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# Common News



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Dear Friends,

When I took on the role of Acting Superintendent for this year I wasn't sure what to expect. The increase in the number of emails and items of post I receive has been noticeable even in the past few weeks. One of the things that has arrived in my letter box is a report produced by the Methodist Church into the factors that help churches to grow.

The study was conducted in the North East of England and so, in quite a different context to ours, but nevertheless the findings of the report's authors, Dr Andrew Orton and Dr Peter Hart give us some food for thought. They conclude that key factors contributing to church growth are:

- Being welcoming, hospitable and caring as a church community
- Being responsive and actively inclusive of a wider range of people
- Making available accessible intentional spiritual development opportunities
- Participatory and collaborative leadership
- Provision of support which enabled change and overcame barriers.

They go on to look at six different churches who are experiencing growth and what can be learnt from their situations.

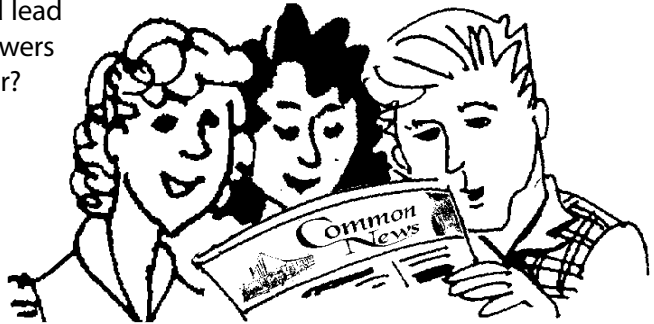
All the factors outlined above present us with a challenge as a church and as individuals. Whenever we think about church growth and evangelism we can easily become daunted and overwhelmed by the scale of the task but the authors

note that 'small acts of unconditional kindness and hospitality' were key to drawing people into the life of the church. What this meant in practice was the existing community made room for people, listened to their needs and responded to their ideas. Inevitably the church then became a dynamic community, open to new possibilities, prepared to take risks, willing to try new things and able to learn and grow along the way.

Over the coming weeks there are a number of Special Sundays in the life of our church including Harvest, World Church, and Remembrance Sunday. These are opportunities to reflect on the role of our church within the local community and within the world.


At the end of their report Orton and Hart suggest that a church asking itself - 'how do we best embody the Gospel in this place?' is the most effective place to begin a new journey of spiritual growth and discovery. As we look to the future I wonder where will God lead us as we explore the answers to that question together?

Yours in Christ,



*Karen*

	<b>SUNDAY OFFERINGS</b>	
Average regular weekly offering to <b>30 July</b> .....		<b>£649</b>
Target weekly average .....		<b>£800</b>

	<p>Methodist relief and development</p>	<p>Please remember to donate your pennies to the <i>All We Can East Africa Famine Appeal</i> for the emergency in South Sudan, Nigeria, Yemen, Somalia and other countries threatened by famine. It's a race against time to prevent a major disaster so please support this with all YOU can.</p>
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# Wickham Watch

## NEWS OF THE FAMILY

**BEREAVEMENT** It is with great sadness that we report the death of **Vera Collins** who died in hospital on the **11th September**. Vera was an inspirational lady who will leave a legacy of her Christian example and who will be sadly missed by all at West Wickham. The funeral arrangement to be advised.



**BAPTISM** During September Laura baptised  
(a) **Elliot Owen**, born on 10th August 2015, the third son of **Elizabeth and Stephen Bryan**, and grandson of **Wendy and Bill Todd**.  
(b) **Mila Harper Mae**, born on 14th August 2016, the daughter of **Lewis and Francesca Cooke**.

**WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS** **Alex Pert** who spent time in the PRUH and is happy to be home again, and **Katie Pert** who broke both bones in her ankle which have now been pinned. We wish Alex and Katie a speedy recovery to full health and mobility.



## CHURCH ACTIVITIES



**MESSY CHURCH** will meet on **28th October** when the theme will be 'Light', and **25th November** when the theme will be "Advent/Christmas"—see page 23

**THE CHURCH COUNCIL** next meet on **Thursday 16th November at 8.00 pm**.



**PRAYING TOGETHER** next meet on **Wednesday 25th October** and **Wednesday 8th November at 8.00 pm** at **32 Riverside Walk**—the home of Joye and Fred Miles. All welcome. See page 9

**THE SCOUTS** are still collecting used postage stamps to raise funds for the Leprosy Mission. Please leave a 5 mm border around the stamp when you cut it from the envelope and leave them in the box in the display alcove (near the sound system) at the back of the church.



will meet at 1.30 pm on **Tuesday 17th October** and **Tuesday 26th November** in the Hawes Lane Manse.



**HARVEST 'SOUPER' LUNCH** will follow the morning service on **8th October. £4 per head** and pudding donations gratefully received. Winston Webber, from The Robes Project, is coming to talk about the project and Harvest donations will go to the Project as usual. Laura has arranged for the cubs to help prepare aspects of the service and also to present a play planned by their leader, Lesley. **FILM NIGHT** will show *Hidden Figures* on **Saturday 18th November—6.30 for a 7.00 pm start. More information on page 16.**

**ROBES PROJECT** of the Bermondsey Mission will help the poor of the city with tinned food, bedding, etc. Contributions can be left in the box under the blue table cloth at the back of the church or outside the Secretary's Office. Thank you.



## OTHER LOCAL ACTIVITIES

**WEST WICKHAM & SHIRLEY BAPTIST CHURCH**, Wickham Road/ Monks Orchard Road, offers a **Lunch Club on Mondays at 12.30pm.** A hot lunch costs £6. Booking is essential on 020 8777 5705.



**DAME CICELY SAUNDERS CONCERTS** are held on the 1st Thursday of the month at **7.30 pm at St Christopher's Hospice, Sydenham.** £10 tickets include interval canapés and wine.

**5th October:** Three Cane Whale – a multi-instrumental acoustic trio, influenced by folk, minimalism and chamber music.

**2nd November:** Clive Carroll – classical guitar.

**HAYES SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA** The next concert will be of choral works (programme to be advised) at St Francis Church on **Saturday 25th November 2017.**



**SINGCRONISED COMMUNITY CHOIR** concert of gospel & pop music at Emmanuel church on **Saturday 14th October at 8.00 pm.** Admission free, collection for Vine Food Bank.

### Three religious truths

1. Jews do not recognise Jesus as the Messiah.
2. Protestants do not recognise the Pope as the leader of the Christian faith.
3. Baptists and Methodists do not recognise each other in the off-licence.

# FLOWERS IN CHURCH

## October

1st  
Hilda Hannaford  
8th  
Harvest Flowers  
16th  
Harvest Flowers  
22nd  
Wes & Jude Seldon  
29th  
Wes & Jude Seldon

## November

5th  
Winona D'Albert  
12th  
Winona D'Albert  
19th  
Flower Fund  
26th  
Flower Fund

If you would like to provide the flowers  
please add your name to the  
list at the back of the Church



## METHODIST TALENTS FESTIVAL 2017

Original Hymn entered by Christine Pope

### Reconciliation and Peace (Tune: *Richmond*)

There is a dream in good men's hearts  
That warring men might cease  
And leave their weapons at the door  
And talk and strive for peace,

When conflicts rage throughout the world  
In anger, hate and fear,  
Christ tells us of another way  
Commands of peace to hear

To strive to settle men's disputes  
Our efforts may be small,  
We'll heed Christ's words and try again  
'My peace I leave you all'

Forgiving wrongs and injuries  
That brotherhood may last,  
And talk to heal the wounds of war  
To reconcile the past,

With God's own help to mediate  
For outcomes just and fair,  
To fight for rights on every side  
And strengthen words with prayer,

To follow Christ is our ideal,  
To tread where He has trod;  
Let's take the hand of friend or foe  
And humbly walk with God.

## Church Redevelopment Update No. 6

As you may recall from our last update, we arranged to lodge a pre-application planning proposal for our redevelopment with the Bromley Council in July. This was duly done and a meeting was held on 14th September 2017 attended by two planning officers, John Spence (our architect), Christine Pope and Laura MacBean.

The officers agreed in principle with all our plans for the church and community centre and explained that for zoning purposes they were pleased we wished to continue with our church life and community engagement. They were, however, not so enamoured with the density of housing we were trying to fit onto the site. We now await their written feedback which we will be analysing, along with John Spence, in order to come up with a design for the accommodation that they will be more willing to approve. John is already working on some alternatives so that we can move forward as soon as possible. As you will be aware, the accommodation on the site is what will cross-subsidise our new church and community centre.

Once we have the feedback from the planning office and have had a chance to sit down with John to consider the alternatives he is drafting, we will be able to report back to everybody and advise on our the next steps.

The Redevelopment Committee



**Save on Christmas Cards  
and benefit the NASIO Trust**

Messy Church are aiming to produce an A3 community Christmas card which you can use as a joint festive message. Rather than sending individual Christmas cards to all your friends at Church why not send your Christmas wishes by signing our giant community card and donate what you would have spent to the NASIO Trust in Kenya—one of our special charities.

**Our special Messy Church community card will be available at the beginning of December.**

## QUARTERLY PRAYER BREAKFASTS

This Connexional year, Clive Timehin (local preacher and member at West Wickham Methodist), and Deacon Laura MacBean will be sharing in the leadership of four Saturday prayer breakfasts – one in each quarter.

This is an opportunity for our congregation to spend time in prayer as a spiritual discipline. It is hoped that members from other churches in our circuit and from Churches Together in West Wickham might join us in this dedicated time of prayer, complementing the prayers of our monthly Praying Together Group which meets on a Wednesday night.

Each session will start with refreshments from 9:15 to 9:30am followed by 45 minutes of prayer in various forms. It is hoped that each session will offer something for different personality types.

### Session dates

18 November    3 February    28 April    7 July

The November session will be based on Celtic Spirituality. Celtic Spirituality draws its inspiration from the earliest manifestation of Christianity in these islands – an offering which was also inspired by the wisdom of pre-Christian Ireland.

In the prayers of the early church of these islands, in their passion and their practice of the faith there is a clarity and simplicity and wisdom that speaks directly to many of the concerns of our age.

The following are some aspects of Celtic Spirituality:

- Love of the natural world
- Community/ Monasticism
- Hospitality
- The practice of the Anam Cara – ‘The Friend of the Soul’
- Art and Music
- Pilgrimage



(Taken from The Centre for Celtic Spirituality,  
[www. http://celtic-spirituality.net](http://celtic-spirituality.net))



# PRAYING MATTERS

This is a reminder to everyone that our church has a 'Praying Together' group which now meets once a month for an hour on a Wednesday at 8.00 pm at Joye Miles' place in Riverside Walk. We meet to pray for our church and its work, our members and church friends, the community in which we live, each other and situations in our country and the world. If you would like us to pray for you or a situation close to your heart, please contact Laura or Joye whose details are on the back of this newsletter.

## Future Dates

25 October	8 November	13 December	17 January
7 February	14 March	11 April	30 May
20 June	25 July	None in August	

## Prayer List

If you would like to put a name forward for regular inclusion on our Prayer Matters page so that people can pray for you or a situation you know of at home, please email names to the newsletter editors.

"Our prayers may be awkward. Our attempts may be feeble. But since the power of prayer is in the one who hears it and not in the one who says it, our prayers do make a difference."

Max Lucado

**For all that pleases us  
in sight, smell and taste;  
for all that nourishes,  
restores and enlivens us;  
for all your good gifts, Lord,  
we thank you. AMEN.**



## St Mary's Church Hall The Avenue, West Wickham Wednesday 11th October 2017

The Rev. Merv McKenney and his wife Sue will give a talk on the work of the charity *Tools with a Mission* which provides tools for impoverished people in some African countries.

Doors open at 7.45 pm for light refreshments and a Bring & Buy sale before the talk at 8.15 pm.

Admission free, all welcome



## JOINT ADVENT COURSE 2017

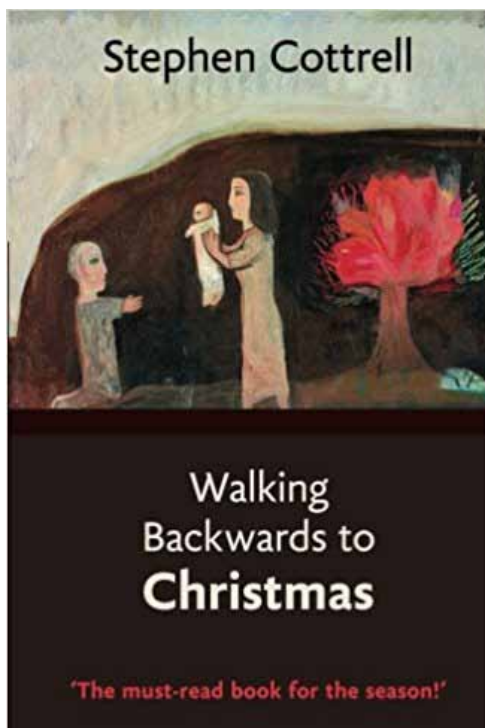
This year, I will be running an advent course in conjunction with Rev Bill Bowman (Emmanuel URC) and Rev Hazel O'Sullivan (St Francis and St Mary's). The course is being produced by Brian Griffiths, a lay reader at St Francis. Brian set up and coordinates the Churches Together in West Wickham Work Club which runs on Mondays from 4 to 6pm at the West Wickham Library.

### TIMETABLE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Venue</u>	<u>Topic</u>	<u>Leader</u>
Tue 5 Dec	7.30–9.00 pm	St Francis	} Anna	Rev Hazel O Sullivan
Thu 7 Dec	10.30 am–12 noon	St Mary's		
Tue 12 Dec	7.30–9.00 pm	} WWMC	Elizabeth	Deacon Laura MacBean
Thu 14 Dec	10.30 am–12 noon			
Tue 19 Dec	7.30–9.00 pm	} Emmanuel	{ Isaiah and /or Moses }	Rev Bill Bowman
Thu 21 Dec	10.30 am–12 noon			

The course material is based on a book by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Stephen Cottrell, called *Walking Backwards to Christmas* (not to be confused with the *Goon Show* song!). The book starts with Anna, the prophetess in the temple at Jesus dedication, and travels back in time to Moses, called by God from a burning bush. It consist of a series of monologues inspired by a painting *The Nativity and the Burning Bush* which is illustrated on the book cover.

We will be offering a Tuesday evening course and a Thursday morning course in the hope that more people will be able to attend. The leader of each church will host the sessions at his or her church. The first half an hour will be a time for refreshments and fellowship and the hour thereafter will focus on the course material for the session.



If you would like to buy the book to read over advent in addition to or instead of attending the study series, here are the details:

Walking Backwards to Christmas by Stephen Cottrell  
Published by SPCK (2014) ISBN13: 9780281071470

Cost: Varies online, but in the region of £7.99. Can be ordered from WHSmith or let me know if you want me to get you a copy online.

It is not necessary to have read the book to be able to benefit from the advent course. Each week can be accessed without the need to attend the other weeks, although there would be greater benefit in getting an overall picture of the idea of *Walking backwards to Christmas* if you were able to attend all three sessions.

Deacon Laura McBean



## **The Open Door Fellowship**

**meets on  
Monday afternoons  
from 2.00–3.30 pm  
in the Wesley Lounge  
at Beckenham, Bromley Road,  
church for conversation and  
light refreshments.**

**ALL WELCOME**

**October 2nd–Harvest**

**October 9th– Birthday Tea**

**October 16th–What does the Bible mean to you?**

**October 23rd–TBA**

**October 30th Brenda Hotham–Volunteering in Rumania**

**November 6th–Remember, Remember the 5th of November**

**November 13th–The Very Revd Ray Coster**

**November 20th–Who am I**

**November 27th Alison Driscoll–ABCD**

**When a little space means everything!**

From a church newsheet: The church council meeting on Tuesday will be gin with prayer.

## JANET'S CHALLENGE No. 9

On August 22nd I and my fellow wing walkers and our supporters (my mother, 5 of my sister's grandchildren and her daughter) drove to a small airfield near Cirencester to complete our charity challenge. As we parked the cars a biplane was flying overhead; it made a thunderous noise as it banked steeply above us and we wondered what we had let ourselves in for.



We met the representative from the Lymphoma Association; she interviewed Sue and me, finding out why we had chosen this event and the charity. Then we blew up balloons for the children to go with their purple and white pompoms, ready to practise their cheerleading.

We were taken for our briefing and safety talk with the professional wing walkers and then got dressed in flying overalls. I was first up and met my pilot; he decided that, as we were doing this for charity, they would get a second plane ready so we could have a joint flypast. Phil decided he would go up second so he got ready as I climbed onto the top wing of my plane.

The plane trundled down the grass ready to take off: I was on top feeling a mixture of excitement and apprehension but this turned to exhilaration as we



took off and made our first steep bank. The next 10 minutes was a blur of steep climbs and dives and sharp turns; every time we came past the crowd I had my arms up waving—it was hard work holding my arms up against the tremendous force of the wind. Phil's plane joined mine in a couple of flypasts before I landed and he took his turn to fly. I climbed down from the plane absolutely buzzing



from the thrill of my wing walk. Sue was next up and was joined 10 minutes later by Trevor for their joint flypast. We were all elated as we lined up for a final photo in front of the plane – what a fantastic experience.

To date we have raised £1,700 for the Lymphoma Association; thank you so much for your help in reaching this amount.

There is a video made by the charity if you would like to see our challenge; you can find it on YouTube by searching for Your Challenge Your Way – Wing Walk - Lymphoma Association.

*Janet Hrebien*



### Holiday stay and play events

Unfortunately I was away for a month and unable to run the holiday stay and play craft club and café on Thursdays until the last two weeks of August. After advertising it on the West Wickham Mums facebook page a few days before the 24th of August, I planned some crafts around an African theme (having been in South Africa myself!) and was very surprised to welcome over 30 children and 18 adults (mums, dads, grandparents and child minders) on the day. The following week we had a 'forest' theme with about six adults and 15 children. The children love the activities, adults can sit and chat or help their charges do the crafts, and it is generally a lovely relaxing morning for all ages.

Using the church space is quite deliberate. There is more space for all ages and to zone activities if needed, we have the craft tables ready in church for us and don't infringe on the people using other parts of the building. Plus of course it is lovely to share our beautiful space with others and help people who do not often come into church spaces to feel more comfortable there. It is also a great opportunity for me and others from our church to connect with people from the community and to provide a service to all those parents, grandparents and child minders who need somewhere local and inexpensive to keep their variously aged children busy during the holidays.

Help with donations of cakes and with setting up, tidying away or serving at the café is always welcome. The sessions run from 10.00 am to 12 noon and involve setting out a toddler play area with loads of Lego and Duplo, plus some colouring in, drawing and the craft materials, with samples on different tables. We also have some homemade cakes (if possible), fruit, biscuits, other snacks, tea, coffee and squash to which people can help themselves for a donation. The café tables are set out in a specific refreshment zone—to avoid crumbs everywhere!

Thanks to those who have offered to help at the next session on 26th October during the half term break and to those who were able to help on 31 August. We will also be running one on a 'Nativity' theme on 21st December if you are able to help then.

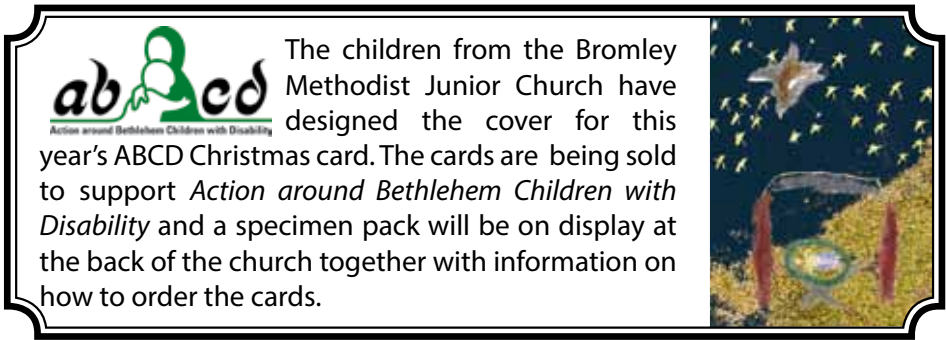
Deacon Laura MacBean



**SOUL SPACE**  
**CAFE & CRAFT CLUB**


**WEST WICKHAM METHODIST CHURCH**  
**Hawes Lane BR4 9AA**  
**26th October 2017**  
**10.00 am – 12.00 noon**

The graphic features a blue background with illustrations of a cup of tea, a glass of orange juice, a sandwich, a tiger, a goldfish, and a purple butterfly. Below the illustrations are four black cylindrical shapes representing coffee machines.



**abcd**  
 Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability

The children from the Bromley Methodist Junior Church have designed the cover for this year's ABCD Christmas card. The cards are being sold to support *Action around Bethlehem Children with Disability* and a specimen pack will be on display at the back of the church together with information on how to order the cards.



The illustration shows a Christmas card cover with a starry night sky, a white dove, and a landscape with a rainbow and trees.

A man was registering at the doctor's surgery near his new home. Asked for his complete name, he replied: 'Peter John O'Dear Sullivan.' The receptionist repeated it slowly. "Your third name is very unusual —some family connection, I suppose?" "Oh no," sighed the man "nothing like that. I was given the third name when the vicar dropped me in the font."



## FELLOWSHIP GROUP FILM NIGHT

Saturday 18th November  
at 6.30 for 7.00 pm in the top hall

Based on the book by Margot Shetterly the film tells the true and moving story of three African-American women who worked for NASA in the early days of the space race.. Katherine Johnson a mathematician and human “computer”; Mary Jackson, an aspiring engineer, and Dorothy Vaughan their unofficial supervisor. The film shows many events, from Katherine getting asked to join the Space Task Group, to Mary taking night classes at a boy’s school so she could get her engineering degree, to Dorothy stealing a book from a white-only library, reading up on FORTRAN, and being the only woman at the time to know how to run the IBM 7090 computer.



These women went through Jim Crow laws in 1960s Virginia, and they still succeeded in getting John Glenn in orbit around the Earth. Jim Crow laws and racism did not stop them from accomplishing their goals.



# A THOUGHT FOR REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

by John Manuell

My twin brother George like me was a school teacher. We sometimes discussed our reactions to various situations which we encountered at our schools.

Many years ago he was teaching English in Luton to Pakistani boys for whom English was a foreign language. Unfortunately these boys faced much physical and verbal abuse from the English boys. One evening George was leaving school at the end of the day having finished preparing his lessons for the following day when he saw one of the Pakistani boys lurking in the corridor. The boy told George that he was afraid to leave school as there were four boys outside waiting to beat him up. George said to him, "I shall walk straight towards those boys and you make a run for it." The following day George saw the headmaster about the incident. The Head told him that he would get another teacher to cover for his lesson while he went round each class in the school to identify the bullies. Luckily he recognised each one and so the Head arranged a meeting with the four bullies and their parents.

At the meeting George was expecting the Head to give them a talking to about their unacceptable behaviour but instead he said to them, "Mister Manuell has something to say to you." George was shocked for the moment but thought quickly and said to the boys, "I am very proud to be British. Are you proud to be British?" They sheepishly agreed. He then said "My Dad, who was a man of peace, went to war against the Nazis along with thousands of others so that people in Britain whatever colour, religion, race, or gender could walk down the street without fear of being harassed, bullied or abused and now your behaviour is betraying their sacrifice. I want you to think about what you have been doing to these Pakistani boys in the light of what I have just said."



My brother said that they and their parents looked remorseful but he often wondered if they took what he said to heart.

If it's true that we are here to help others, then what exactly are the others here for?



# Facing Depression Together Awareness Day

**Saturday 14th October 2017**

**10.00 am to 3.30 pm**

**The Holiday Inn, Egerton Road, Guildford, GU2 7XZ**

An opportunity to learn about depression from a clinical, personal and pastoral perspective, and how the Church can be a good neighbour to those living with depression and their families.

Lunch provided

Child care provision is available,  
but **MUST** be booked in advance, giving name and age of child.  
Please indicate any dietary requirements or any special needs.

This free event is open to anyone who would like to attend but Spaces are limited to 150 people and there is a requirement to register via the PeerTalk administrator, Liz Whitfield, by 9th November

Post: High Park House, Wray, Lancaster, LA2 8QU  
Email: [admin@peertalk.org.uk](mailto:admin@peertalk.org.uk)  
Phone or text: 07908493880  
Online: [www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peertalk-facing-depression-together-awareness-day-tickets-37145617542](http://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/peertalk-facing-depression-together-awareness-day-tickets-37145617542)

**ABCD** are organising a pilgrimage to the Holy Lands during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The dates are Saturday 20th to Sunday 28th January, 2018 (with the possibility of a two-day extension to various places in Galilee).

A full day-time programme is planned which will include visits to the traditional Biblical sites, the ABCD projects in the Greater Bethlehem area, our partners at Jalazone (a refugee camp near Ramallah), plus a day in the south of Palestine near Hebron and the Negev Desert. There will be worship each evening with a church of a different tradition. Accommodation will be half-board at the Knights' Palace Hotel in the Old City of Jerusalem and the cost will be approximately £1,300 per person sharing a twin room.

**For more details please contact Alison Driscoll – [info@abcdbethlehem.org](mailto:info@abcdbethlehem.org)**





## A message to Roger Wiig's Uniting Church at Johnsonville, New Zealand

We at West Wickham Methodist Church would like to send you our prayers, blessings and good wishes on World Communion Sunday.

With modern technology the world has become a smaller place and we relate more easily to the World Wide Church. At West Wickham we were fortunate in having Roger and Carole Wiig leading us forward for eight years and we have also benefited with preachers from the USA, Jamaica, Panama, Zimbabwe, Ghana and South Africa. They have enriched our worship with their stories and culture and helped us to be more tolerant, loving and generous.



While he was at West Wickham Roger made links with the London Brixton Methodist Church which is largely Afro Caribbean and also with local Islamic and Jewish groups. A memorable occasion was when he introduced us to the Bishop of Baghdad, Andrew White.

Roger was a great communicator and he and Carole were excellent role models for New Zealand.

May God be with you at Johnsonville.



## A-MUSINGS ON LIFE BY OGDEN NASH

"Senescence begins and middle age ends  
The day your descendants outnumber your friends."

"Oh, what a tangled web do parents weave  
When they think that their children are naive."

"Some pains are physical, and some pains are mental,  
But the one that's both is dental."

"To keep your marriage brimming, with love in the wedding cup,  
Whenever you're wrong, admit it; whenever you're right, shut up."

"Children aren't happy with nothing to ignore,  
And that's what parents were created for."

"I sit in the dusk, I am all alone.  
Enter a child with an ice cream cone.  
A parent is easily beguiled  
By sight of this coniferous child.  
The friendly embers warmly gleam,  
The cone begins to drip ice cream.  
Cones are composed of many a vitamin.  
My lap is not the place to bite 'em in.  
Although my raiment is not chinchilla,  
I flinch to see it become vanilla.  
Coniferous child, when vanilla melts  
I'd rather it melted somewhere else.  
Exit child with remains of cone.  
I sit in the dusk, I am all alone,  
Muttering spells like an angry Druid,  
Alone, in the dusk, with the cleaning fluid."

"Candy is dandy,  
But liquor is quicker."

"The rhino is a homely beast,  
For human eyes he's not a feast.  
Farewell, farewell, you old rhinoceros,  
I'll stare at something less preproceros."


"The cow is of the bovine ilk;  
one end is moo, the other milk."

"You are only young once, but you can stay immature indefinitely."

# PLEASE SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL THEATRE GROUPS

*"Absolutely  
bloomin' lovely"*

# MY FAIR LADY



Book & Lyrics by **ALAN JAY LERNER**  
 Music by **FREDERICK LOEWE**  
 Adapted from George Bernard Shaw's play and Gabriel Pascal's Motion Picture PYGMALION  
 Original production directed by Moss Hart  
 An amateur production by arrangement with MusicScope and Stage Musicals of New York

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**THU 14 – SAT 18 NOV**  
**020 3285 6000**  
**churchilltheatre.co.uk**

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**THEATRE 62**  
 WICKHAM THEATRE CENTRE

**Wickham Theatre Centre**  
 Corkscrew Hill, West Wickham, BR4 9BA  
 www.theatre62.org.uk

**4th ~ 9th December 2017**  
 at 8.00 pm

# COMFORT and JOY




**A chaotic Christmas comedy**  
 by **Mike Harding**  
 Directed by **Sandie Campbell**

An amateur production by arrangement with Samuel French Ltd.

**Ticket Enquiries from 4th November**  
**07542 716888**

Theatre 62 is a membership theatre with a licensed bar and is the production arm of Wickham Theatre Trust, Registered Charity and a Company Limited by Guarantee. Audiences are required to be members or the accompanied guests of members. Membership enquiries 020 8464 1609.

the hayesplayers



# AND THEN THERE WERE NONE

BY AGATHA CHRISTIE  
 DIRECTED BY RICHARD WELLS

**4 – 7 October 2017** 7.45pm  
 Hayes Village Hall £8  
 www.hayesplayers.org.uk  
 Box Office 07905 210718

DIRECTED BY JANE IORR



# Heedda Gable

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**Fri 10-Sat 18 Nov 2017**  
 at 7.45pm

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# Calendar

## October

- 1 Sunday 10.30 am Rev. Karen George** (World Communion Sunday)  
Holy Communion
- 8 Sunday 10.30 am Rev. Karen George & Deacon Laura MacBean**  
Harvest & Parade Service, followed by  
Harvest Souper Lunch
- 11 Wednesday 7.45 pm Trefoil Guild talk at St. Mary's (see page 9)
- 15 Sunday 10.30 am Deacon Laura MacBean**
- 17 Tuesday 1.30 pm Manse Mums at 73 Hawes Lane
- 22 Sunday 10.30 am John Morley**  
**6.30 pm CTiWW Bible Society Service at Emmanuel**
- 25 Wednesday 8.00 pm Praying Together at 32 Riverside Walk
- 26 Thursday 10.00 am Soul Space Cafe and Crafts
- 28 Saturday 4.00 pm Messy Church - "Light"
- 29 Sunday 10.30 am Rev. Derek Stanworth**  
Holy Communion

## November

- 5 Sunday 10.30 am Deacon Laura MacBean**
- 8 Wednesday 8.00 pm Praying Together at 32 Riverside Walk
- 12 Sunday 10.30 am Deacon Laura MacBean**  
Remembrance and Parade Service
- 16 Thursday 8.00 pm Church Council Meeting
- 18 Saturday 9.15 am Prayer Breakfast  
6.30 for 7.00 pm Film Night - *Hidden Figures* (see page 16)
- 19 Sunday 10.30 am Rev. Karen George**  
Holy Communion
- \*\*\*Last date for December/January copy\*\*\*
- 21 Tuesday 1.30 pm Manse Mums at 73 Hawes Lane
- 25 Saturday 4.00 pm Messy Church - "Advent/Christmas"
- 26 Sunday 10.30 am Major Cliff Kent**  
**6.30 pm CTiWW Service at St Francis**

# Future 2017 Dates for your Diary

- Wednesday 13th December** Praying Together at 32 Riverside Walk  
**Sunday 3rd December** 10.30 am Advent 1 - Mission in Britain service - Laura  
**Sunday 10th December** 10.30 am Advent 2 - Parade service - Laura  
**Saturday 16th December** 3.00 pm Mencap Carol Service  
**Sunday 17th December** 10.30 am - Advent 3  
**Sunday 17th December** 4.30 pm Fellowship Christmas Party  
**Sunday 17th December** 6.30 pm Carols by Candlelight  
**Thursday 21st December** 10.00 am Soul Space Cafe and Crafts—*Nativity*  
**Sunday 24th December** 10.30 am - Communion - Karen George  
**Sunday 24th December** 4.00 pm Crib service followed by tea  
\*\*\* Midnight services only at Bromley Road and Bromley \*\*\*  
**Monday 25 December** 10.00 am - all age service [note early start]

## WEST WICKHAM METHODIST CHURCH Hawes Lane BR4 9AA

**Saturdays  
4–6 pm**



**28<sup>th</sup>  
October**

**Light**

**25<sup>th</sup>  
November**



**ADVENT/  
CHRISTMAS**