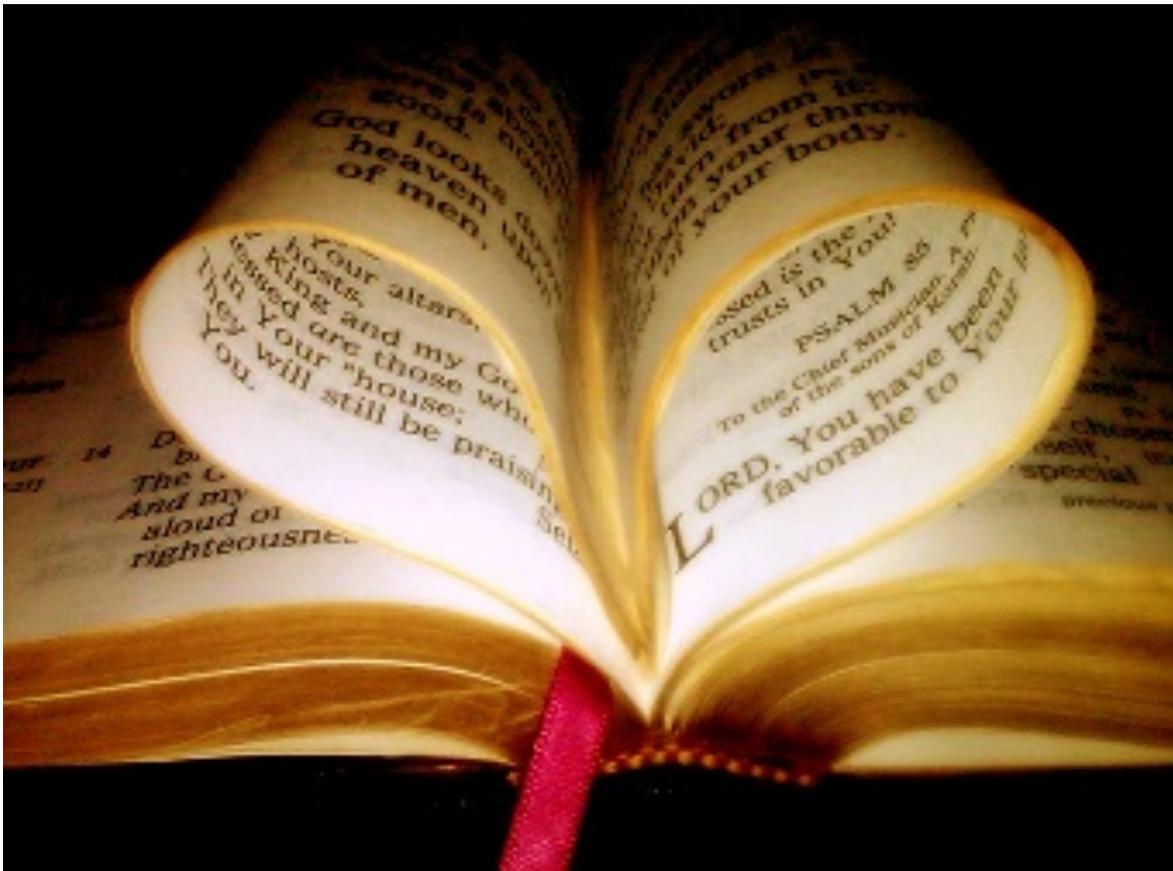


# June 2018



# Outlook

**Beckenham United Reformed Church**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP - June 2018

3rd	June	Mrs Marion Bayley including Holy Communion
10th	June	Mr. Peter Cheshire
17th	June	Mrs. Hilary Miles followed by Church Anniversary Lunch
24th	June	Songs of Praise

## OTHER DIARY EVENTS

5th	June 7.30pm	Elders
6th	June 2.30pm	Bible Study
20th	June 1.00pm	Luncheon Club

Stephen Fellingham - Local Leader at Bromley URC Widmore Road  
Alan Kienlan - Lay Preacher from Emmanuel URC West Wickham  
Mike Tinson - local Methodist Lay Preacher  
Major Cliff Kent - a member of the Salvation Army

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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.

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	<b>Donors</b>	<b>Arrangers</b>
3rd	Peter Bevan	Jane Ball
10th	Pat Power	Pat Power
17th	The Lanes	Monica Duncan
24th	Gill Ross	Marion Bayley

Dear Friends,

I am probably not the only one of you who witnessed the Royal Wedding last month. In fact there was a global audience of almost two billion. Apart from all the pomp and pageantry, we witnessed the celebration of the marriage of two young people very much in love.

People often say that marriage is out dated; I think the interest in the events in Windsor proved otherwise. Others say that Jesus didn't even marry, but he was the most unique of individuals who realised his life would be hard, busy and short, and he wouldn't have wanted to put someone else through the suffering and pain he would have to endure. Jesus however did take joy in marriage, even performing his first miracle at a friend's wedding. Not curing a sick person, but turning water into wine so that the festivities could continue. Jesus also spoke about the importance of love, it was central to his teachings.

Departing from the rather stayed address of other royal weddings, the Bishop Michael Curry spoke long, and with passion, about the power of that love. He opened with Martin Luther King's quote - "There's power in love, don't underestimate it". It could sound trite, but in Bishop Curry's it was given the power it deserves. It reminds us that it is in our actions that we demonstrate love, not only to those close to us but to our friends, neighbours and even complete strangers.

That's what we do when we collect for Christian Aid, as we did last month, or any of the charities we support with our coffee donations. It's what we do when we pray for other churches and organisations in our worship. It's what we do in so many ways in our church building. So this month let's spend our personal prayer time asking for more ways in which we can use our talents and our time to show love to others.

Jesus' message of love is repeated many times, in many ways, by his disciples as they spread the good news -

"Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." 1.9 billion people heard that message on 19<sup>th</sup> May. Amen

- Julien

## FROM THE SECRETARY

What a happy weekend it has been! I am sure most of you enjoyed the Royal Wedding and it was exciting to hear such an inspiring speaker especially in St. George's Chapel Windsor!

So unlike the usual sermons the congregations hear in that wonderful Chapel!

We in our Church are celebrating two Silver Weddings this next couple of weeks. Congratulations to Tish and David and also to Jude and Clive. We wish them many more happy years together.

It was lovely that our Moderator was able to take a service in our Church at the end of last month. She certainly gave us food for thought ! We have also been very fortunate that Rev. Fiona Thomas has come for 3 Sundays. It has been a pleasure to hear her message each week.

We are through to the third round of Top of the Pew which takes place on 10th June. We are playing the winners of last year's competition, so Good Luck to our team! I am sure they will do well.

Gill Ross

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## Lectionary

3<sup>rd</sup> June 2018 1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20); Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18  
Deuteronomy 5:12-15; Psalm 81:1-10; 2 Corinthians 4:5-12  
Mark 2:23-3:6

10<sup>th</sup> June 2018 1 Samuel 8:4-11, (12-15), 16-20, (11:14-15);  
Psalm 138; Genesis 3:8-15  
Psalm 130; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1 Mark 3:20-35

17<sup>th</sup> June 2018 1 Samuel 15:34 - 16:13; Psalm 20 Ezekiel  
17:22-24 ; Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, (11-13),  
14-17; Mark 4:26-34

24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4-11, 19-23), 32-49; Psalm 9:9-20  
Or 1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 18:10-16; Psalm 133 Job 38:1-11  
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 Mark 4:35-41

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## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Come! It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to give praises to his name! Eternal God,

This day and every day we should bring our praise to you.

You open your heart to the world, for the world, in the world.

You breathed life into the world, set life in motion for love of the world.

You sent your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ and you sent your Holy Spirit.

You bring meaning and purpose to our living.

You speak your word for us to hear and write it on our hearts.

You are our God and we are your people – let us be your servants too.

Eternal God, we sing our praise to you for ever and for ever.

We come to you dressed up or dressed down,

together or alone; willingly or “dragged” along;

in a place of worship or in our homes; with joy or sorrow in our hearts.

We come in a multitude of ways,

with myriad thoughts and trillions of reasons

but we dare to come because you call us to follow Jesus.

God, above and beyond, known and unknown,  
imagined and unimaginable

we cannot judge others unless we follow in your truth, know your ways,

and seek forgiveness for our own failings and wrongdoings.

In the quietness of this place and in the turmoil of our beings

we confess now - Hear us, forgive us, hold us, release us.

We pray, Lord God, for the people who have helped us along life’s road:

those who have nurtured us and cared for us;

those who have taught us and trained us;

those who have embraced and emboldened us – for them all, we pray

We pray for those who have a troubled road to travel:

those who find themselves lonely and friendless;

frail and faltering; angry and aggrieved; frightened and fearful;

disgruntled and dissatisfied; empty and desolate – for them all we

pray.

**Amen**

## **OFFERINGS**

The offerings during April were as follows:-



April 1	£100.50
April 8	£126.50
April 15	£65.00
April 22	£93.00
April 29	£184.50

The after service coffee collections during this period were in aid of the Marjorie McClure Special School and totalled £63.92.

Anthony Bayley

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## THE SAMARITANS

We have received the following letter:

“Thank you so much for your very kind and generous donation of £59.00. Please forward our most grateful thanks to everyone who contributed to this donation – all your support is very much appreciated.

Our helpline is almost entirely funded by public donations so thank you for helping us to provide support to anyone struggling to cope round the clock, every single day of the year. With your support, we’ll be able to expand and keep up with evolving communications, making sure that whenever and however someone chooses to make a call for help, it’ll never go unanswered.

Thank you again for your support, it is very much appreciated.”

A.M.B.

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## CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

The results of most of our activities during this week will have to wait for my return from holiday and therefore the next edition. I can, however, advise that we raised at least £190 at our Christian Aid lunch on 13<sup>th</sup> May. Thank you everyone who participated.

Anthony Bayley

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## TOP OF THE PEW

We will be playing our 2<sup>nd</sup> round match against St. Josephs (the holders!) on Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> June at 'home' at 8.00 p.m. Why not come along and support your team!

Anthony Bayley

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## CRESCENT CLUB

What a beautiful summer afternoon to have our meeting which was also our AGM. This club has been going for 61 years and though we are fewer in numbers, we fully support it which, as Muriel said was proof how much we enjoy the meetings. A rough plan of next year's programme was drawn up and at the next Committee meeting the diary will be filled with exciting events!! The theme of this meeting was childhood memories of the last war. A mixture of joys of evacuation to farms and far away towns, to sadness of losing family in the London blitz. It seems childhood memories are stamped on the mind forever for us all to remember in our older years. We now take a summer recess, hoping for good weather and good health to all our members. The next time we meet will be at our President's home for afternoon tea. It's our special treat and we love to see her lovely garden and enjoy her hospitality. A special prayer for members who missed the meeting for health reasons or family matters.

Patricia Power

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### **COFFEE** money for June goes to – **Diabetes UK**

Set up by a Dr Lawrence and H G Wells, the Diabetes Association, as it was then called, aimed to study, research, and treat Diabetes and to provide insulin to anyone who needed it. Since then they also run helplines, providing support and advice for sufferers and run self-help groups. More information can be found on their website at [www.diabetes.org.uk](http://www.diabetes.org.uk)

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## **Some words of wisdom from a 90 year old –**

1. Life isn't fair, but it's still good.
2. When in doubt, just take the next small step.
3. Life is too short to waste time hating anyone.
4. Your job won't take care of you when you are sick. Your friends and parents will. Stay in touch.
5. Pay off your credit cards every month.
6. You don't have to win every argument. Agree to disagree.
7. Cry with someone. It's more healing than crying alone.
- 8.. It's OK to get angry with God. He can take it.
9. Save for retirement starting with your first pay cheque.
10. When it comes to chocolate, resistance is futile.
11. Make peace with your past so it won't mess up the present.
12. It's OK to let your children see you cry.
- 13.. Don't compare your life to others. You have no idea what their journey is all about.
14. If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it.
15. Everything can change in the blink of an eye. But don't worry; God never blinks.
16. Take a deep breath. It calms the mind.
17. Get rid of anything that isn't useful, beautiful or joyful.
18. Whatever doesn't kill you really does make you stronger.
19. It's never too late to have a happy childhood. But the second one is up to you and no one else.

**The following have all appeared in church magazines, but not this one, until now -**

Next weekend's Fasting & Prayer Conference in Whitby includes all meals.

Sunday morning sermon: 'Jesus Walks on the Water '     Sunday evening sermon: 'Searching for Jesus.'-

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

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.

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

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

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

Potluck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The school drama group will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church hall on Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours!'

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# The Wandle Ringers

*Regular visitors to our Christmas tree festival*



## MIDSUMMER RING

*Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 7.30pm  
at Hayes Free Church URC  
Pickhurst Lane, Hayes, Kent BR2 7HU*

*in aid of a new Scout Hut for  
Mounthurst Road*

***Tickets £8** (under 18s free)  
from 07989 192928,  
020 8462 3535, or on the door.*



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	Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00
	Thursday	09.30 – 12.00
	Monday	14.00 – 16.00
U3A Arts Class	Monday	15.15 – 21.00
	Tuesday	16.00 – 21.00
	Thursday	16.00 – 17.45
	Friday	16.45 – 19.15
	Saturday	08.00 – 16.15
Montessori	Mon - Fri	08.30 – 12.30
	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
	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Brownies	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
Guides	Wednesday	19.00 – 20.30

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