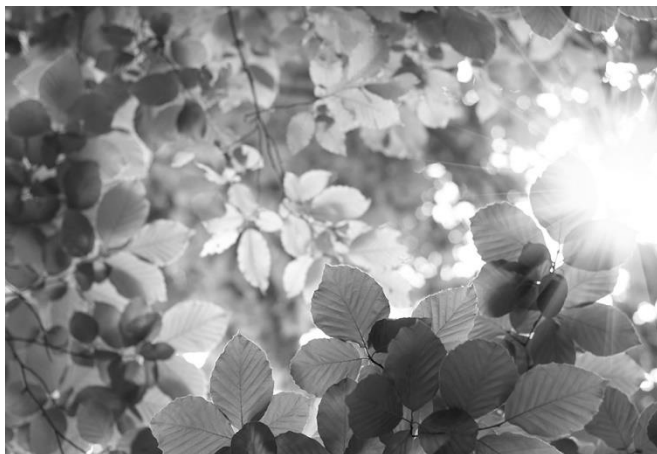




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**MATERIAL FOR THE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER NEEDS TO BE
WITH THE EDITOR BY SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST**

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PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends,



Dear friends,

*We are a welcoming, inclusive community, following God in Jesus,
learning about God and caring for Creation,
growing in faith and joy.
We aim to be witnesses to the love of God and the teachings
of Jesus Christ,
by supporting people within and beyond our community.*

Does this ring true to you for our Forest Group churches?

This Vision statement evolved as a result of our joint Elders Day on 15 June, where the holy number of 12 of us met for 3 hours to work together on the questions:

1. “What is God’s vision for us?” (What is our purpose?) and:
2. “What do we stand in for/stand up for/ stand out for in our communities?”

Our conversations were very engaged. There was a buzz in the air, when Elders exchanged in pairs on the question: “How does your church feed you spiritually?” And then: “What would you like your church community to be known for? If you asked random people on the streets: what would you hope they would say about your church?”

As you are reading this now: How would you answer these questions? We’d love to know! Why not share your thoughts at your next church meeting?

The Elders answered: “Church is like extended family (support in difficult times, advice, caring community, witnesses around you); a place of learning to follow God in Jesus, intellectually challenging; growing in faith, practicing Holy Habits”. And wanting to be known as: “A place that offers a different perspective: quirky; Open to everybody. Non-judgemental; People who make a difference because of their faith: active in community, caring for people (social) and environment; Happy place full of joy; A place where you learn about God and can grow in faith; A place where you can help make a difference/ get involved (in wider community, wider world, environment).”

All this we wove together into the above Vision statement.

When we then wondered “What needs to happen to make that true?”, a lot of our answers reflected the fact that we need to turn our attention **outside**: outside our buildings (use spaces outside our buildings and go out into the community), be better visible and audible (become braver speaking about our faith); better advertising (become more public about what we believe); show and celebrate inclusiveness and diversity (e.g. in the films we choose for film nights, or in linking up with other organisations for bigger events). But also **inside**: more focus on our “core business” (Bible and prayer).

Small steps we can all take already today for making this come true were identified: Speak out about your faith. And/or join a new (non-church) group and identify yourself to these new people as Christian (talk about your faith and church).

Bigger, more innovative steps had not really emerged, but may still be come. We will keep thinking, praying and sharing, and have our eyes, ears, senses open to God’s lead.

We are on the way! Walking the Way with Jesus more jointly, more intentionally, more sharing in Spirit and resources. Halleluiah!

Yours in faith, love – and hope,

Ulrike

PS: If you want to get involved more practically in our joint Forest “Mission Action” group, please contact me.

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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

Chingford

- 7 July Holy Communion – Revd Ulrike Bell on Holy Habits
topic of Gladness and Generosity (*monthly collection
for Christian Aid*)
- 14 July All age worship – Grace Smith
- 21 July Revd Ulrike Bell
- 28 July Joyce Derby (*followed by church meeting*)
- 4 August Holy Communion – Revd June Colley (*monthly
collection for local food bank*)
- 11 Aug Malcolm Smith
- 18 Aug Canon Rodney Matthews
- 25 Aug Kevin and Helen Haigh
- 1 Sept Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine (*monthly
collection for local food bank*)

St. James', Buckhurst Hill

- 7 July Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine
(*Sacramental offertory for Toybox Fundl*)

- 14 July Revd Ulrike Bell
- 21 July Gerald Lee
- 28 July Keith Brame (*followed by church meeting*)
- 4 August Holy Communion – Revd Ulrike Bell (*Sacramental
offertory for Church Action on Poverty*)
- 11 Aug Songs of Praise led by the Elders
- 18 Aug Revd Ulrike Bell
- 25 Aug Gerald Lee
- 1 Sept Holy Communion – Revd June Colley

Woodford Green

- 7 July Holy Communion – Revd June Colley
- 14 July Revd June Colley
 4.00pm Messy Church
- 21 July Jean Wyber
- 28 July Revd Ulrike Bell (*followed by church meeting*)
- 4 August Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine
- 11 Aug Revd June Colley

- 18 Aug Revd June Colley
25 Aug Revd Ulrike Bell
1 Sept Holy Communion – Revd Ulrike Bell

FOREST GROUP COFFEE MORNING



10.30 am in the Woodford Manse on
Tuesdays 2nd July and 6th August

Discussion topic:

'Holy Habits –
Gladness and Generosity'

CHURCH EVENTS

July

- Monday 1st **Chingford** 10am Board of Management
 St. James' 2.00-3.30pm Craft/Prayer Group in the
 church room
 Woodford Green 2.30pm Jubilee Club
- Tuesday 2 **Forest Group** 10.30am Coffee morning at the manse
 Woodford Grn 8.00pm Elders meeting at the manse
- Thursday 4 **St. James'** 7.30pm Elders Meeting in church room
- Sunday 7 **Review of Holy Habits** 12.30pm at Woodford Green
 (for hosts and facilitators)
 Forest Group Council meeting 2.00pm at Woodford
 Green
- Thursday 18 **Chingford** 8.00pm Elders Meeting in church hall
- Sunday 28 **St. James'** 3.30pm Garden Afternoon at
 11 Knighton Drive, Woodford Green
- Monday 29 **Woodford Green** 2.30pm Jubilee Club
- Wednesday 31 **Chingford** 12 noon Lunch Club

August

- Thursday 1 **St. James'** 7.30pm Elders Meeting in church room
- Saturday 3 **Woodford Green** 3.00pm Afternoon Tea at
 7 Mornington Close, Woodford Green
- Monday 12 **Woodford Green** 2.30pm Jubilee Club Summer Tea
- Sunday 25 **St. James'** 3.30pm Garden afternoon 29 Fairlands
 Avenue, Buckhurst Hill

Tuesday 28 – Friday 31 **Woodford Green** Holiday Club for primary age children

September

- Sunday 1 **Forest Group Council Meeting** 2.00pm at Woodford Green
- Tuesday 3 **Forest Group** 10.30am Coffee morning at the manse
- Woodford Grn** 8.00pm Elders meeting at the manse
- Sunday 15 **Woodford Green** 3.00pm Afternoon Tea at 6 Brook Gardens, Chingford Mount

ANNUAL GROUP SERVICE 2019

Thanks to everyone who made our annual joint service on 16th June a joyful occasion. We welcomed Neil Thorogood, Principal of Westminster College, Cambridge, to our pulpit, who gave an

inspiring sermon encouraging us to continue to grow together as a group.

Together with our joint Elders' meeting the previous day, it gave us a lot to think about.

The service held this year at Chingford was followed by a time of fellowship over a shared buffet lunch.



HOLY HABITS GROUPS

<p><u>Group 1</u> Sunday 20th July and 18th August after morning worship Facilitator: Suzanne Corney 020 8531 9168 suzanne.corney@btinternet.com</p>	<p><u>Group 2</u> Tuesday 9th July & 13th August at 10.00am June Colley (Host & Facilitator) 020 8529 5403 rev@jcolley.plus.com</p>
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<p><u>Group 7</u> Dates to be arranged Heather Nicholaou (Host) Pam Raworth (Facilitator) 020 8529 9280 heathernicholaou@gmail.com</p>	<p><u>Group 8</u> Sunday 23rd July & 25th August (to be confirmed) 5.00-6.30pm Helen and Kevin Haigh (Host & Facilitators) 0208 524 8003 hhaigh@gmail.com</p>

EXTERNAL EVENTS

Westminster College , Cambridge

Supporting Elders 2019 – Leadership and Spirituality

5th -7th July

Lens, pens and paintbrush – exploring our Christianity using art and creativity

17th – 18th August

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

or Tel: 01223 330632

London Inter Faith Centre, 125 Salusbury Road, NW6 6RG

Sharing Beliefs and Values - A series of interactive seminars exploring together our beliefs and values.

Wednesdays : June 5th – July 10th 2.00pm -3.30pm

Info: laurance.hille@londoninterfaith.org.uk

Cockfosters Centre for Spirituality, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood N144HE

Living with Dying and End of life Care with Laurence Mc’Gonnell

6th July 10.00am - 4.00pm

Introduction to Christian Meditation with Josie von Zitzewitz

14th September 10.00am - 4.00pm

To book a place email: cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk
or telephone: 020 84496648

Bradwell Pilgrimage 2019

This year's Bradwell Pilgrimage & Gathering is on **6th July** – a wonderful free day for all the family that's worth coming to.

For more information and answers to frequently asked questions, visit <http://bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk>



The poster features a large blue Celtic cross on the left. To its right, the text 'BRADWELL PILGRIMAGE AND GATHERING' is written in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. Below this, the date and time 'SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2019 10:30AM - 3:45PM' are displayed in a similar font. A line of text reads 'A free day of pilgrimage, worship, activities and talks for the whole family.' followed by 'See website for full information' in a smaller, italicized font. On the right side, there is an illustration of a stone building with a red roof, a small arched window, and a group of people standing in front of it. At the bottom, a banner contains social media links: 'W www.bradwellpilgrimage.co.uk', '@BradwellPilgrim' on Twitter, and 'facebook.com/bradwellpilgrimage'. Below the banner, a row of logos for partner organizations is shown, including 'BROUGHT TO YOU BY' with logos for the Diocese of Brentwood, Quakers, Eastern Baptist Association, BEDS, ESSEX & HERTS BETHNORTH DISTRICT, and newfrontiers.

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THE EAST LONDON THREE FAITHS FORUM

OUR EIGHTH GUIDED TOUR TO JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND

Sunday 8th December – Sunday 15th December 2019
Led by Rabbi David Hulbert, Revd. Ulrike Bell & Imam Dr Mohammed Fahim



Don't miss this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to visit places in the Holy Land (both Israel and the Palestinian territories) sacred to our three faiths:

<i>Jerusalem</i>	<i>Al-Aqsa Mosque and Dome of the Rock Church of the Holy Sepulchre (Jesus' tomb) Western Wall Yad Vashem (Memorial to Holocaust victims)</i>
<i>Dead Sea</i>	<i>Masada (King Herod's palace), swim in the Dead Sea</i>
<i>Bethlehem</i>	<i>Jesus' birthplace</i>
<i>Hebron</i>	<i>Tombs of the Patriarchs</i>
<i>Nazareth</i>	<i>Jesus' home-town; site of the angel Gabriel's announcement to Mary</i>
<i>Caesarea</i>	<i>Capital of Judaea and major port in Roman times Boat-trip across the Sea of Galilee and many more!</i>

COST £1,500 per person, sharing twin room.

Includes:

Return coach from Woodford to Luton Airport
Return flights
Half-board in top-quality, modern hotels
Travel in comfortable air-conditioned tour coach
Qualified tour guide, with us for the whole week
All entrance fees

The cost is made up of a deposit of £300, payable immediately, that will buy your EasyJet ticket. The flight tickets will go up in price as the plane fills up, so it is important to commit yourself and secure this price as soon as you can.

The balance of £1,200, covering the hotels and the tour, will be payable in September. This price is unlikely to change, unless there is another major fall in the value of the £ against the \$.

If you would like to come, send your name and full postal address to david.hulbert@whsmithnet.co.uk and you will be sent all the details and the booking form, with full terms and conditions.

EAST LONDON THREE FAITHS FORUM

The Three Faiths Forum meeting at 8.00pm on Thursday 13th June was held at East London and Essex Synagogue, which is near South Woodford Station. The topic for the evening was ‘*Teaching Religious Truths by Parable*’ and was a *Scriptural Reasoning* session when we split up into groups, with at least one Jewish person, one Muslim and one Christian in each group.

In my group we first looked at a parable from the Hebrew Scriptures: 2 Samuel 12:1-15. This is where the prophet Nathan tells a story to King David about a poor man having his pet lamb taken from him by a rich man who wanted to use it to feed a guest. The king is outraged by the story but Nathan then tells David that he is like that rich man, when he took the wife of another poor man for his own pleasure. So the parable is used to make a point and David realises he has sinned and repents.

The second parable we looked at was the story of The Prodigal Son from Luke’s Gospel, showing how God welcomes back sinners if they have repented.

The third parable we considered was from the Qur’an. It concerned two men, one of whom had two very fruitful gardens and ascribed this to his own efforts, boasting about his good fortune. The other man reminded him that all good gifts come from Allah and not

through our own efforts. In course of time the rich man's property fell into ruin so he lost all he had and realised he was in the wrong

It was interesting reading these three parables from each of the three faiths and seeing how parables can be used as a means of religious teaching. I had not expected to find parables outside the teaching of Jesus, so I learned something new, as I expect others did in our groups.

The next meeting of the Forum will be at 8.00pm on Thursday 10th October, when we will be discussing '*Welcoming the Stranger*' which should be interesting. The venue is yet to be announced.

Isabel Bala

ARTICLES

REFLECTION:

Gladness and Generosity

Gladness and generosity are intimately linked because each one springs from the other. Our gladness arises naturally from the generosity of God, and our gladness will naturally lead to generosity towards others. Generosity does not necessarily relate to money, but

can instead relate to time spent with someone, words of encouragement or any other way of fulfilling a need.

The gladness that springs from God's generosity does not depend on our circumstances, but comes from a deeper, richer source, namely, the knowledge of our ultimate security in our relationship with God, made possible by the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour.

Paul tells us of an impressive example in 2 Corinthians 8:1-3

“And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability.”

Generosity should not be forced, but should be from the heart, in order to give honour to God. In 2 Corinthians 9:7 we read

“Each man should give what he has decided to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver”

Kevin Haigh

A THREE CITY HOLIDAY – AND RATHER MORE CHURCHES!

My husband's first cousin once removed was ordained as a priest serving with the Society of Jesus on May 11 at St Paul's Basilica, Toronto. His parents and I assumed Young Ted (as he is known in the family) wanted other family members who were also ordained to attend (although I don't think they would recognise my own ordination as an Elder of the United Reformed Church) so we travelled with Richard's cousin Anne who never misses a family celebration if she possibly can. There had been a chance that Anne's first husband (another CoE clergyperson) might attend which would have been problematic since they divorced in order for him to marry Young Ted's aunt, but he was not well enough to travel so awkward meetings were avoided.

The service came in at under two hours which was pretty good for an ordination service. Ted and another Canadian were being priested and five men were being deaconed (with priesting next year). They came from the US, Nepal and the Antilles. Training for the Jesuit priesthood takes 11 years and includes such exercises as being dropped into an unknown city with virtually no money and told to get by. Ted had worked in slums in South America and on the Monday after ordination was going to a conference in Rome on the subject of refugees as the representative for his Province.

On 12 May we went to Our Lady of Lourdes (OLOL) to Ted's first celebration of mass in the morning. This was far more informal with far fewer saints included in the Litany of Supplication (I lost count at the Ordination maybe they named all the Jesuit saints) and I was delighted that we sang a John Bell hymn and Bernadette Farrell's "Longing for Light" which we sing each year at the Ecumenical Advent Carol service. I thanked Ted for choosing two British hymns but he said he had no involvement in their choice and had been concentrating on getting his sermon across.

In the evening we went to Choral Vespers at the Anglican Church of the Redeemer near to where we were staying which included Bach's Cantata no 31 "The Heavens laugh the earth rejoices" and "Urlicht" from Mahler's Resurrection Symphony. It was very well done with choir, soloists and orchestra. I think the church might be part of the University of Toronto or Ryerson because as well as two named clergy there were five Honorary Assistant clergy. Donations were invited at the end to help with the cost.

We moved on to Ottawa where Richard's Canadian cousins are based but stayed in a central hotel where we found an Anglican church two doors away which offered Morning Prayer at 8am. This had been started to offer a service for people working in the banks and insurance offices etc. The church was in the process of being renovated and we had to bypass building materials and found the Sanctuary unheated and only one other person there who said he had only just started coming and that the service would probably be said

by another layperson if the priest didn't turn up. The other layperson turned up but priest didn't so Richard took that part and I resorted to my Kindle for the reading from Acts. Judging by the size of the building and the work going on, on Sunday it must be a very popular church but not on a cold wet Thursday morning.

Then to Chicago – no family apart from Cousin Anne and the 10.45am at the Church of our Saviour at Fullerton – sorry another Anglican one - on May 19. The Greeter said she came to London about once a quarter – I asked and learned she was an Insurance Lawyer visiting clients. Richard felt at home immediately- there was lots of incense and they censed the Pascal candle which the OLOL thurifier had failed to do (High Anglicans notice these omissions). It was the end of the Sunday School year and the children and their teachers were paraded and congratulated on their progress. The preacher had distributed a visual aid in the shape of a triangle with Soul, Body and Personhood on one side and various “fold here” instructions and comments on the back which I shall give to Ulrike. The congregation was not large and they are starting a discipleship programme. The after church gathering was going to be focussed on the End of the Sunday School year so we did not linger. I wanted to suggest to the priest that he look at “Holy Habits” but he had announced he was going to the airport immediately after the service to start his holiday. We sang one Brian Wren hymn which I didn't recognise from Rejoice and Sing which impressed Cousin Anne and I was able to say the writer was a URC minister.

I nearly forgot – we did visit another church in Ottawa but in the middle of the Canadian National Museum – a small wooden Ukrainian Orthodox church which had been transferred there and which was still consecrated and occasional services held.

I could go on about the museums and concerts and how we eventually found a Currency Exchange to cash in our pre-Millennium Travellers Cheques but that is enough for now.

Jean Wyber

MOVING STORIES

July 2019

Our friends at Sabeel report that the Noor Jericho Solar Park, Palestine's first solar power station, is due to open in June. The power generated here will be distributed by a Jerusalem-based Palestinian electricity company to Jerusalem, Ramallah, Bethlehem and Jericho. This project is part of a wider plan to invest in renewable energy in Palestine and to reduce Palestinian dependence on Israeli power.

The plant is designed to produce 7.5 megawatts of power. Noor Tubas solar park, also in production, is smaller with a capacity of 4 MW; and Noor Jenin project will have a capacity of 5 MW. Additionally, thousands of solar panels will be installed on the rooftops of some 500 public schools throughout Palestine to generate another 35 MW.

The Ministry of Education gave permission to use the rooftops of the public schools for solar panels due to a shortage of open land, resulting from Israeli military control of two-thirds of Palestinian land in the West Bank's Area C.



CHINGFORD NEWS

27TH CHINGFORD SCOUT GROUP NEWS

Scouts

Three Scouts have gained the Chief Scouts Gold Award, which is the highest award that can be gained in the Scout Troop. They are Sebastian Roney, Thomas St George, and Harry Hill. Sebastian and

Thomas have previously gained the Chief Scouts Award in both the Beavers and Cubs. All three have now gone up to Explorers.

We are trying to work out which Scout has the record for the highest number of activity badges gained in the Troop as Sebastian, Thomas and Ali Nijabat all have between 40 and 44 badges each and we are checking the badge records. Other Scouts who have done well are Eddie Adams 34 badges, Steven Nicholaou 32, Harry Hill 31, James Maycock 28, Blue Winnock 22, Ella Magen 21, Billy Ayto 19. All these achievements are added to our 27th Chingford Scouts Honours Book

During this term the Scouts have been working on Adventure, Expedition, Outdoor, Personal, Skills and Team work Challenge badges and Athletics, Climber, Cyclist, Do it yourself, Geocaching, Hikes, Survival Skills Activity badges and have had opportunities to go to a Survival skills camp and a parent and scout camp and visit Gilwell, Fairlop Waters, Danemead camp site, the Gunpowder Park, and Chingford Plains

Cubs

Four Cubs have gained the Chief Scouts Silver Award, the highest award in the Cub Pack. They are Adam Corrigan, Max Majid, Saif Nijabat, and Frankie Reed.

The current record for Activity Badges in the Cub Pack is 39 and is held jointly by Thomas St George and Ali Nijabat. All 4 of the Cubs

above are attempting to break the record and at the head of the chasing pack is Saif brother of Ali who has 36 Activity badges.

During this term the Cubs have been working on Adventure, Outdoors, Skills, Teamwork Challenges and Backwoods Cooking, Do it yourself and World Faiths activity badges. Activities have included making a shelter in the forest, climbing at the boulder park, making a game, a Buddhist tea ceremony at Gilwell and tracking in the forest

Leaders and Helpers

We are still looking for helpers in all sections, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts as more helpers helps to spread the load. Please contact Group Scout Leader Malcolm Smith if you can help.

ANNE BOLEYN: A play by Howard Brenton

Saturday 13th July at 3.00pm

The Wadham Players return to the garden at Chingford URC for a production of ‘Anne Boleyn’, a play commissioned by Shakespeare’s Globe, and premiered there in 2010. It portrays Anne as a force in the political and religious in-fighting who influenced Henry VIII, thereby unleashing the protestant reformation.

Tickets are £8 (£6 concessions)

ST JAMES' NEWS

CHURCH MEETING NOTES MAY 2019

Our May Church Meeting was chaired by Louise Woodcock and was attended by eighteen people. News of the church family was exchanged before moving on to other matters.

The Russell Road fence dispute has not yet been resolved even though the church has offered £500 as a goodwill gesture to the owner of the fence to help with the cost of replacement. The interior of the church is in need of re-decoration and work on this will commence in the summer.

The local history museum at Waltham Abbey have returned our church archives, suggesting they could be stored in the Essex Archives in Chelmsford, for a payment. Now we will have to re-sort them and decide if it is worth keeping any of them.

The dates of our three Summer Garden Parties have been finalised: on 28th July at the home of Louise and Simon Woodcock, on 25th August at the home of Eileen and Geoff Packe and on 29th September at the home of Jenny Chapman

Louise Woodcock and Graham Halliday have stood down as Elders after serving for six years and they were thanked for their years of

faithful service. Margaret Minoletti has served for three years and Church Meeting agreed she should stand for another period of three years. Graham and Louise will continue to help out with Door, Vestry and Communion duties when necessary, as we now have only three Elders.

Gerald Lee has been asked to prepare a leaflet about our church which can be used for outreach.

A recent Churches Together meeting at the Baptist Church had gone well with representatives from four churches attending. The next meeting will be held at St. James' on 8th July.

Christian Aid are holding a Climate Change Rally on 26th June in central London, when MPs will be lobbied and banners of protest will be carried. Two of our members hope to attend and we have sent a message of support which will be displayed on a banner.

Isabel Bala

GREENBELT POSTCARDS

At our May Craft/ Prayer Group we decorated twenty-five post cards, after writing on each one a message of *Wit and Wisdom*. Some of us chose verses from the Bible and others inspiring thoughts from other sources. We used strands or plaits of wool to decorate the cards and they have been sent off to the URC's Children's and Youth Work

Team so they can use them to decorate the URC tent at Greenbelt Festival which will take place at Boughton House, Northamptonshire from 23rd- 26th August.

Isabel Bala



WOODFORD GREEN NEWS

We have been delighted to receive a baby grand piano as a gift to the church and we look forward to starting a series of lunchtime recitals in the autumn. It will be a great asset to our worship and outreach activities.

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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: 8504 7518
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 meal (last in month)	Tel: 8529 0441
	4.30–6.00pm	Christian Youth + Club organised by Red Balloon	
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	

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REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday	10.30 am Morning Worship (with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month)	
Monday	2-3.30pm 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

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REGULAR EVENTS

Sunday	10.30am	Morning Worship and Junior Church (with Holy Communion on the first Sunday of each month)
	4.00pm	‘Messy Church’ second Sunday of every month
Monday	2.30pm	Jubilee Club (alternate weeks – see calendar for details)
Tuesday	6-7.30pm	14 th Woodford Brownie Pack (aged 7-10)
Thursday	7-9.00pm	14 th Woodford Guide Company (age 10-14)
Friday	9.00-10.30am	Play Café for toddlers and babies with their parents and carers
	6-7.30pm	PILOTS (a non-uniformed Christian group for children aged 4-11 years)

RAY LODGE SITE

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Enquiries to Church Secretary at Woodford Green URC.

Caretaker	Mr. Peter Pitt	07940 725344
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REGULAR EVENTS

Tuesday	6.00 – 7.00 pm 7 th Woodford Rainbow Unit (age 5 – 7)
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Wednesday	6.15 – 7.45 pm 16 th Woodford Brownie Pack (age 7 – 10)
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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.