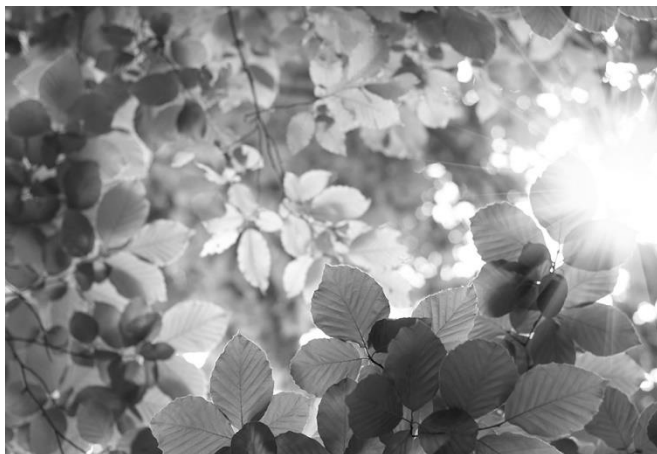




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# NEWSLETTER

## JUNE 2019

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## PASTORAL LETTER

Dear friends,



Our God, the God of Abraham and Sarah, of Ruth and Jonah gives stability over the ages, continuity and peace, and equally calls us out to follow him into unknown land. The one who continually re-creates the world every morning calls us out to leave our fisher nets behind and go, trusting that our lives and the lives of others will be richer for it.

I can see God at work in our Forest Group, encouraging us to trust Him and His ways for us.

At Woodford church we are exploring the possibility of joining up with the East London and Essex Liberal Synagogue (currently in South Woodford), with whom we might embark on the journey of a joint future in using the building both as Synagogue and as Church, and possibly also becoming the new home for the London Interfaith Centre, which currently is in NW London, but due to close next summer. This would be a very exciting new beginning and a great sign for the local (and farther) community, that God is One, but can be worshipped in different ways. That religions can work together and be friends, and that we can learn from each other about our God. Please hold us all in your prayer as we continue our conversations both with Synagogue and Synod.

I can see God at work at St James, with Gerald and Mariana breathing new wind into church and congregation; their faith and humour refreshing our gatherings and inspiring us to think wider.

And in Chingford I see God at work in church members taking on more of what used to be the church secretary's responsibilities, enabling the church to share and work more as a team. "See, I am making all things new." (Rev 21,5) And in the church's decision to re-organise their lettings system; in asking something new to develop and embracing that.

At our Joint FG Elders Day coming up on 15 June we will be looking to discern a vision for our churches, for our Group. This will carry us into the future that God holds for us, help us focus and guide our actions.

Where do *you* see God at work in our communities? Do look out for it, and share with us!

With love and blessing,

Ulrike

## SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

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

### Chingford

- 2 June      Holy Communion – Terry Silvey
- 9 June      Parade and all age worship – Revd June Colley  
*(followed by church picnic and all age games)*
- 16 June     **Forest Group Service – Revd Neil Thorogood, Principal  
of Westminster College, Cambridge**
- 23 June     Kevin and Helen Haigh
- 30 June     Terry Silvey
- 7 July      Holy Communion – Revd Ulrike Bell on Holy Habits  
topic of Gladness and Generosity

### St. James', Buckhurst Hill

- 2 June      Holy Communion – Gerald Lee *(Sacramental  
offertory for Epping Forest Food Bank)*
- 9 June      Revd Ulrike Bell
- 16 June     **Forest Group Service at Chingford**
- 23 June     Eileen Packe *(followed by annual church meeting)*
- 30 June     Revd June Colley
- 7 July      Holy Communion – Revd Kevin Swaine  
*(Sacramental offertory for Toybox Fundl)*

## Woodford Green

- 2 June      Holy Communion – Revd Ulrike Bell
- 9 June      Revd Richard Wyber  
4.00pm Messy Church
- 16 June    **Forest Group Service at Chingford**
- 23 June    Revd Ulrike Bell (*followed by Church Meeting*)
- 30 June    Revd Kevin Swaine
- 7 July      Holy Communion – Revd June Colley

## FOREST GROUP COFFEE MORNING



10.30 am in the Woodford Manse on  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June

Discussion topic:  
'Holy Habits – Biblical  
Teaching'

## CHURCH EVENTS

### June

- Monday 3     **St. James'** 2.00-3.30pm Craft/Prayer Group in the church room  
**Woodford Green** 2.30pm Jubilee Club – Kate Poole: 'Grandad'
- Tuesday 4     **Forest Group** 10.30am Coffee morning at the manse  
**Woodford Grn** 8.00pm Elders meeting at the manse
- Thursday 6     **St. James'** 7.30pm Elders Meeting in church room
- Saturday 15     **Forest Group Joint Elders Meeting** – 10.00am till 1.00pm at Chigwell Convent
- Sunday 16     **Forest Group joint service at Chingford** 10.30am followed by a shared lunch
- Monday 17     **Woodford Green** 2.30pm Jubilee Club
- Thursday 20     **Chingford** 8.00pm Elders
- Wednesday 26 **Chingford** 12.00n Lunch Club

### July

- Monday 1<sup>st</sup>     **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     **Forest Group Council meeting** 2.00pm at Woodford Green



## HOLY HABITS GROUPS

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<b><u>Group 5</u> Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm</b> <b>Eileen &amp; Geoff Packe (Host)</b> 020 85049188 <a href="mailto:geoff.pack22@gmail.com">geoff.pack22@gmail.com</a> <b>Margaret Brown (Facilitator)</b> 020 8524 5223 <a href="mailto:mptbrown@btinternet.com">mptbrown@btinternet.com</a>	<b><u>Group 6</u> Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 10.30 am</b> <b>Gerald &amp; Mariana Lee (Host)</b> St James URC, Buckhurst Hill <a href="mailto:geraldelee@ymail.com">geraldelee@ymail.com</a> <b>Isabel Bala (Facilitator)</b> 020 8504 3543 <a href="mailto:isabelbala@hotmail.co.uk">isabelbala@hotmail.co.uk</a>
<b><u>Group 7</u> To be arranged</b> <b>Heather Nicholaou (Host)</b> <b>Pam Raworth (Facilitator)</b> 020 8529 9280 <a href="mailto:heathernicholaou@gmail.com">heathernicholaou@gmail.com</a>	<b><u>Group 8</u> Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 5.00-6.30pm</b> <b>Helen and Kevin Haigh (Host &amp; Facilitators)</b> 0208 524 8003 <a href="mailto:hhaigh@gmail.com">hhaigh@gmail.com</a>

## **EXTERNAL EVENTS**

### **Westminster College , Cambridge**

*Mission and Apologetics in Contemporary culture*

**17<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> June**

*Supporting Elders 2019 – Leadership and Spirituality*

**5<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> July**

To book a place email: [admin@westminster.cam.ac.uk](mailto: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 5<sup>th</sup> – July 10<sup>th</sup>     2.00pm -3.30pm**

Info: [laurance.hille@londoninterfaith.org.uk](mailto:laurance.hille@londoninterfaith.org.uk)

### **Cockfosters Centre for Spirituality, 29 Bramley Road, Oakwood N144HE**

*Your Still Point in a Turning World* with Mary Jo Radcliffe

1st June 10.00am – 4.00pm

*The River of Faith – where next?* with Margaret Silf

15<sup>th</sup> June 10.00am-4.00pm

To book a place email: [cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk](mailto:cockfosters@rcdow.org.uk)  
or telephone: 020 84496648

## **MASS LOBBY ON CLIMATE CHANGE**

### **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June**

If you are interested in attending this event, please speak to Ulrike. This is an opportunity to join with Christian Aid to express our concern about the lack of urgency on the part of our government.



Boru lives in Kenya and relies on his camels to survive. But even they are dying from drought.

Will you stand together with Boru for climate justice?

**The time is now.**

Join the mass lobby on 26 June and call for urgent action on climate change.

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[caid.org.uk/timeisnow](http://caid.org.uk/timeisnow)

Bismillahir-Rahmanir-Raheem

By the Grace of God

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# THE EAST LONDON THREE FAITHS FORUM

## OUR EIGHTH GUIDED TOUR TO JERUSALEM AND THE HOLY LAND

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:david.hulbert@whsmithnet.co.uk) and you will be sent all the details and the booking form, with full terms and conditions.

## ARTICLES

### REFLECTION:

#### **Biblical Teaching – Part 2**

As we continue with our Holy Habit of Biblical Teaching, I would like to suggest that the Bible is a bit like a school mathematics text book. In the front of the text-book are all the problems, and in the back are the answers. However, in the case of the Bible, there is only one problem and one solution. The problem is sin and the Old Testament describes this in terrible detail, and the answer is Jesus's death on the cross, which we see in the New Testament. A drastic solution to an intractable problem that only God Himself could solve.

In the Garden of Eden, as soon as Adam and Eve sin, we start to see consequences. It had never bothered them before that they were naked, they experienced fear, they hide from God, and enmity is born, pain is increased, work becomes toil. In the next generation, we see envy and murder (Genesis 3 and 4). All of the world's problems are ultimately the result of sin. Ever since then, men and women everywhere have been unable to return to that original sinless state which is necessary for a relationship with a perfect God.

Before the creation of the world, God had planned the solution to the problem that He knew would come. He knew what it would cost, and only Jesus could carry it out. "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" Matt 20:28. We cannot even believe without the Holy Spirit within us, we are so helpless to save ourselves. Let's worship God for His gracious kindness in rescuing us.

Kevin Haigh

## **ST JAMES' NEWS**

### **CHURCH MEETING NOTES**

**APRIL 2019**

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

Our new Hall Manager, Gerald Lee, has now completed his three month probationary period and the Elders confirmed his appointment at their last meeting. It was agreed Gerald and Mariana should be brought into membership of St. James' on Sunday 5th May. Gerald has been busy clearing out the storage shed behind the garage and some of the machinery inside it has been sent to a charity in Africa which can make use of these items. The church basement has been cleared out too, so the Scouts can use that space, and two of our Elders spent several hours sorting out old church archives which had been stored in boxes there and also the contents of an old wooden filing cabinet. It was decided that most of the material should go to the local history museum at Waltham Abbey, where it can be collated and stored in suitable conditions. Some old photographs have been retained by church members and copies of old music sheets may be of interest to some other people.

The Russell Road fence saga is on-going, but hopefully the matter will be settled soon.

The Quiet Day and the Good Friday Meditation had been appreciated by all those who attended and may be repeated next year. The Craft Group at its next meeting will be making decorated post cards to be used in the URC

tent at the *Greenbelt Festival* at the end of August and banners for displaying in church may be made at a later date.

It was decided we should have three Summer Garden Parties: in July at the home of Louise and Simon Woodcock, in August at the home of Eileen and Geoff Packe and in September at the home of Jenny Chapman. Dates for these have still to be finalised.

At their next meeting, the Elders will check our updated Church Profile and then provide copies for any church member who wishes to scrutinise it.

An email had been received from Heather Scholer, who is in charge of Epping Forest Food Bank, announcing that 1,461 three-day emergency food parcels had been given out to local people in the past year, an increase of 22% from the previous year. Fifteen tonnes of food had been donated. We will continue to support the Food Bank with our Sacramental Offertory in June and our Harvest Gifts in September.

The Church Secretary had been to to visit Christ Church, Newham on its Open Day on Saturday 27th April to get a glimpse of its rebuilding programme and hopes for the future. She had also recently delivered a letter, as advised by Christian Aid, to HSBC Bank in Loughton asking them to make the *Big Shift* out of fossil fuels into renewable energy.

Margaret Minoletti was hoping to attend the CND Service outside Westminster Abbey on 3rd May led by Bruce Kent to protest against the Royal Navy's Service of Thanksgiving to mark 50 years of *Continuous at Sea Deterrent* taking place then.

Some of us will be collecting for Christian Aid outside Buckhurst Hill Station on May 17th, so let's hope we will be successful in raising funds to help mothers in Sierra Leone give birth safely.

Isabel Bala

## WOODFORD GREEN NEWS



It was with great sadness that we heard of the sudden death of June Camp who died on holiday. She was the great friend of Jean Danzelman (pictured left) who died last year. June would often visit Jean and come with her to church. They had become friends when working together in a bank in London many years ago and they had enjoyed many holidays together.

Jean's Christian faith was important to her and she had been a great servant of the church as an Elder and in many other ways. She was quiet, but had a wonderful warm smile and a great sense of fun. She particularly enjoyed the conversation after church over a cup of coffee. She, and June, are greatly missed and the receipt of a legacy from Jean will be used wisely to enhance the comfort and fellowship experiences of our members and their friends and family who visit.



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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 <sup>th</sup> Chingford Cubs	Tel: 8524 2491
	7.00–8.30 pm	27 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Chingford Brownies	Tel: 8529 1475
	7.30–9.00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>nd</sup> Buckhurst Hill Brownies	8508 7546
	7.00 pm 2 <sup>nd</sup> Buckhurst Hill Guides	8508 3480
Wednesday	7.00 pm Sing Emmanuel Choir	
Thursday	6.00-7.00 pm 28 <sup>th</sup> Epping Forest Beavers	07960309175
	6.30-8.00 pm 28 <sup>th</sup> Epping Forest Cubs	8504 5270
	7.30-9.00 pm 28 <sup>th</sup> 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 <sup>th</sup> Woodford Brownie Pack (aged 7-10)
Thursday	7-9.00pm	14 <sup>th</sup> 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)

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**Enquiries to Church Secretary at Woodford Green URC.**

**Caretaker**

Mr. Peter Pitt

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## **REGULAR EVENTS**

Tuesday      6.00 – 7.00 pm 7<sup>th</sup> Woodford Rainbow Unit  
(age 5 – 7)

Wednesday      6.15 – 7.45 pm 16<sup>th</sup> 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.