Conservative Party for all the work she did with them, and also for her work with St. John Ambulance and various other organizations she was attached to. She obviously led a very active and busy life when she lived there and nice to know it was appreciated. Many congratulations and well deserved Jean!

Sadly we heard that Alisdair Smith (Roland and Elma's son) has had to have a very serious operation due to severe infection.

Roland and Elma have gone over to Brussels to be with him so our love and prayers go to them all at this time.

Hilda and Sheila have been a little unwell but have still managed to come to Church each week.

We enjoyed the fellowship of our Christian Aid Lunch and thank you goes to Anthony for arranging the collectors and counting the money this year.

The Vacancy Committee met at the beginning of last month together with the Hayes Vacancy Group. We are at the moment preparing a joint Church Profile to present to the Scoping Committee, so we are all working hard.

This month we have our Church Anniversary when our Moderator will take the service. At this time we will officially welcome Jim Nevill who will be transferring his membership from East Croydon. It will, of course, be followed by lunch!

Gill Ross

Lectionary

5th June 1 Kings 17:8-16, (17-24); Psalm 146 1 Kings 17:17-24
Psalm 30 Galatians 1:11-24 Luke 7:11-17

12th June 1 Kings 21:1-10, (11-14), 15-21a Psalm 5:1-8
2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15
Psalm 32 Galatians 2:15-21 Luke 7:36-8:3

19th June 1 Kings 19:1-4, (5-7), 8-15a; Psalm 42 and 43
Isaiah 65:1-9; Psalm 22:19-28 Galatians 3:23-29 Luke 8:26-39

26th June 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21; Psalm 16 Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

The Lord's unfailing love and mercy still continue, fresh as the morning, as sure as the sunrise. The Lord is all I have, and so in him I put my hope. Lamentations 3:22-24

Dear Father in heaven,

We thank you for guiding us, your children, here on earth. We thank you that whatever happens to us, we can again and again find joy because you give us what is good even when times are evil and when we go through sorrow. We thank you that your goodness and your faithfulness penetrate everything, and that at last, at long last, they penetrate our hearts. Then we can know and be glad that your Spirit guides us. We can know we are never alone but can receive strength to help us in the struggle and toil of our life. Through your help everything becomes fruitful – good and evil, life and death, health and suffering. Everything must serve you through the working of your Spirit. Amen.

Church Meeting -22nd May 2016

IN THE CHAIR: Mrs. Marion Bayley

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Mr. & Mrs. Ball, Mr. P. Bevan, Mr. D. Davy, Mr. & Mrs. D. Hunt, Mr. & Mrs. R Smith, Mr. H. Tilley

AGM -Reports. These were presented with the exception of the Brownies report as this had not been received. A few comments were made and thanks were given to those who had given them.

MINUTES of the meeting held on 20th March 2016 were duly signed.

MATTERS ARISING: None

NOTIFICATION OF ITEMS FOR ANY OTHER BUSINESS - Mrs. Marion Bayley

PASTORAL NEWS: News of the Church family was exchanged and prayers offered for those in need.

ECUMENICAL REPORT:

Marion reported on the CTiB meeting on 18th April.

Women's World Day of Prayer had gone well.

350 people attended the Walk of Witness on Good Friday.

Pentecost Service -15th May - About 100 people attended.

Big Picnic on the Green - 1pm -18th September. There will be various stalls, and a number of Churches are to be involved. If wet it will take place in St. George's Church.

Advent Service - Sunday 4th December - Venue tba

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

a. Correspondence – Gill had received communication from Bromley Foodbank as to what foods were needed urgently.

b. Pulpit Supply - Gill asked if there were any requests for Visiting Preachers.

c. Vacancy - The Vacancy committee has had one meeting.

They are preparing a joint Pastorate Profile with Hayes. John Grundy who is training to be a Minister, is coming to Hayes for 8 weeks in the Summer. He is willing to visit us during his stay.

d. Jim Nevill - Membership. It had been passed at Elders that his transfer of membership from East Croydon would take place on Sunday 26th June. This was agreed at Church Meeting.

e. Seating- Members were asked if they would like seating in the round for services more often than when we have it for Church Parade. They agreed they would not like it more than 3 other times in a year.

f. Banners - Two were now in place in the Church. Thank you to David Hunt for preparing these. We have 2 others so they can be rotated, though one of these need a new sleeve.

JOINT PASTORATE: Holiday from Home - 1st to 4th August.
Tea Party date to be announced.

FABRIC:

Alan Duncan informed us that the entrance porch to the Church plus the Office and the Minister's Vestry will be decorated in August. Also the floor in the Main Hall will be revarnished. Due to this work, the upkeep of the Church might be higher next year. It was mentioned that the Office and Vestry would have to be cleared before the decorating took place.

FINANCE:

Anthony Bayley informed us that £150 was collected at our Christian Aid Lunch.

He had also received a donation from Tai Chi for Christian Aid.

FUTURE EVENTS:

Church Anniversary & Lunch - 26th June

Christmas Fair - 26th November

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Marion mentioned that she had written a notice asking for the kettle to be kept on the work surface and not put in the cupboard. It was now in place though the notice had disappeared!

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 7th August 2016

The meeting closed with the Grace

LEPRA

The following is the text of a letter received from Isabel Cross, their Director of Development.

“Thank you for your kind donation of £56.25 that we recently received. Your gift will help us to improve the lives of families affected by disease, poverty and prejudice. Your support enables us to provide support for people affected by leprosy and other neglected diseases as well as encouraging self-care and self-help through groups and other support networks.

We work within communities creating an environment where the voices of marginalised people can be heard. Our education programme helps train health workers and other government staff with the aim of reducing prejudice associated not only with leprosy but other neglected diseases such as lymphatic filariasis (sometimes known as elephantiasis).

Thank you again, on behalf of everyone who will benefit from your gift.

A.M.B.

OFFERINGS

The offerings during April were as follows:-

April 3 £144.50

April 10 £153.85

April 17 £119.50

April 24 £162.00

The after service coffee collections during the month were in aid of Bromley Welcare and totalled £45.30.

Anthony Bayley



COFFEE

The June coffee money goes to Family Link

a small charity based in Bromley, Kent, established with the purpose of supporting young people with complex and physical disabilities. They also provide support for the families including additional places for siblings. They run leisure activities outside of school such as youth club sessions, trips and the access to one to one child care

from our qualified staff team.

CRESCENT CLUB

Our last meeting before the summer recess was a joint AGM & Bring & Buy. It began with a prayer from Muriel and then she read Proverbs 16 – 33. How those words are so meaningful. We did laugh at No.31 “Grey hair is a crown of glory which is gained in a righteous life”. We, who are all grey haired, did they mean us, I wonder!! Mary read from a Victorian lady’s diary for the month of May & she wrote that the weather was bright, cold and a few showers, so nothing changes. The date of her diary was 1906! After that we had tea and some of Monica’s lovely cakes and a good old chin wag. Our club is now 59 years old so next year will be our Diamond Anniversary. We thanked our President Muriel for steering us through another successful year and keeping us all in order! Elma presented her with a nice bottle of bubbly. Elma also, as Treasurer of the Club said that our financial position is in the pink.

We resume in September so enjoy the sunny days and long evenings and thank the Good Lord for all his love and wonderful blessings he gives us.

Patricia Power

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

A full report on the results of our collections will have to await next month’s edition but I can report that the enjoyable Christian Aid lunch on Sunday 15 May raised £150 for Christian Aid. Thanks to all those who participated and particularly to those who prepared our lovely lunch.

Anthony Bayley

A VINTAGE TEA PARTY

Elmers End Free Church invite us to a Vintage Tea Party to celebrate the 90th birthday of the Queen on Saturday 11th June. Tea will be served at 4.30 and there will be games to follow. Tickets are £10 each. If you are interested in going please see me, as they need to know numbers before the day.

Anthony Bayley

St George's Festival for Beckenham 2016
Arts at St George's presents

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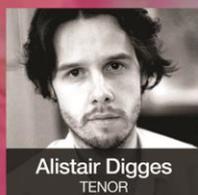
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Puccini - Crisantemi
Puccini - Messa di Gloria
with Orchestra and Chorus



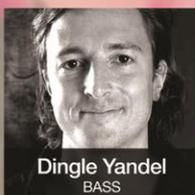
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The Church of England has issued a prayer for the **EU referendum**, which asks for honesty, openness, generosity and discernment in considering the choice faced by voters on 23 June.

The nine-line prayer was released without comment by the church. However, according to a source, the text went through many iterations to ensure that it was scrupulously neutral. “There is no secret message,” the source said.

The prayer appeals for “grace to debate the issues in this referendum with honesty and openness”. It seeks generosity for those who seek to form opinions and discernment for those who vote.

It asks that “with all the peoples of Europe we may work for peace and the common good”. The prayer is intended for use by individuals and in churches.

Last month, the archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, the most senior cleric in the C of E, said there was no correct Christian view about the referendum. “My hope and prayer is that we have a really visionary debate about what our country looks like,” he said.

David Hamid, the C of E’s suffragen bishop in Europe, told the Guardian it was tricky for the church to take a stand on a hotly contested political matter. “The C of E is a national church and has to serve all people of the nation regardless of their political orientation. The church has to be seen as neutral.”

However, he added, he was “very much in favour” of Britain remaining in the EU. “I serve a diocese with a large number of UK passport holders in Europe. They live the benefits of EU membership and see the advantages of the UK being connected to a wider European community.”

There was also a Christian basis at stake, he said. “We mustn’t lose the sight of the fact that the founding principle of the EU was a desire by nations to put behind them the legacy of centuries of warfare.”

None of the major faith groups in the UK have adopted a formal position on the referendum.

However, Cardinal Vincent Nichols, the leader of the Catholic church in England and Wales, gave a strong indication of his support for remaining in the EU earlier this month, saying there was a “long tradition in Christianity, and in Catholicism in particular, of believing in holding things together”.

He said if the poll resulted in Brexit, “we would be facing more complex problems ... than we would by playing an active and vigorous part with partners, with the EU”.

The prayer

God of truth, give us grace to debate the issues in this referendum with honesty and openness. Give generosity to those who seek to form opinion and discernment to those who vote, that our nation may prosper and that with all the peoples of Europe we may work for peace and the common good; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The United Reformed Church

Has produced its own prayer

Loving God,

In the referendum that lies before us, in the challenge of seeking an answer, in our differences of opinion, in our need to understand, may you guide us in our decisions, make us gracious in our disagreement, and may we join you to work for the building of your kingdom rather than our own.

Amen

Church Notices !

Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.

Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.

Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.

PLASTIC BOTTLE TOPS

As many of you will know, we recently started collecting the above for recycling for charity. Unfortunately our outlet has now ceased. We have, however, found that Lush in the Glades Bromley Shopping Centre still collect them for recycling and we have already delivered a large number to them. Please therefore continue to collect them and add them to the box at the back of the church.

A.M.B.

HOLIDAY AT HOME

Is coming up and will be from 1st-4th 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).

Sanderstead URC Music Group

Our 2015-16 Sunday Afternoon Concert Series continues on SUNDAY 19th JUNE at 3PM with a concert given by renowned trumpeter CRISPIAN STEELE-PERKINS with Ian Le Grice, organ and Nigel Bates, timpani & percussion.

Included in the programme is Charpentier's *Trumpet Prelude*, John Stanley's *Trumpet Voluntary* and works by Mozart, Haydn, Handel, Burt Bacharach and Howard Goodall.

The concert will last for around an hour and will be followed by tea and exceedingly fine cakes. Admission by programme at the door is just £7 or £3 if you are lucky enough to be 18 or under.

For further information please email sanderstead.music@gmail.com

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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 – 19.30
	Tuesday	16.00 – 21.00
	Friday	16.45 – 19.15
	Saturday	08.00 – 17.00
Janie Harris Ballet School	Mon - Fri	08.30 – 12.30
	Monday	17.00 – 19.15
	Thursday	16.00 – 20.15
Montessori	Saturday	10.15 – 13.15
	Monday	20.00 – 22.00
	Tuesday	20.00 – 22.00
Jazz Dance	Saturday	14.30 – 16.30
	Monday	14.00 – 16.30
	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Tai Chi Chuan	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
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	Saturday	
Spanish Dancing	Monday	
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