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PASTORAL LETTER

PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

Dear friends



John the baptist was sent preaching “*a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins.*” (Mk 1,4) People came, listened, were very sorry for their wrong decisions in life (they “*repented their sins*”), were baptised in the river

Jordan and got themselves ready for the coming of the Messiah.

Have *we* sinned? – Silly question, of course we have! No-one is without sin. We’re made perfectly imperfect; all human.

But are we through the love of Jesus not made good again, loved, forgiven? – Of course we are!

So then, what’s the point? If we’re sinners and made good again at the same time, what’s the point in trying better? What’s the point in striving? What’s the true point of Advent, Christmas? Of any religious quest? Of our church’s existence? Ah, *now* we’re talking!

We’re here because He is here. Because He called us to be part of His work of Love, helping it to spread out into more hearts.

We're here because we heard His voice, in the desert of our lives, in the lonely places of our hearts, in the desert of our congregations' routines: "Repent your sins, and they will be forgiven!"

We're here because we've seen this happening in our lives and in other people's lives: love, hope and light growing on the compost of contrition and the vow to change; the decision to put our trust in God alone, and to submit to this adventure!

We're here because we heard those words spoken to us: "Come, follow me!" And "I will make you fishers of people" (Mt 4;19), and so here we are, Walking the Way with Jesus today.

So, *that's the point*: We've got a calling. We are found capable of preparing God's way into the hearts of our communities.

So let's prepare ourselves first before we go out to others: With our Advent Study course, with daily prayer and Bible-reading at home, with listening out to God's voice in all this.

And in this new Church Year which begins on the first Sunday in Advent, let us devote ourselves anew to the (re-) learning of five more Holy Habits: Making Disciples, Worship, Breaking Bread, Serving and Fellowship. We are on a good and blessed journey, and we are already seeing people and places changed.

Make Way for the Lord!

Wishing you a blessed time of practice. And a Happy New Church Year!



Yours, in Christ, Ulrike

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

All services commence at 10:30am unless otherwise stated.



Chingford

- 1 Dec Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine (*monthly collection for Branches Homeless Hostel*)
- 8 Dec Gift Sunday – All age worship and Parade – Revd June Colley
- 15 Dec Peter Dawe
- 22 Dec Lessons and Carols – Revd June Colley
- 24 Dec 5.00pm Christmas Eve Family Carol Service – Revd Ulrike Bell
- 25 Dec **Christmas Day Forest Group Family Worship** – Revd Ulrike Bell (*Collection for Ministers' Widows and Widowers Fund*)
- 29 Dec Malcolm Smith

- 5 Jan Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine (*monthly collection for*)
- 12 Jan All age worship – Revd Ulrike Bell
- 19 Jan Revd June Colley (*followed by Church Meeting*)
- 26 Jan To be announced

St. James', Buckhurst Hill

- 1 Dec Holy Communion – Revd June Colley
(*Sacramental offertory for Ubuntu Unleashed*)
- 8 Dec Eileen Packe
- 15 Dec Gift and Parade Service – Gerald Lee
- 22 Dec Embrace the Middle East *Peace be with us* service
– Worship Group
- 24 Dec 6.00 pm Christmas Eve Service – Gerald Lee
- 25 Dec ***Christmas Day Forest Group Service at Chingford***
- 29 Dec Gerald Lee
- 5 Jan Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine
(*sacramental offertory for the London City Mission*)

- 12 Jan Gerald Lee (*Shared lunch and New Year Party follows the service*)
- 19 Jan Revd Ulrike Bell
- 26 Jan Revd Claire Wilson
- 2 Feb Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine
(*Sacramental offertory for the Bible Society*)

Woodford Green

- 1 Dec Holy Communion – Revd Ulrike Bell
- 8 Dec Revd Claire Wilson
- 15 Dec Lessons and Carols – Revd June Colley
- 22 Dec Revd Ulrike Bell
- 24 Dec 3.00pm Christmas Eve Family Nativity Service –
Revd Ulrike Bell
- 25 Dec ***Christmas Day Forest Group Service at Chingford***
- 29 Dec Revd June Colley
- 5 Jan Holy Communion – Revd June Colley
- 12 Jan Revd Claire Wilson

- 19 Jan Jean Wyber
26 Jan Revd Ulrike Bell
2 Feb Holy Communion – Terry Silvey

FOREST GROUP COFFEE MORNING



10.30 am in the Woodford Manse on
Tuesday 7th January

Discussion topic:
'Holy Habits – Making
Disciples'

CHURCH EVENTS

December

- Monday 2** **Chingford** 10.00am Board of Management
 St. James' 2.00-3.30pm Craft/Prayer Group
 Woodford Green 2.30pm Jubilee Club: Margaret Brown – The Bereavement Service at Whipps Cross Hospital
- Tuesday 3** **Forest Group Advent Study Group** 10.30am
 at St. James', Buckhurst Hill
 Chingford 1.30-3.00pm Drop in Club for under-5s and their carers
 Woodford Green 7.30pm Elders Meeting at the home of Kay Denby
- Thursday 5** **Woodford Green** 9.00am The Christmas Experience for local primary school
 St. James' 7.30pm Elders Meeting in church room
- Friday 6** **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
 Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
 St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
 Chingford 3.00pm Preparation for Fair
 St. James' 6.00pm Carol Singing in Queens Road
- Saturday 7** **Chingford** 9.30am Christmas Fair
- Monday 9** **Chingford** 9.30am Board of Management
- Tuesday 10** **Forest Group Advent Study Group** 10.30am
 at St. James', Buckhurst Hill

- Chingford** 1.30-3.00pm Drop in Club for under-5s and their carers
- Friday 13 **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- Saturday 14 **St. James'** 6.30pm Film Night – *'The Christmas Candle'*
- Monday 16 **Woodford Green** 1.30pm Piano Recital
Woodford Green 2.30pm Jubilee Club Christmas Tea (advance booking required)
- Tuesday 17 **Forest Group Advent Study Group** 10.30am at St. James', Buckhurst Hill
- Thursday 19 **St. James'** 5.30-6.30pm Carol Singing at Woodford Station
- Friday 20 **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- Saturday 21 **St. James'** 4.00pm *'Sing Immanuel' concert*
- Friday 27 **St. James'** 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- January
- Friday 3 **St. James'** 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- Sunday 5 **Forest Group Council** 1.30pm at Woodford Green (*please note change of time*)
- Monday 6 **St. James'** 10.30am Holy Habits Group in church rm
St. James' 2.00-3.30pm Craft/Prayer Group
- Tuesday 7 **Forest Group Coffee Morning** 10.30am at the manse

- Chingford** 1.30-3.00pm Drop in Club for under-5s and their carers
- Woodford Green** 7.30pm Elders Meeting
- Thursday 9 **St. James'** 7.30pm Elders Meeting in church room
- Friday 10 **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- Thursday 16 **Chingford** 8.00pm Elders Meeting in the hall
- Friday 17 **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- Monday 20 **Woodford Green** 1.30pm Piano Recital by Sally Wigan
- Tuesday 21 **Chingford** 1.30-3.00pm Drop in Club for under-5s and their carers
- Friday 24 **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space
- Tuesday 28 **Chingford** 1.30-3.00pm Drop in Club for under-5s and their carers
- Wednesday 29 **Chingford** 10.30am Service at The Spinney led by Revd Ulrike Bell
Chingford 12noon Lunch Club
- Friday 31 **Chingford** 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat
Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00
St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space

February

Monday 3	St. James' 10.30am Holy Habits Group in church rm St. James' 2.00-3.30pm Craft/Prayer Group
Tuesday 4	Forest Group Coffee Morning 10.30am at the manse Chingford 1.30-3.00pm Drop in Club for under-5s and their carers Woodford Green 7.30pm Elders Meeting
Thursday 6	St. James' 7.30pm Elders Meeting in church room
Friday 7	Chingford 9.30-12noon Coffee and Chat Prayers and Bible Study 10.30-11.00 St. James' 1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space

HOLY HABITS GROUPS

The Holy Habits House Groups will reconvene in January with the new topic of Making More Disciples. Please check with your host and/or facilitator regarding meeting times. It is not too late to join a group for the second year of our Holy Habits programme or to change groups if the time or date is more convenient.



**MONDAY LUNCHTIME PIANO RECITALS
AT WOODFORD GREEN URC**

16th December at 1.30pm

20th January at 1.30pm

After a very successful and well-attended inaugural concert in November, Sally Wigan will play for us a programme of music by Beethoven, Rachmaninov and Tchaikovsky in December and pieces by English composers in January.

Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Please come and bring your friends.

It is free, but donations to cover costs are welcome.





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Church**



CHRISTMAS



FAIR

Saturday

7 Dec



Buxton Road

E4 7DP

enjoy a

Full English Breakfast

Serving from

9.30 am

With other stalls & attractions

Admission £1 including

Raffle Ticket





The Holy Land – A Spiritual and a Political Experience

**Sunday February 2nd 2020, 4.00-7.00pm at
St James URC, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill**

Featuring:

Rev Ulrike Bell, reporting on her **Interfaith Pilgrimage** to Israel/Palestine (a joint weeks' spiritual journey with Jews, Muslims and Christians of local/South Woodford congregations plus Rabbi David Hulbert and Imam Dr Mohammed Fahim)

Rachael Williams (of St Albans URC), reporting on the **joint URC journey into Israel/Palestine (for Commitment for Life)**, in search of better understanding of the political situation of the Holy Land.

Please RSVP to Ulrike.Bell@btinternet.com

Pictures:

The Dome of the Rock, Jerusalem; *The Western Wall (or “Wailing Wall”), Jerusalem;*
The Church of the Holy Sepulchre, Jerusalem

End of Life Matters

A six-week course on questions to do with the End of Life



For whom?

Anyone, any age (we all have to die, face cancer, accidents and see our loved ones die before us...),
People of any religion or none

Where?

St James URC, Palmerston Road, Buckhurst Hill
IG9 5NG

When?

Thursdays 10.30 – 12noon

30 January	Why talk about death and dying?
6 February	Making a will, lasting power of attorney, financial considerations
13 February	Legacy: The story of my life. How I'd like to be remembered
20 February	Planning my (or someone else's) funeral
27 February	The last days. What happens when we die?
5 March	What comes next? Thoughts on "life after death"



Each session will have a time of information/input (sometimes with guest speakers), a time of exchange and learning from each other, a prayer and a time of sharing cake and tea/coffee.

Please sign up/contact: Revd Ulrike Bell 0208 505 5542

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This course is free of charge. Donations welcome.

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Westminster College, Cambridge

The Gathering – For All New Expressions of Church

Tues. 21st – Wed 22nd January

Fri. 17th – Sat. 18th July

Mon. 12th – Tues. 13th August

Life Together – LEPs Today and Tomorrow

Sat. 6th June

with Professor David Ford

To book a place email: admin@westminster.cam.ac.uk

or Tel: 01223 330632

Thames North Learning Programme

Aspiring to More – Pastoral Worship Leading for Lay Preachers

Wednesdays 7.00-9.00pm - December 4th, January 8th and 22nd,

February 5th and a Study Day on

Saturday 15th February 10.00am-4.00pm

at High Cross URC, Tottenham

For further details contact: training@thamesnorthurc.org.uk

ARTICLES

REFLECTION:

Luke's Nativity

Even though Luke was not an eyewitness of the events he records in his gospel, and was not even a Jew, he seems to have gone to some effort to establish the facts and he gives us the fullest account of the birth of both Jesus and his cousin, John the Baptist. The detail is remarkable, being specific about times and places and so it seems likely to me that Luke's source for this period of Jesus' story was Mary, possibly even directly. (Luke 2:19 "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart").

The announcement from the Angel Gabriel (Luke 1:32-33) refers back to a promise made to David centuries earlier "The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; his kingdom will never end." This promise was made to David in Samuel 7:16 through the prophet Nathan "Your house and your kingdom shall endure for ever before me; your throne shall be established forever." It would seem that this prophecy is fulfilled through Jesus in a quite unexpected way, because David's earthly kingdom did not last forever.

The angels that appeared to the shepherds also referred to ancient prophecy, when they said that the baby to be born was Christ (which is the Greek equivalent to Messiah) Luke 2:11. These words are all so

familiar to us from so many carol services, and it makes such a good story, but is it just a story to us, or do we really believe what we see written before us? Luke wants us to believe it. Read the first 4 verses of chapter 1. Luke 1:4 “so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

Kevin Haigh

INSIDE OUTSIDE

On Saturday 26th October, I went to Vine URC, in Ilford, for a **URC Church and Society Network** event: *Inside–Outside*, attended by over fifty adults and young people. We were welcomed by Sandra Ackroyd and our opening worship was led by Revd Melanie Smith from Enfield.

This was followed by four presentations. Ruth Musgrave, a member of Vine Church first talked to us about ***Climate Change*** – a very topical subject at present, telling us how we are now, as a global community, in a climate emergency, with rivers in Bangladesh being poisoned, soil losing its fertility and seas being polluted. She said we must tell a different story from the media which often claims we can exploit creation for our own use. We come from the soil and when oppression ends, creation rejoices. She quoted part of John 3:16 ‘God so loved the cosmos’, which should make us think about caring for God’s creation. In the book of Revelation trees are said to be for ‘the healing of the nations.’ As people of faith, we know we are not strong enough on our own – we must pray and follow this with

action. We must imagine a different future and give encouragement to those who are trying to achieve this.

Alison Jackson, a retired civil servant, spoke to us about ***Poverty in the UK***. She is a member of ***Church Action on Poverty*** and ***Christians Against Poverty***. She mentioned how women in the Rhonda Valley in Wales had been instrumental in ending poverty there and challenged us to think how we can end poverty in our localities.

Celebrating Diversity was the next topic and Tom Howells, the Children & Youth Development Officer, for the Synod, spoke about how diversity was important in our churches and we should celebrate it, dealing with cultural shifts when they occur.

Richard Reddie, Director of Justice for Churches Together in Britain and Ireland spoke next on ***Media representation – Justice/Injustice***. He encourages churches to engage in Refugee Networks. He mentioned how violent deaths in Iraq and Afghanistan are often not reported by the media as they are not deemed newsworthy. It would appear certain lives are more important than others. There is serious youth violence in our country and often the media appear to infer that those killed deserved their fate. There is a lack of compassion for refugees who make perilous journeys to our country and moral panic is whipped up.

After that, we split up into workshops. I first went to one led by Ruth Musgrave on ***Climate Change***, which was interesting. She is a member of Vine URC and she told us how her church is in the

process of becoming an eco-congregation. She mentioned Walter Wink, who was an American Biblical scholar and she recommended one of his books, 'Engaging the Powers'. She told us many churches are now divesting from fossil fuels and have linked up with *Operation Noah*, a charity which promotes eco-friendly activities. Her church has worked along with *Transition Ilford*, planting trees locally. They also have joined forces with *Greening Redbridge*, an Interfaith group.

Before enjoying a delicious vegan hot lunch, Seven Kings Gospel Choir sang to us and Mike Excell played his guitar to accompany a song on Climate Change.

The second workshop I attended on ***Justice/Injustice*** was led by Richard Reddie, who began by asking us, 'What makes the news?' We agreed that sensationalism sells newspapers and often we identify with people like ourselves. Celebrities are feted and bad news is highlighted. He said churches should get involved in reporting good news to their local newspapers and on their websites, as often it is bad news that hits the headlines.

To finish the afternoon, we had a panel discussion, with the workshop leaders answering questions arising from the workshops. It was generally agreed that churches should speak 'Truth to Power' and proclaim a message of hope.

Closing worship was a very lively rendition of '*Lord of the Dance*' and the afternoon finished just after 4pm.

I really enjoyed the day, meeting people from other churches of all ages and ethnicities and getting involved in lively discussions. It would be good if more people from the Forest Group could attend future *Church and Society Network* events.

Isabel Bala

EVER HEARD OF REDBRIDGE LAKES?

Well, we moved to Roding Valley back in 1982 and thought we knew quite a lot about the area after all these years, but it took our son Paul, now living out in Myanmar, to ask us whether we had visited these lakes, a mere ten minutes' drive from our home?

I duly checked their website (www.redbridgelakes.co.uk) and found out a great deal about the history and current facilities this amazing area has to offer. In the words of their founder, "Pete the builder":

From a 10 acre wasteland the project was originally to develop a conservation area with lakes as a place to chill out with a fishing rod. The site has exceeded all expectations and has now become a bio-diverse, ecological park and an oasis for wildlife, where nature conservationists and those of like minds can come and bathe themselves in the natural environment.

Finding the lakes is initially a bit of a challenge as they are sited just behind a nursery and allotments along Redbridge Lane North but with a sat nav to hand and a sign to indicate a cafe and some lakes

you are directed down an unmade road called Salix Lane (IG8 8LY) until you reach the site. Parking and admission is free



Once there, you can start by watching enormous carp in an ornamental pond waiting for you to feed them, take a nature trail past a bug hotel, bee hives, a 'gnat west tower' for bats, and many other seasonal sights and sounds that feature in the lakeside setting as the Norfolk reeds sway in the reedbeds around you.

It is a relaxing, happy and friendly environment with a truly admirable ethos. Anyone of any age will enjoy it - and there is always a welcome cup of tea or coffee in the cafe afterwards!

There is even a carol concert by the lakes on 22nd December between 6.00-8.00pm.

I highly recommend you take a look and, as an Eco Congregation, St. James will I'm sure be particularly interested.

Margaret Minoletti

CHINGFORD NEWS

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

For many years now, Chingford has supported the 1% Appeal for Commitment for Life. Our focus has been on projects in Bangladesh and here is an update on the work being done in that country.

Bangladesh is a poor and overpopulated nation. Nearly two-thirds of Bangladeshis are employed in farming. Major problems include land erosion, lack of safe water, cyclones, floods and even drought. About a third of the country floods annually during the monsoon rainy season, making agricultural production difficult. Many groups of people face prejudice and exclusion. Women are rarely allowed to participate in social or economic life. Indigenous peoples are discriminated against.

Primary education is free for all children from grades one through five. By law, children between the ages of six and ten must attend school. However, the quality of education remains a barrier for education levels. Access to education remains a challenge for vulnerable groups, particularly working children, disabled children, indigenous children and those in remote areas or living in extreme poverty. Only half of all children living in slums attend school.

In Bangladesh, perceptions of aid are changing. Aid is no longer automatically seen as a good thing among the very economically and

educationally strong middle-class. Moreover, the rise of different extreme groups has meant working in a climate of caution. This means that partners are looking at different ways of working.

Christian Aid is continuing to focus on resilience to natural disasters, the understanding of climate change and how to reduce its effects, helping groups to get the best price they can when selling goods and produce at market. They are also ensuring that gender and social inclusion work is part of any training they give. Partners take the role of women in society very seriously. They offer training to empower and promote women to take part in responses to disasters and play a full part in decision making for projects.

ST JAMES' NEWS

ST. JAMES' CHURCH MEETING NOTES

NOVEMBER 2019

Our November Church Meeting was chaired by Margaret Minoletti and was attended by fourteen people. News of the church family was exchanged at the beginning of the meeting before moving on to other matters.

The Thanksgiving Dinner for hall users and church members on 23rd November had gone well, with some of the *Sing Immanuel* choir entertaining us at the end of the meal, after some people told us what they wanted to give thanks for this year. Gerald and Mariana Lee

were thanked for the huge amount of planning and effort they had put in to make the occasion so memorable. It had been good to see John Kennedy, who had come along with the *Sing Immanuel* choir and Dale and Val Gravett who had come down from their new home in Lincoln to be with us

The series of Film Nights at St..James' will continue in 2020, but with a greater emphasis on mission. The next Film Evening will be on Saturday 14th December at 6.30pm, when *A Christmas Candle* will be shown.

The *Prayer/ Listening Time* on Fridays in the Church Room between 1.00-2.00pm still hasn't attracted many people, although some strangers do turn up looking for a place to pray at other times of the week.

We are looking forward to the series of special Christmas services led by some of our church members in December, especially the one at 6.00pm on Christmas Eve which will be followed by seasonal refreshments. Small cards giving details of these services were given out to members for passing on to friends and neighbours and for giving out at our carol singing in Queen's Road on Friday 6th December. Our Parade Gift Service on 15th December will be led by our Hall Manager and gifts will be donated to Mill Grove home in South Woodford.

We had news of an ecumenical Advent Carol Service to be held at St. Thomas' RC Church at 4.30pm on Sunday 8th December, with

choirs from St. Thomas', All Saints Church, Woodford and boys from Loyola School singing, followed by seasonal refreshments.

A New Year Party will take place after church on Sunday 12th January, but its format has yet to be decided.

Our meeting ended quite late, as we have lots to discuss, but we agreed – no Church Meeting in December!

Isabel Bala

VERA HIGGINSON



We were sad to hear of the death of Vera Higginson, just short of her hundredth birthday. The picture above shows Vera with husband, Bernard, who died in 2001. In the war Vera worked as a wireless mechanic in the RAF and she remained very proud of her RAF connection and often spoke of it. She and Bernard were married in

1944, they were both volunteer probation officers, visiting prisoners and their families and helping and supporting them on release.

Isabel Bala writes: I remember Vera and Bernard when I first came to church in Buckhurst Hill. They were involved with prison visiting and helped to set up the Othona Community after the Second World War. It was because of Vera that I first became interested in the community and now I am a member and go there each summer for a week. Vera was a keen gardener and she and Bernard enjoyed working in the garden at Bradwell, where there is a bench in his memory.

Vera was a faithful church member, attending Church Meeting into her nineties, still making contributions and taking part in discussions. She was a member of our church for over seventy years and we will remember her with love and admiration.

And Margaret Minoletti writes: I most remember Vera for the part she played as a very efficient secretary for Churches Together in Buckhurst Hill. She always had a neat and accurate set of notes ready for each meeting and took a lively interest in ecumenical possibilities both locally and nationally. Over more recent years we often drove Vera home after church and she would proudly talk about her family and particularly enjoyed describing the time she spent with her grandson who came in almost daily after school. They sounded very close companions.

June Colley writes: It was a privilege to conduct Vera's burial service at a woodland site near Harwich. She was laid to rest next to

Bernard and the sapling planted in 2001 is now a thriving tree providing shelter for wildlife – another sapling will be planted next to Vera. Later, after lunch, we raised a glass in memory of Vera.

We send our love and condolences to Martin, Ruth, Janet and Colin, and all the family and thank Janet and her husband for making the journey to Buckhurst Hill to take part in our little thanksgiving prayer meeting in memory of Vera.

The family have booked Othona Bradwell for a Memorial service, on Saturday 4th April. Worship will be in the Chapel and I know they will be happy if church friends are able to be there too.

WOODFORD GREEN NEWS

JUBILEE CLUB

It has been agreed that the time has come to close the Jubilee Club which has been running for many years fortnightly on a Monday afternoon. During that time we have heard many interesting speakers, seen many, many holiday photos, and enjoyed tea and fellowship. Our thanks go to Janet Wallace who has planned the programme each term and prepared some delicious summer and Christmas tea parties as well. What next? Don't forget we have our lunchtime concerts and who knows what other opportunities may arise.

Thanks again Janet, and all those who have helped over the years.

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REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday	10.30 am	Morning Worship with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month	
		Junior Family Church (from age 3) and Questers	Tel: 8524 2491
Tuesday	1.30–3.00 pm	Club for Under 5s and Carers (Term time only)	Tel: 8529 0071
	7.00–8.30 pm	27 th Chingford Cubs	Tel: 8524 2491
	7.00–8.30 pm	27 th Chingford Scouts	Tel: 8524 2491
Wednesday	12 noon	Lunch Club: £4.50 meal (last in month)	Tel: 8529 0441
Thursday	5.45–7.15 pm	5 th Chingford Brownies	Tel: 8529 1475
	7.30–9.00 pm	5 th Chingford Guides	Tel: 8529 4420
Friday	9.30–12 noon	Coffee and Chat	Tel: 8529 0441
	10.30–11.00 am	Prayer Group	Tel: 8524 2491

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REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday	10.30 am Morning Worship (with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month)	
Monday	2.00-3.30pm Craft/Prayer Group on the first Monday each month	
	5.30 pm 2 nd Buckhurst Hill Brownies	8508 7546
	7.00 pm 2 nd Buckhurst Hill Guides	8508 3480
Wednesday	7.00 pm Sing Emmanuel Choir	
Thursday	6.00-7.00 pm 28 th Epping Forest Beavers	07960309175
	6.30-8.00 pm 28 th Epping Forest Cubs	8504 5270
	7.30-9.00 pm 28 th Epping Forest Scouts	07896031718
Friday	1.00-2.00pm Prayer Space in the church room	

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REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday	10.30am	Morning Worship and Junior Church (with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month)
Tuesday	6.00-7.30pm	14 th Woodford Brownie Pack (aged 7-10)
Thursday	7.00-9.00pm	14 th Woodford Guide Company (age 10-14)
Friday	9.00-10.30am	Play Café for toddlers and babies with their parents and carers
	6.00-7.30pm	PILOTS (a non-uniformed Christian group for children aged 4-11 years)

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Enquiries to Church Secretary at Woodford Green URC.

Caretaker	Mr. Peter Pitt	07940 725344
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Tuesday	6.00 – 7.00 pm	7 th Woodford Rainbow Unit (age 5 – 7)
Wednesday	6.15 – 7.45 pm	16 th Woodford Brownie Pack (age 7 – 10)

The premises are also used by the Seventh Day Adventist Church on Saturdays for Sabbath Worship and Wednesday evenings for Prayer Meetings, and by Faith Ministries (UK Churches) on Sunday mornings.

What child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
While shepherds watch are keeping?

This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds worship and angels sing:
Haste, haste to bring him praise,
The babe, the son of Mary.



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