



KINGSDOWN MESSENGER



September 2014



SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER

- 7 Sep 10.30 Rev Rachel Bending
2.00 CIRCUIT WELCOME SERVICE for Rev Rachel Bending & Deacon Lemia Nkwelah at Holy Trinity, Southall
- 14 Sep 10.30 Rev Rachel Bending, Family/Parade Service including AWC (All We Can)
- 21 Sep 10.30 Mrs Esther Ackah
- 28 Sep 10.30 Rev Rachel Bending, Holy Communion



DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE

We are holding retiring collections on the Sundays of August 31st and September 7th in aid of the DEC Emergency Appeal for Gaza. To date about £11 million has been raised to alleviate the humanitarian crisis in that area. Thank you.

Olwen Britton

The KINGSDOWN MESSENGER

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It's wonderful to have finally arrived. Thank you all so much for your warm welcome. The boxes are mostly unpacked and things are beginning to have places to go. So we're beginning to feel at home in the manse. We're really looking forward to getting to know you all and to working with you. As I arrive, I thought it might be worth introducing myself a little.

I've been a minister since 2000, serving first in the Westminster Circuit with a couple of university chaplaincies and then in the Chelsea, Hammersmith and Fulham Circuit. My ministry has been varied and has involved a lot of work with those outside the congregations including work with those affected by HIV, support of people with varied mental health needs and those with substance abuse issues.

I love having a chance for conversations about life and faith whether it's informally over a cup of tea in the church cafe or more formally in Bible studies, discussion groups or less formal worship. I relish getting my teeth into controversial topics and difficult questions but am happy to stay with questions without needing to have all the answers. I enjoy leading worship that is ordered, creative and informal, which uses the skills and ideas of others as well as my own.

In our spare time my husband Thomas and I love folk and historical dance (the kind you see in Jane Austin films). Thomas plays in a folk dance band and we both call (explain dances and MC dance evenings) for folk dance clubs and general barn dances for community groups, parties etc. I also enjoy art: both admiring and creating and hope to find a bit of free time to explore creating art in glass.

I hope as we get to know one another that there will be times for frank conversations where we all can learn from each other. I look forward to enjoying your many gifts and talents. I pray that together we can continue to explore God's vision for this area, building on all that has gone before.

With love and prayers.
God bless

Rachel





KINGSDOWN FAMILY NEWS

A warm welcome to our new Minister, the **Rev Rachel Bending**, as she takes on responsibility for Kingsdown and the King's Hall churches.

Juliet Edwards has undergone surgery on her foot and it will be some weeks before she is able to walk properly again. This hasn't deterred her from getting to the church in her trusty wheelchair - well done Juliet! We wish her a speedy recovery.

Jonathan seems to have made a remarkable recovery and its been good to see him in church with his family over the summer months.

We trust that those of our youngsters having taken end of year exams will have received favourable results, and wish them continuing success in any ongoing studies.

As most of our readers will have learned (from the late addition to the July/August issue of the *Messenger*), we sadly had to report the death of **Pearl Pike** who was a dearly loved member of our church family. Pearl's funeral took place on Wednesday, 16 July at Kingsdown, the service being conducted by the Rev Roger Dunlop. Sincere condolences to Graham and all the members of the family.

Thoughts on Pearl Pike

"I first met Pearl 8 years ago when I produced the first of the children's pantomimes. Pearl was my right hand man - making costumes and props with Graham providing a taxi service. I couldn't have managed without her.

We all remember Pearl as a very special lady - talented, gentle and kind. She will be missed by us all.

Every blessing to Graham and his family.

"The eternal God is thy refuge and underneath are the everlasting arms."

Mary Osborne

Mrs Pearl Pike: a BB Tribute



Pearl Pike, who passed away peacefully at the end of June, was a stalwart supporter of The Boys' Brigade at Kingsdown for over forty years.

She and her husband Graham first came to the Church in the early 1970s when their three sons joined the newly-formed 10th Ealing Company which was then under the leadership of Captain Joe Yates.

Always supportive of their children, Graham (an ex-Brigade lad himself) was recruited to work with the fledgling BB Band, and Pearl contributed to the life of the Company in almost every way imaginable: she sewed costumes, helped with fund-raising, hosted staff meetings, attended Church Parades, mended a huge assortment of items, supported at competitions, and was always present with a smile and an encouraging word.

Pearl was a tireless supporter of our work and became known to generations of 10th Ealing BB Boys simply as Mrs P. She was, in effect, the grandmother of our Company. Her funeral was attended by many BB Boys from the past four decades, all of whom remembered her with great fondness. Dozens more, unable to attend, sent messages of support online. Pearl had a wonderful gift for all forms of craft and she generously shared this talent not just with the BB but with the entire Church family. Most recently, she repaired the Company Colours, which somehow seems very appropriate. She was a warm, loving, generous, good-humoured lady who will be missed by all who knew her.

We rejoice and give thanks that we have known such a wonderful lady: our prayers are with Graham, their children and grandchildren.
Sure and Steadfast.

Tony Plews

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept the people I cannot change; the courage to change the only person I can, which is myself; and the wisdom to know when it is my problem or their problem.



I'm delighted to report that BB Camp 2014 in Swanage was a great success. We took 23 young people and a splendid assortment of Old Boys and adult staff (at times there were over 50 people on site) and enjoyed a week of glorious sunshine and joyous fellowship.

Our Band of Brothers theme was timed to coincide with the 100th anniversary of the First World War and it allowed for some thought-provoking Evening Devotion talks.

This was a splendid and happy end to what has been a astonishingly great session.

Check out our facebook page for more photos:
<https://www.facebook.com/10thEalingBB>

God bless.
Tony Plews
Captain



Kingsdown Methodist Church, Northfield Avenue, W13

BOOK FAIR



Books

Cakes

**Saturday 27th
September**

10.00am to 12.30pm

Admission 40 pence

Proceeds to:

Kingsdown - Major Repairs Fund

Poetic report of a wedding service in a local paper:

*The bridal veil was fragile net,
The bridal gown was lace.
The bride wore gold shoes on her feet -
A smile upon her face.
The bride wore gloves of softest silk,
Bright garlands in her hair;
Her large bouquet was softest pink -
And yes - the groom was there!*

KINGSDOWN CLUB PROGRAMME
for
SEPTEMBER to DECEMBER 2014

MEETINGS ARE HELD ON THE FIRST AND THIRD TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH .ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND . WE MEET IN THE FOYER OF THE CHURCH FROM 2.00 TO 4.00 P.M. TRANSPORT IS AVAILABLE FOR ANYONE WHO SHOULD NEED IT.

PLEASE CONTACT EILEEN TOBIAS TEL. NO. 0208 567 4205 FOR DETAILS.

2nd SEPTEMBER
THE THEATRE a talk by JONATHAN FRY

16th SEPTEMBER
THE SUNSHINE KEEP FIT CLUB with the SALVATION ARMY

7th OCTOBER
A BINGO AFTERNOON

21st OCTOBER
AN ENTERTAINMENT
with BETTY and GLADYS

4th NOVEMBER
A MUSICAL QUIZ
with BOB CUNNINGTON

18th NOVEMBER
SOUTHBORN SONG BIRDS W1 ENTERTAIN

2nd DECEMBER
a talk by THE REV . PETER CATFORD

16th DECEMBER
THE CHRISTMAS TEA PARTY
DAVE ENTERTAINS

THE NEW PROGRAMME BEGINS 6TH JANUARY 2015

UNITED ANGLO CARIBBEAN SOCIETY

George Doyley House



The outcomes of the sales are as follows:

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|-------------------------|----------------|
| Admission | £30.20 |
| Book Sales | £117.10 |
| Caribbean food | £52.60 |
| Bric-a-brac | £87.55 |
| Cakes | £51.30 |
| Raffle | £29.30 |
| Gifts & Plants inside | £41.70 |
| Refreshments | £20.90 |
| Plants - Sunday | £15.50 |
| Caribbean food - Sunday | <u>£15.00</u> |
| Total | <u>£461.15</u> |

We are very grateful to you; Mrs Warne and everyone at the Kingsdown Methodist Church for continue to raise funds for the UACS and the part each one has played in making the event another successful one.

Yours sincerely

John Swan

Northfield Avenue Traders Association - Summer Fun Day

An email has been received from NATA thanking Kingsdown for the help provided during the Summer Fun Day, and for the opportunity to use the church grounds and facilities for various activities.

Friends might like to know that the charity fundraising which took place throughout the day raised £1,841. This is being shared between Springhallow Special School for autistic children in Drayton Green, and The Log Cabin in Northfield Avenue (£920.50 each).

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EALING FOODBANK DONATIONS



Further donations of **instant mashed potato, powdered milk, long-life fruit juice, steamed puddings, cooking oil, deodorant (male and female)**, with 'best before' dates well ahead, would be appreciated. If you have any queries about the suitability of items please get in touch with **Sue Barton**, email sue.garland6039@btinternet.com or tel (020) 8840 7704.



Community Bible Study International (UK)

Northfields

We are recommencing our weekly CBSI UK Bible Studies on Thursday September 25th from 15.30-17.30pm at Kingsdown. This time we are studying the Acts of the Apostles and will start with an introduction, followed by 30 weeks of lessons, divided into three terms and finishing in June 2015.

Charges will be £1 per person per week for refreshments. Study Guides will be available by email, or by hard copy, free of charge.

Further details from the Class Leader Rachel Kamara Tel 020 8840 5576 email rachelkamara@hotmail.com

Olwen Britton (Class Co-ordinator)



The WILL of God will never take you

Where the grace of God cannot keep you
Where the riches of God cannot supply your needs
Where the Spirit of God cannot work through you
Where the Love of God cannot enfold you
Where the mercies of God cannot sustain you.
Where the peace of God cannot calm your fears
Where the Word of God cannot feed you
Where the comfort of God cannot dry your tears.

Author unknown

CHRISTIAN AID NEWS CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - 2014



£3,434.24 - our total for Christian Aid Week!

An excellent result, an a slight increase on 2013.

House-to-House collecting went exceptionally well, in spite of the fact that we had to drop one road. We had a new face amongst our usual supporters!

Christian Aid Week began with an inspiring service led by Dr Anita Oji. It was good to have Anita again, and I know she enjoyed being with us. Thank you Anita.

Our Book Fair, with numerous stalls, raised £530.000, Flag Day £568.75 and congratulations to Anna Church who raised £352.00 on the Circle the City Walk.

My sincere thanks to everyone who helped in any way.

PLEASE DO BOOK THESE DATES - 2015

3 May - CHRISTIAN AID SUNDAY (at Kingsdown)

9 May - CHRISTIAN AID BOOK FAIR

10-16 May - CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

16 May - FLAG DAY (LONDON AREA)

17 May - CIRCLE THE CITY WALK.

ANNUAL SPONSORED WALK - RICHMOND PARK 27 SEPTEMBER - 9.30 am

Have you seen the poster in the Church Foyer? Taking place at harvest time, in one of the most beautiful Royal Parks, with numerous children's activities, this sponsored walk is a fun day out for all the family. You can choose between a three mile walk, or a six mile walk, through the Isabella Plantation. You will meet at the Cambrian Community Centre to register, and enjoy coffee and croissants! A short reflection at 10.30 am, before you start the walk. You will end at St Mathias Church, 12.00 noon to 3.00 pm. Information packs, including details of the route around the park are available. Please let me know if you are interested.

What difference could your sponsorship money make? By walking you are helping to rebuild communities across the world.

SUPPORT FOR GAZA APPEAL

A humanitarian appeal for the people of Gaza has been backed by the President of Conference, the Rev Ken Howcroft (Methodist Recorder 15 August). Launched by the Disasters Emergency Committee (DEC), which co-ordinates public donations through major aid agencies including Christian Aid and Tearfund, the appeal was broadcast by the BBC as rocket fire from Hamas and strikes by Israel continued after the expiration of a 72-hour truce.

Mr Howcroft urged Methodists to support the appeal, saying "the scale of the human crisis in Gaza is staggering. However politically complicated the conflict may be, the suffering of thousands is unquestionable. We urge people to give whatever they can to the DEC's appeal and to continue to hold all those involved in their thoughts and prayers."

One of the many reasons for supporting any DEC appeal is that help can go quickly where it is needed most through our major charities (13). Shelter, water, food, medicines are always needed urgently. As Mr Howcroft has urged us, please give whatever support you can to this appeal.

Ruby Warne

THE BOX IN THE CHURCH FOYER

Many thanks for the numerous items in and around THE BOX! - A terrific number of pairs of specs and stamps! Also mobile phones, ink jets, and socks. All these items are needed and they are gratefully received.

Keep it up please!

Ruby Warne

When the sun goes edgewise – and daytime equals night

September 23 is the autumnal equinox (if you live in the northern hemisphere) or the vernal (Spring) equinox (if you live in the southern hemisphere) The equinoxes occur in March and September, when the Sun is 'edgewise' to the Earth's axis of rotation, so that everywhere on earth has twelve hours of daylight and twelve hours of darkness.

Thank you 'Aunties'

Following my recent visit to the Joseph Vaz Home for Destitute Children, Sri Lanka, the Sister in Charge and the girls have asked me to pass on their grateful thanks to those kind 'aunties' (and uncle Alan) from Kingsdown who once again gave monetary donations, hair accessories, pens, pencils, bracelets, handkerchiefs and other items, which were all gratefully received.

I would also like to pass on my own thanks- there are now 43 girls aged 7-17 at the Home which receives the equivalent of 20p a day to feed, clothe and buy educational items such as pens for each child so contributions as above make a lot of difference. As well as leaving a donation for the Home the Girls appreciated treats of ice-cream, cakes and sweets which the extra money enabled me to buy them! I was also able to make a small donation to, and buy some children's clothing and toys for 52 under-fives at Bethlehem Crèche, Colombo, who are cared for daily by nuns to enable their poverty-stricken mothers to work and earn money to look after their children.

Many thanks again
God Bless
June



In-touch

How many of you pick up a copy of this magazine, which is for all the Ealing Trinity Circuit, and available in our church foyer every quarter?

You might find of interest an article in the latest issue by its Editor, our own Gerald Barton, entitled '**Re-enchanting Christianity**', as well as items and news from around the Circuit.

**When a man opens a car door for his wife,
it's either a new car or a new wife.**



Methodist
relief and
development

Humanitarian Workers Honoured

Maurice Adams, Chief Executive of All We Can, was among invited representatives at a special service and wreath laying ceremony at Westminster Abbey to mark World Humanitarian Day on 19 August.

International Development Minister Desmond Swayne and Baroness Amos, UN Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief, participated in the ceremony at the Innocent Victims Memorial, along with the families of those who had lost their lives serving others in emergency relief activities.

All We Can responds to humanitarian disasters around the world through funding local groups who are providing support on the ground. Through the generosity and practical compassion of Methodists in Britain, over the last year alone we have supported vital work in response to emergencies in the Philippines, South Sudan, Gaza, Iraq and Syria. We are also assisting partners in the fight against Ebola in West Africa.

Maurice Adams commented, "Many aid workers have died in the line of duty, and the number is increasing each year. It is right that we remember the families who have lost their loved ones and we are reminded of the words of Jesus: 'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends' (John 15:13)."





Methodist
relief and
development

Reaching
ONE million people
in five years

AWC are launching a five-year initiative to reach one million people with sustainable long-term support, through the efforts of one thousand churches across ten countries.

Religion is central to many societies and communities. Faith groups are often highly trusted, active in even the most remote communities, and the first group to which the poor turn in times of need and crisis.

Church CAN

The AWC new **Church CAN** (Church Community Action for Neighbours) initiative builds on our existing strengths in partnering with small local organisations, by working in collaboration with churches and offering training and support so that they can effectively respond to the needs of their local communities.

AWC will focus on Methodist church partners in developing countries which are well placed to know, understand and help their local communities, but often lack the training, support and finances they need to do so effectively.

The first stage of the programme is to pilot it in three countries before AWC roll it out to a further seven countries. AWC will be working closely with the Methodist Church in Britain and churches overseas to develop and implement the project.

GET AHEAD for CHRISTMAS - One way of supporting AWC is to buy an Extraordinary Gift. Simply choose a gift for a friend or family member from a selection. Whichever gift you choose, you will be helping our partners to tackle poverty and injustice in some of the world's poorest communities.

Go to - www.allwecan.org.uk/extraordinary-gifts



YOU can help to STOP CLIMATE CHANGE

Worried about climate disruption? Here's the best way to get your voice heard...

From now until December 2015 you can expect to hear a good deal about the activities of senior officials from the world governments who are involved in climate negotiations in various places, including New York and Paris. How much turns out to be simply hot air, we will have to wait to see. There have been climate summits before which have failed to achieve what had been hoped for. As a result, this time there is a plan to give opportunities to us all to encourage, support and pray.

ourvoices.net is an international campaign which invites people to join an online initiative to help make a massive petition. The aim is to show world leaders the deep concern of many people about climate disruption. People of all faiths are being asked to support ourvoices.net, and to pray and reflect on the climate negotiations in Paris in December 2015.

In this country, the faith community is also being urged to support a Day of Prayer and Fasting, on Saturday 1 November. Led by Operation Noah, it will mark the start of a programme of prayer and contemplation that will run until December 2015, when all the early stages of the UN Climate programme will culminate with the Paris summit. People of faith will be encouraged to use the first day of each month to spend some time, either at home, in workplaces or churches, in prayer and contemplation over climate concerns. (You can find out more at www.operationnoah.org)

Climate change is also an issue of concern for the Anglican Alliance, which represents Anglicans worldwide, including those in countries where climate change will impact the world's most vulnerable people. And so it is that the Alliance has launched a coalition with Anglican churches and agencies across the Pacific to bring climate change and climate justice to the attention of the G20, when it meets in Brisbane this November.

The Archbishop of Cape Town, who chairs the Anglican Communion's Environment Network, has also formed a group of Bishops to exchange information on climate change throughout the Anglican Communion worldwide.

One way or another there is much going on – let's pray for a positive outcome to it all.

As part of the AWC (All We Can) service on Sunday 14th September there will be post cards in the Pews for YOU to complete and send to your MP about Climate Change.

AWC are part of the Coalition Action group trying to get the Government to take action over Climate Change.

Feel the tug

Have you ever wondered how you can be certain about who and what God really is? One Christian put it this way: "I'm reminded of the story of the little boy who was out flying a kite. The wind was brisk and large billowing clouds were blowing across the sky. The kite went up and up until it was entirely hidden by the clouds. Then a man came by and asked the little boy what he was doing, staring up at an empty sky. "I'm flying my kite," he replied. The man replied: "What kite? How can you be sure it is still there? You can't see a thing." The little boy agreed that he could see nothing, "but every little while I feel a tug, so I know for sure that it is still up there and is connected to me!"

When it comes to God, you don't need to take anyone else's word for it. You can find him for yourself by inviting Jesus Christ into your life. Then you too will know by the warm wonderful tug on your heartstrings that though you can't see him, he is up there, and that he lives in you. You are connected!

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BIG BIRTHDAYS

Several of us at Kingsdown recently celebrated or will be celebrating soon 'Big Birthdays'. For mine one present I was given was a book called 'Age doesn't matter unless you're a cheese'* a collection of sayings by people over the age of sixty when they said them. Many of these made me laugh or think. Amongst my favourites are:

'When I was young there was no respect for the young, and now that I am old there is no respect for the old. I missed out coming and going'
(JB Priestly)

'A Stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him' "At my age I don't even buy green bananas"
(Politician Claude Pepper)

'The older you get the stronger the wind gets - and it's always in your face'
(Golfer Jack Nicklaus)

*'It is too late! Ah nothing is too late
Till the tired heart shall cease to palpitate...
Chaucer, at Woodstock with the nightingales
At sixty wrote the Canterbury Tales;
Goethe at Weimar, toiling to the last,
Completed Faust when eighty years were past.
These are indeed exceptions, but they show
How far the gulf-stream of our youth may flow
Into the arctic regions of our lives.'*
(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

*'When you get to the end of all the light you know
and it's time to step into the darkness of the unknown,
faith is knowing that one of two things shall happen:
Either you will be given something solid to stand on,
or you will be taught how to fly'*
(Physicist Edward Teller)

June Thompson

Methodist Women in Britain {MWiB} News



From September 2014, I will join the membership of MWiB connexional Forum, having been elected, by the London District executive, 2 year ago.

- The Forum is the policy making body for the MWiB movement and is headed by an executive that consists of:-
- Linda Crossley- President: in office for 2 years
- Ann Judd- Vice President: 1 year prior to being President/1 year as post President
- Alison Judd- WFM&UCW Area President: in office for 5 years
- Liz Marriot- Communications Officer: in office for 5 years
- Gillian Wormsley- Finance and Resources Officer: in office for 5 years.

The organisation also has a part time Administrator- Margaret Williams

Forum members' terms of office lasts 2 or three years and the new members including myself who will represent their districts, start in September. The staggered length of time allows for continuity and this change is the first since MWiB was launched in London, 3 years ago.

Details about MWiB can be found on its web site- www.mwib.org.uk, and these include pictures and details of not only members of the executive, but the Forum members also.

Accordingly, the incoming new members, including myself, have been asked to submit the requisite information.

Please also, put in your Diaries the date of Ealing Circuit MWiB Promotional Open Day which will be held at Kingsdown on Saturday 4th October-10.30-3.30 PM. All are welcomed, including men, so that hopefully more people can gain a better understanding of the work of MWiB, apart from The Annual Easter Offering Service and MWiB Circuit services.

The program that is planned includes: worship; 2-UN Millennium Goals Prayer points; Living with Disability - Rev Karen Bell; Bible study-Jill Baker- 1st President MWiB; Group work.

People could come for sessions if this would be more convenient, but the whole day's event would allow people to engage with each other more meaningfully

I ask the Circuit to continue to pray for me, as I try to give back to my church and community, the rich array of skills and experiences from my personal and professional life, for which I most probably cannot fully repay

Blossom Jackson.



MWIB EALING CIRCUIT

METHODIST WOMEN IN BRITAIN {MWIB}

'OPEN DAY'

- **Worship & Fellowship**
- **2 Millennium Goals- Prayer Points**
- **Speaker- 'Living with Disability'-
Rev. Karen Bell**
- **Bible Study- Jill Baker**

4 OCTOBER 2014 - 10.30 - 3.30 PM
KINGSDOWN METHODIST CHURCH

'Come and learn more about MWiB'

BJ/aug/2014

History of Northolt Methodist Church

(information supplied by Mrs Bags (in conversation with Colin Pratt)

Northolt Methodist Church (NMC) has its origins in a housegroup set up by Greenford Methodist Church in the 1930's . Mr. Ted Dirl was one of the founders. In 1933 the present Church building was opened. It was designed as an all purpose building, with moveable partitions, pulpit and platforms so that the present backroom could be opened out onto the main church. This design remained until 1965 when the new church hall was built and a permanent screen replaced the partitions. During the alteration period services were held in the hall. Other than the addition of a new floor, the church building is largely the original design with pew seating for sixty and a further twenty on chairs.

The site of the church was originally much larger, and it was hoped to build a larger church adjacent to the current building. The scheme was delayed, the land sold and a block of flats built. Before the construction of the present church hall, there was at the rear of the church an ex-army hut used mainly for youth work, and on the opposite corner of the roundabout another hut. When the present roundabout and underpass was constructed, the church lost some land, but in return the builders put in a road and gate to the carpark at the rear of the church.

Throughout its history, Northolt has shared ministers, mainly with Greenford M.C. and with Hanwell during the time of Rev. John Newton and Rev. Chris Gibbs,

Northolt Methodist Church has always had good relations with St. Mary's Anglican Church in Northolt. The style of worship in the Northolt M.C. has remained low, despite the attempts of at least one Minister to bring in "higher elements.

Numbers attending Northolt have never been very large, but the church has always had a full and friendly feel to it.

Until the mid 1970's regular Sunday evening services were held, and there was a strong youth club. The Church maintained a popular Sunday School, although over the years numbers have fluctuated. Northolt was and has largely remained a community church.

Submitted by Janet Smith



**Hanwell Methodist Church
invites you to an**

all age Autumn



**Saturday 27th September
in the Church
2:30 – 5:00pm**

**FREE
admission**

Refreshments available

**Bulb planting
Children's crafts
Painting competition
(look out for details later)**

**Cake stall
Face painting
Harvest decorations
Scarecrow making
and more...**

*For more information about our Church and the events
we have planned, please visit our Church website
www.hanwellmethodist.info*

THE WAR TO END ALL WARS

Part 9 of 12 : LIFE ON THE HOME FRONT



THE GREAT WAR:

Until the Great War, battles had been fought by soldiers in designated places: Bosworth Field, Bannockburn, Agincourt, Waterloo, and so on. Until that momentous August a century ago, the civilian public's only roles in war were as remote spectators of the conflict - and occasionally victims of the victors. When the wars happened in far-away places, people only heard of them long after they were over, if at all.

However, the Great War was new and different. Since the Napoleonic Wars and even the Boer War of the 19th century, many things had changed. One was the advent of the daily newspaper - cheap, instant and popular. The papers ensured that their readers knew what was going on, and with the invention of the telephone at the end of the Victorian era, the reports from correspondents could be immediate and vivid. The internal combustion engine now propelled buses and lorries - and eventually tanks and armoured cars. And the invention of the aeroplane and its rapid development in the early years of the War brought a whole new

dimension to conflict. It was no longer local, fought out on 'battle fields', but anywhere that the combatants came together. The submarine, the Zeppelin and the aeroplane were to play significant roles in this new kind of warfare.

All of which meant that everyone in the warring nations felt involved. They were spectators no longer, but participants. All over Britain the arsenals were buzzing with activity, producing the vast quantities of shells and bombs which were being hurled across the trenches on the western front. As most of the men were in the forces, those vital munitions were largely made by women. For the first time, in many cases, women from the poorer sections of society were able to earn a decent wage in the munitions factories, or in other jobs previously seen as exclusively male.

The civilian population also experienced the war in more immediate ways. London was bombed - first by the Zeppelin airships, and later by aircraft. Casualties were low - about a thousand civilians - and the attacks

THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

infrequent, but they were a cruel reminder that modern war knows no frontiers. Late in the War the German navy tightened its grip on the major seaways, largely through the activity of submarines, and food shortages became a problem.

The mood of the nation remained positive, however. The newspapers tended to present events on the western front in a patriotic way, disguising to some extent the true horror of what was going on. It was widely accepted that we were fighting in a noble cause. The Allies were on a mission to save the world. In a famous sermon, the Bishop of London called on the nation to kill Germans, 'not for the sake of killing . . . but lest the civilisation of the world itself should be killed'.

That mood began to change as the years rolled on and the casualty figures (which were published daily) got higher and higher. There was never any significant 'anti-war' movement as such, but more a general feeling that things just couldn't go on like this. Something would have to give if that 'civilisation' was to survive.

But in the end it was economics, not military tactics, that decided the day.



THE GREAT WAR
1914 - 1918

A GOOD READ

As we are remembering the First World War, may I suggest a good book for Autumn:

"A TESTAMENT OF YOUTH"

by **Vera Britain** (Shirley Williams' mother)

It is a wonderful account of a young woman's life and work as a nurse in France.

Mary Osborne

Today I woke up with some aches and pains, and the first thing I did was to thank God that I'd woken up.



A group of seniors were sitting around talking about all their ailments at McDonalds.

"My arms have become so weak I can hardly lift this cup of coffee," said one.

"Yes, I know," said another. "My cataracts are so bad I can't even see my coffee."

"I couldn't even mark an X at election time because my hands are so crippled", volunteered a third.

"What? Speak up! What? I can't hear you", said one elderly lady.

"I can't turn my head because of the arthritis in my neck," said another, to which several nodded weakly in agreement.

"My blood pressure pills make me so dizzy!" exclaimed another.

"I forget where I am and where I'm going," said another.

"I guess that's the price we pay for getting old," winced an old man as he slowly shook his head.

The others nodded in agreement.

"Well, count your blessings," said a woman

"Thank God we can all still drive."





HILDEGARD of BINGEN

Hildegard was born in Germany in 1098 and at a very early age she dedicated her life to God by becoming a nun. She lived to be 80, a great age for that time and is best known today for her songs and poems. It seems quite amazing that an elderly nun who lived nearly a thousand years ago could write words that are on a CD that you can buy today – not quite Top of the Pops but in all the bigger record shops!



Hildegard wrote that she wanted to be 'a feather on the breath of God', to move as He wanted rather than as she wanted. When we say the Lord's Prayer we say 'Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done' we follow Hildegard in asking to be shown what to do, which way to go. Not like a feather blown about by the wind, but one blown on the breath of God.

BIRD WORDS

Can you find all these words about birds and feathers? The words go up, down, backwards, forwards and diagonally and some letters are used more than once.

B L A C K B I R D C
P K R A L Y K S A O
E T E R N A L N O C
A K R E H T A E F K
C R P A R R O T R A
O N A L Y W R E N T
C W B V U E V O D O
K L L R E M D A B O
N O R E H N E J A Y
R O B I N L L I U Q

- * blackbird * canary * cockatoo *
- * dove * feather * heron * jay *
- * owl * parrot * peacock * plume
- ** quill * raven * robin * skylark *
- * tern * wren *



My cat took first prize in the local bird show.

How could your cat get a prize in a bird show?

He ate the prize canary.



What bird is always out of breath?

A puffin.

EVENTS AT KINGSDOWN

SEPTEMBER

- Mon 1 8.00 pm Guides (most Mondays throughout the month)
- Tue 2 2.00 pm Kingsdown Club -The Theatre
- a talk by Jonathan Fry
- Fri 5 10.15 am Coffee Morning in Foyer - Everyone welcome
BOYS BRIGADE 6.30-7.30 pm Anchor Boys, 6.30-8.00 pm
Junior Section, 7.30-10.00 pm Company Section (most
Fridays throughout month)
- Sat 6 10.30 am Coffee & Chat in the Foyer - Everyone welcome
- Tue 9 Liz & Steve Palmer's Home Group
- Wed 10 1-3 pm Babies & Toddlers Group (Term time only)
7.00 pm Youth Group
- Tue 16 2 pm Kingsdown Club - The Sunshine Keep Fit Club
with the Salvation Army
- Thu 25 15.30 - 17.30 Bible Study Group - in the Foyer
- Sat 27 19 am 0 12.30 pm Book Fair with cakes. Proceeds to Kingsdown
Major Repairs Fund.
Richmond Sponsored Walk for Christian Aid (see p.

Future Events

- 4 Oct The Ealing Trinity Circuit MWiB will be holding an Open Day
at Kingsdown on Saturday- 4 October-10.30-3.30.
All are welcome- {Men and Women}
People can attend for a part or for the full day's program.
A list will be on the Notice Board, so that people can enter their
names by 28th September. Please bring a packed lunch and
coffee and tea will be provided.



Kingsdown Awayday 2015

A Follow up Awayday event next year will be on
Saturday 7th March at the same venue, St
Katharine's at Limehouse, East London. Wendy
Beard will again be our facilitator.

Book your place (no charge - coach transport, tea, coffee and lunch
included) now with Sue or Gerald Barton. **Sue Barton**