

Barnet Brookside Methodist Church

The Messenger

March - May 2015

What's the point of Methodism

Quentin Letts' BBC Radio 4 2014 series of 'What's the point of....' included the title above

- the subject of Colin's second talk at the Wesley Guild who found the programme 'positive and quite kindly....it could have been much worse!'. Attempts to respond to the question posed had included 'We had a method''We believe in social justice'....' We want to take forward the thoughts of the Wesleys'. When interviewed Lord Griffiths emphasized 'Everybody can be saved!'. Pre-eminent among Methodists of recent years was Margaret Thatcher who actually preached on a number of occasions. Colin described her background as 'Ultra Wesleyan....she was brought up to work and not to have pleasure, to be self reliant and have no vested interests'. An M.P. for Lincoln when asked the question told of how much he owed to his Methodist Sunday school upbringing and being taught to stand up for the things we believed.

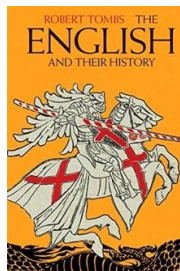
Our minister had arrived with a page marked hardback copy of 'The English and their History', by Professor Robert Tombs, a specialist in French history - and didn't our assumed hors de combat Methodism begin to appear somewhat less so as the evening drew on ?

For sure it seemed Colin was finding it more than half pleasurable to alight on the professor's quite remarkable number of references to Methodism in this current best seller given such breadth of subject matter available to the writer.

Professor Tombs saw John Wesley as an organiser of genius. Travelling preachers had a powerful influence on miners, colonial slaves and soldiers. Important roles within Methodism were given to ordinary men and women.

Wesleyan hymn singing affected English and American culture. John Wesley commented on many bad things that were happening in the empire e.g. the province of Bengal being ruined by the East India Company.

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"The new vicar is really cool, Dad.
Did you know that God emailed the Ten
Commandments to Moses' Tablet PC?"

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

I am writing this letter just before the beginning of Lent. Lent will begin with our Ash Wednesday services at Brookside and St Mary's. Some will have had the traditional pancakes the night before, perhaps remembering how this was the time for using up things before the fasting began.

Methodists don't trouble themselves too much with Ash Wednesday but when observed it comes as an interruption into ordinary living. We get a grim reminder, "You are dust and to dust you shall return." Some will be ashed with the sign of the cross. We are dust, but dust lovingly formed by God, dust into which he has breathed the Spirit. Receiving the ashes on our head is an act of humility, but it also at the same time makes our claim to the life-giving love and grace that was bestowed on that dust.

God's love for us doesn't end when we in death return to the dust. He who formed us once out of dust will do so again. Our life, now and in the resurrection, is the love of God that can make even dust live. Thus the imposition of ashes can't be fully understood unless it is seen in the light of Easter.

So we prepare to mark Lent once again. Our Lent groups will involving us reading the whole of Mark's Gospel and reflecting upon it. We may give up things (I'm hoping to give up 'snacking') or we may take things on (I'm planning to follow a series of daily Lenten readings). Things will get very solemn as we follow Jesus to his cross, but we know that Good Friday will be followed by Easter.

Some people have claimed persecution because they are discouraged from wearing a crucifix cross around their necks at work. I can't understand why they would do so. The empty cross is the symbol of Christianity. We can't wear an empty tomb around our necks, so an empty cross has to take the symbolism of resurrection as well as crucifixion. That is balanced Christianity – death followed by life.

With my best wishes,

Colin



Former Members of the Congregation

We have heard over the last few months of the deaths of some former members of the congregation at Brookside.

BARBARA REES

We were sorry to hear news of the death of Barbara Rees. Barbara was a long time member at Brookside and was Barbara Wynne for most of those years until I married her to Arthur Rees in 2002. She was a very bright lady and loved music, an interest she shared with Arthur. He looked after her so caringly in her last years before she moved to a care home in Essex. (Colin Smith)

JESSIE MUNT

In the last couple of weeks we have also heard of the death of Mrs Jessie Munt. Her funeral took place at New Southgate Crematorium with prayers following this at Brookside.

Building Friendship

East Barnet Baptist Church has started a new initiative.

It is for those who have a mental health difficulty.

If this applies to you or someone you know then come along for a cup of coffee and a friendly chat on Friday mornings.

It is a weekly drop in every Friday at East Barnet Baptist Church Hall, Crescent Road, EN4 8PS. from 10 - 12 and is free.

The aim and desire is to try and break the stigma and the trend for isolation.

An opportunity for you to make new friends

For more information email Janice or Loriane at: buildingfriendship@gmail.com or leave a message with your name and contact number 020 8449 5320 and Janice or Loriane will get back to you.



What's the point of Methodism (cont'd)

While his brother Charles was a prolific writer of hymns John Wesley produced many books and pamphlets including his own abridged versions of A Pilgrims Progress and Paradise Lost. Of particular historical significance we heard how the arrest and the deportation of the Tolpuddle Martyrs, five of whom were Methodists, signposted the forming of Trade Unionism. Mention was made of British politician Isaac Foot and the strong influence Methodism had on his life and on his notable sons; formative years being alluded to more than once during the evening. Professor Tombs acclaimed the evangelical revival as one of 'the most dramatic social and cultural changes in the country's history'.

How then might we answer the umbrella question ?

'Methodist churches and chapels providing for a life of service' said Colin.

Edward Eldred.

What a small world

As most of you know by the time this goes to print Jenny and I should have taken over our new home in Haslemere.



I attended a meeting of the Churches Together Executive in January and the Vicar of St Marks Barnet Revd. Tristan Chapman asked me where I was moving to. I said "Haslemere" "Oh he said I was brought up in Haslemere!

"Where in Haslemere are you going? he asked". "Manor Lea" I said Do you know it? "Yes" he said " I lived at Number 3" "Well I will be moving next door, to number 4 I replied" Everyone at the meeting said "What a small world!".

His parents now live in Liphook and he knows the elderly couple who live at the corner house near us.

Rob Noble

St Columbanus - Colin's third Wesley Guild talk

Not to be confused with St. Columba of Iona, few if any of Colin's audience had ever heard of St. Columbanus. Columbanus was an Irish monk and missionary who founded a number of monasteries in Frankish and Lombard kingdoms including Bobbio Abbey in Northern Italy. He was born in Leinster c.543 and died in Bobbio in 615. Much venerated in the R.C. Church we heard how followers had gathered in Rome to mark The Fourteen Hundreth Year of Columbanus, which coincided with our minister's arrival whilst on sabbatical. Irish pilgrims from Bangor, County Down, where Columbanus first entered into monastic life, and from elsewhere were amongst the crowds. A moment now for Jonas remembered for perhaps an idealized hagiography of Columbanus.

We heard the story of Columbanus' mother's dream of her son being of such great help not only for his own salvation but for his fellow men. Columbanus was well educated and believed to be an attractive young man; apparently defending himself from the attentions of lascivious young girls with the sword of the gospel (ripple of laughter from Guild).

In his heart was the desire to pilgrimage 'a wandering about pilgrimage'. Having asked for permission to leave Bangor Abbey he set off with twelve

companions for Brittany or Frankish Gaul. So began his establishment of a number of monasteries on the European continent sometimes overcrowded and with shortages of food. While his holy life influenced medieval kings he sought immunity from the interference of bishops. One noted instance involved what Colin described as 'a nasty argument' when a local bishop accused him of keeping Easter according to the wrong dates. When threatened he appealed to the pope! We learnt how Celtic religion was 'not so cosy'. Columbanus wrote a penitential manual for hearing confession giving the punishment for every sin including fasting and corporal punishment. Perhaps of particular importance was his emphasis of confession being not only done by a bishop but in the Irish way, a 'private matter' of confession to a priest, and more than once.

Colin concluded; often we had talked about observing silence - 'there are things about monastic life that are helpful, in our own way we can travel to share the Gospel'.



Edward Eldred.

A letter from Bristol

It is 10 years last September since I left Brookside and the East Barnet area, and I thought it was time I put pen to paper, as at 90 I am still very active in my life and enjoy so much getting news from Brookside and the lovely pictures of the inside of the church and reading all about you, so beautifully written by Edward and produced by you Graham.

I just felt this little story which occurred in Brookside would be worth printing and I might have the pleasure of reviving memories of such “young people” as the Hulford Lads....

Some of us were sad to hear that Acker Bilk had died recently. Immediately I heard I phoned my daughter Hilary, now 61, asking her if she remembered an incident in her youth when we heard that wonderful tune on the radio played by Acker Bilk on his saxophone, and as we were near the Sunday School Anniversary, Dad (Harry) decided we should have some words to that, our Youth Club (25 of our own young people graduated from Sunday School) to sing for the anniversary. Harry was the leader of what was called “Sunday Session”, we had 100% attendance and these are the words he wrote:

*We fished all night, the six of us or more
and in the dawn we saw the stranger on the shore.
Cast out upon the right we heard the stranger call
And we who'd fished all night caught more than we could haul
We ate our meal as oft we'd done before
And greeted as our Lord
The stranger on the shore.*



We joined together in these words a very happy remembrance of an episode in the 60's early 70's being a teenager in the Church at Brookside.

Does anyone remember this I wonder?

Congratulations to Barry on the celebration of his 70th Birthday in January and a Happy New Year to all my friends in East Barnet, both Brookside & St. Mary's

Happy Memories

Margaret Kinsey

Prayers to Prepare for Personal Devotions

John Mason has sent in the following prayers to assist with preparation for personal devotions.

From the world of sin, and noise,
And hurry I withdraw;
For the small and inward voice
I wait with humble awe;
Silent am I now and still,
Dare not in Thy presence move;
To my waiting soul reveal
The secret of Thy love.

What have I done for Christ?
What am I doing for Christ?
What ought I do for Christ?

St Ignatius of Loyola

Show me , as my soul can bear,
The depth of inbred sin:
All the unbelief declare,
The pride that lurks within;
Take me, whom thyself has brought,
Bring into captivity
Every high aspiring thought
That would not stoop to Thee.

Lord, my time is in Thy hand,
My soul to thee convert;
Thou canst make me understand,
Though I am slow of heart;
Thine in whom I live and move,
Thine the work, the praise is thine;
Thou art wisdom, power and love
And all thou art is mine.

Charles Wesley.



Come now, little man,
Turn aside for a while from your daily toil,
Escape for a moment from the tumult of your thoughts.
Put aside weighty cares, let your burdensome distractions wait.
Free yourself awhile in Him.
Enter the inner chamber of your soul, shut out everything except
God and that which can help you in seeking Him,
And when you have shut the door, seek Him.

St Anselm 1030-1109

Thoughts for Easter

John Mason also provided some thoughts for Easter

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The CROSS is at the heart of our faith. The church wished to emphasise this for each of us.

It is Christ who brings us peace and joy, but along with this he calls us to take up the cross.

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.”

“But all through life I see a Cross,
Where sons of God yield up their breath:
There is no gain except by loss,
There is no life except by death,
And that Eternal passion saith,
‘Be emptied of glory and right and name.’”
And no full vision but by Faith,
Nor glory but by bearing shame,
Nor justice but by taking blame;

From Olrig Grange by Walter C Smith

He also recommends The Power of the Cross - Songs of Fellowship 198 which cannot be reprinted due to copyright restrictions.



The Other Methodists

The other Methodists, The Calvinistic Methodists, The Primitive Methodists, The Magic Methodists, the Tent Methodists and the rest ?



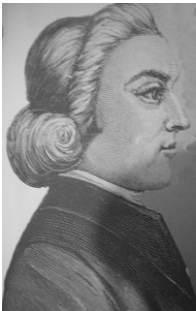
Such was the title of Colin's fourth talk at the Wesley Guild re. 'the offshoots of Methodism'; a remarkable précis within one hour with the assist of a flip chart and distributed black and white and coloured pictures. Dramatis personae included Methodist evangelist George Whitefield (1714-1770) ex. 'The Holy Club' at Oxford with the Wesley brothers. In a biography Thomas Kidd recalls how Whitefield stood before twenty thousand people on a platform on Boston (Mass.) common; 'there were volcanic outbursts of emotion. He regularly had to cut his preaching short unable to be heard over the cacophony of weeping and

screeching....numbers melted into tears when he talked of leaving them'.

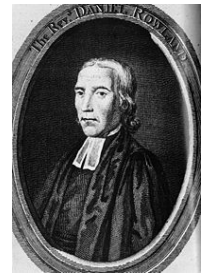
Colin saw George Whitefield fully in the milieu of the early evangelical movement as a founder of Methodism here and as the leader of 'the great awakening' in America.

He separated from the Wesley's owing to his Calvinistic views i.e. how events including salvation or otherwise is pre-ordained by God as opposed to Arminian Methodist belief which Colin described as 'all can be saved, his grace goes before us, we have to play a part'. Following the establishment of Methodism in its original

form there was no clear successor to John Wesley, the annual election of a president and the conference became the governing body.



Pictures were to hand of the foremost leaders of the Welsh Calvinistic Methodist Revival; Howell Harris (1714-1773) who set up societies and preached in London and preacher Daniel Rowland (1713-1790). Another key figure known to us was William Williams (1717-1791) writer of 'Guide me O Thou Great Jehovah'.



Counted among Calvinistic Revivalists was apparently a uniquely talented Anne Griffiths (l) (from the extract read) remembered as a writer of hymns in Welsh; Colin claimed her as 'part of our Methodist heritage'. Selina, Countess of Huntingdon who married the Earl of Huntingdon, associated with the Wesley's and George Whitefield, played an important part in the 18thc. religious revival setting up her own group of chapels throughout the land.





The Primitive Methodists were founded by preachers Hugh Bourne(1772-1852) and William Clowes (1780-1851) who 'didn't like the Wesleyan ways' who edged towards respectability while the Primitives often working class were poorly dressed and began by gathering in huge crowds in the open air in the Potteries area to hear their leaders. The Primitives became a major Methodist movement.



On then to the 'Tent Methodists' who we heard did exactly that i.e. worshipping in tents in the Bristol area until 1830. Curious still was the emergence of the 'Magic Methodists' and the 'Forest Methodists' led by preacher and mystic James Crawfoot (1758-1839) whose followers experienced trances and visions. The final picture was of Jabez Bunting, President of the Conference four times prior to his death in 1858. This 'Pope of Methodism' as he is known 'controlled Wesleyan Methodists throughout difficult times, determined to keep Wesleyans out of trouble' (referring more perhaps to national events).



In all our minister had touched upon fourteen 'offshoots of Methodism'. Our handouts included a detailed chart showing how step by step the many strands of Methodism by 1932 become simply 'The Methodist Church'. Amen.

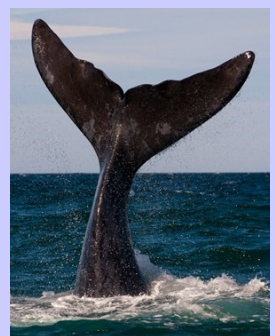
Edward Eldred.

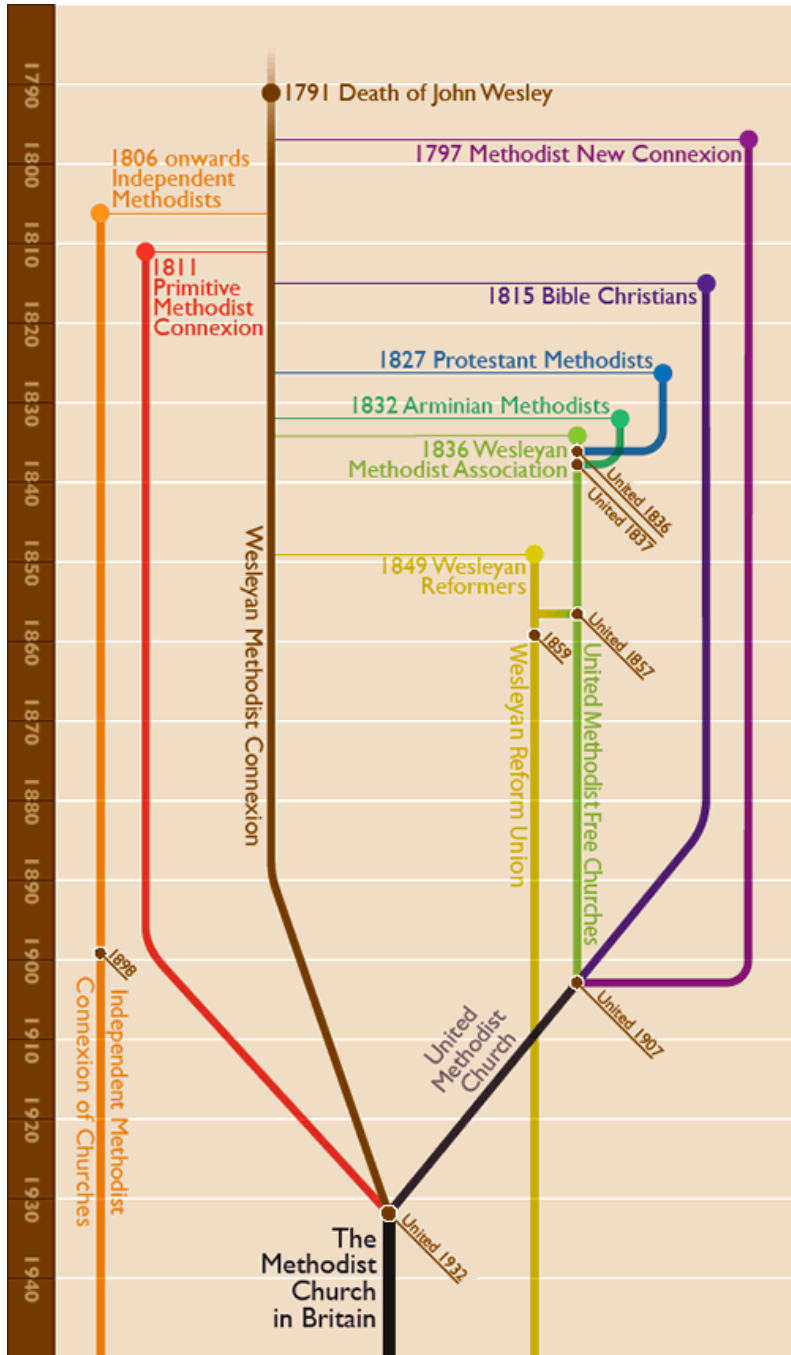
(A version of the “strands of Methodism” from the Methodist Heritage Website is shown over the page - GW)

A teacher who reluctantly taught Religious Education told the story of Jonah and the whale and added “Of course it really is impossible for a human to end up in the stomach of a whale“

A little girl put her hand up and said. I think the story is true, anyway when I get to Heaven I will ask Noah if it is. The teacher cynically replied “What if Jonah went to hell? Oh said the little girl it will be up to you to ask him.

(supplied by Robert Noble)





<http://www.methodistheritage.org.uk/history-familytree.htm>
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Hall Redevelopment

As reported over the last couple of editions we have been undertaking a major redevelopment of the Halls at Brookside since the beginning of the summer. Apart from some minor snagging we are now complete and the rededication service took place at the Covenant Service in January. To mark this occasion I have included some photos of what the hall and corridors now look like.



← New Entrance between the church and halls

Opens up onto a brand new corridor with steps and a ramp - finally we are DDA compliant! →



New Lower Entrance Porch



New Corridor to Kitchen and Jackson Room →



New Toilets including disabled toilet →



← New Ramp down to the Wyburn Hall

The New Wyburn Hall →





← New Kitchen with lots of new cupboards

Rededication ↓



1930's Dedication Plaque

As part of the rebuilding we found and reinstated the 1930's Dedication Plaque - we are grateful to Derrick Setchell for his work in bringing the plaque back to its former glory.

The bronze plaque was originally installed on the outside of the 1930 building and is shown in photos of the opening ceremony. At some time, perhaps around 1939, it was removed and mounted on an oak panel for indoor display, probably by a member of the congregation. This may have been done to protect it from the elements or from requisitioning for recycling as war munitions, copper being urgently needed at the time. Sadly, in the process of removing the four substantial mounting studs that were brazed to the rear surface and set in the masonry, the dents that are still visible resulted.

Over the years it was lovingly cleaned in situ with Brasso so many times that the lettering was obscured with residue and the patina that would originally have been applied was destroyed. It is still present on the reverse. Some weathering is also apparent. For the re-dedication in 2015 it has been cleaned and polished as much as the weathering permits and protected with a microcrystalline wax. It will darken with time but should only be cleaned with a soft cloth. More thorough cleaning requires that it is taken down and dismantled. Interestingly, the decorative border is a separate component, probably bought "off the peg" and is screwed in place from the rear.

The names recorded on the plaque are a reminder of the congregations that have come together in the present day Barnet Brookside Methodist Church as well as the generosity of the Wyburn and Jackson families after whom the halls are now re-named. J Arthur Rank (later 1st Baron Rank) and his wife Nell were devout Methodists and it is said that his interest in the film industry began with the showing of movies as part of his Sunday School teaching. Rank's father became wealthy as a flour miller and J Arthur thus had the capital to develop his cinema business, including the creation of Pinewood Studios. By the time Mrs Rank unveiled this plaque in 1930, he was well on the way to the eminence that made his name so well-known and to the amassing of a fortune from which they both gave generously to Methodist causes.

The details on the plaque reads:

**TO THE GLORY OF GOD
THE FOUNDATION STONES OF THIS BUILDING
WERE LAID ON JULY 24TH 1930 BY
MRS WYBURN EVANS
IN MEMORY OF EMILY WYBURN
W S JACKSON
IN MEMORY OF HIS FATHER WHO GAVE THE SITE.
REV J MILTON BROWN
ON BEHALF OF EAST BARNET WESLEYAN CHURCH
MRS J MORRIS BOLD
ON BEHALF OF HIGH BARNET WESLEYAN CHURCH
MRS BENJAMIN GREGORY
ON BEHALF OF NEW BARNET WESLEYAN CHURCH
R WILBERFORCE ALLEN
AND OPENED ON NOV 13TH 1930 BY
THE HON MRS J ARTHUR RANK**



Ministerial Moments

CHANGE

As was reported in the last edition of The Messenger, I will be moving to Cambridge in August. My last morning service at Brookside will be Sunday, 12th July at 10.45am. My very last service will be at Brookside on the evening of Sunday 19th July at 6.30pm when the Revd Gareth Powell, the new Secretary of the Methodist Conference will preach. Just in case you can make it, my welcome service in Cambridge will be on the evening of Sunday, 6th September.

The Revd Steven Hill, our minister at Queensbury and Edgware will be moving to East Durham in August. He will be replaced by the Revd Ben Twumasi, a probationer minister. The Revd Dr Stuart Jordan, our London district chair will be retiring this summer and moving to Cambridge, where I will be his superintendent. The Revd Michaela Youngson will have responsibility for this circuit after that. I was once in a local preachers' training class at Muswell Hill with her! At the time of writing there is no replacement for me as minister for Manor Drive, Brookside and Wesley Hall. We have to wait until the end of March to see whether there is another match. If not alternative plans will be brought into play for superintendency and pastoral care.

FAREWELL

We are sorry to losing Jenny and Rob Noble who are moving to be near to their son and his family in Surrey. They have been indefatigable in their support for Methodism in Barnet and our circuits. Jenny was a circuit steward in the Barnet circuit and circuit meeting secretary in our present circuit. Rob has done many jobs in the church. I remember his parents and his Auntie Marjorie at Muswell Hill church. We wish them well and hope to see them from time to time.

CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Our Christmas services went well: the carol service, the midnight Holy Communion service which I shared with the Revd Rupert Lazar, the minister of East Barnet Baptist Church, and the joyful Christmas morning service. We had splendid Christmas trees on the terrace (with greetings from the three churches to the community, in the church and in the Wyburn Hall (formerly the main hall) and the new entrance. We once again shared the covenant service with St Mary's at Brookside. There was a very successful fundraising event at Wesley Hall for Emmaus earlier in December as part of the Barnet Christmas Fair.

MEMBERS OF THE CONGREGATION

We have been delighted to welcome quite a lot of new people to Brookside in recent weeks. This gives us great joy! We also have been thinking of, and praying for, quite a number of people who have been ill or in hospital.

BROOKSIDE CHURCH HALLS

At our joint Covenant Service in early January we re-dedicated our church halls, new kitchen and all the rest of the recent improvements. The 'main hall' was renamed the 'Wyburn Hall' after the Wyburn sisters and the 'new hall' became the

'Jackson Room' after William Jackson. This was the wording in the order of service: *One hundred years ago in 1915 the first Methodist Church was opened on this site in East Barnet. The land was given by William Jackson and the building by Rhoda Wyburn. Today we celebrate the completion of the third stage of the refurbishment of our premises which began ten years ago in 2005.*

We give thanks for the generosity of William Jackson – philanthropist, builder and publican – and of Emily and Rhoda Wyburn – philanthropists, Ladies of the Manor of Monken Hadley and milliners by Royal Appointment. The completion of the most recent stage of the refurbishment has been significantly supported by the use of an historic legacy given by the Wyburn family.

We also give thanks for all in this present generation who have generously given of their time and money in bringing about this most recent stage of the renewal of these premises. For the first time the church meets its obligations for disability access.

JEWISH COMMUNITY

I heard the London Borough of Barnet described recently as being the most Jewish place between New York and Tel Aviv. We have been very aware of the concerns of our Jewish neighbours following recent anti-Semitic attacks in Paris and Copenhagen. Security has been heightened at all Jewish buildings. Rabbi Lerer from Barnet Synagogue was a speaker at the Wesley Guild.

With my colleague Michael Giles I attended a meeting of rabbis and Christian clergy in Finchley to consider what steps can be taken jointly in that community to oppose anti-Semitism. I recently had the honour of attending the ceremony at Middlesex University when the Chief Rabbi, Emphraim Mirvis, was awarded the freedom of the borough. I knew Rabbi Mirvis when he was senior rabbi of Kinloss synagogue in Finchley. Just a short time before I had been at Kinloss to take part in a panel discussion on Religion, Law and Society with a distinguished Muslim academic and the new senior rabbi, Jeremy Lawrence.

I have also developed links with Southgate Progressive (Liberal) synagogue and Rabbi Youval Kerin. I attended Chanukah celebrations in December and the Tu Bishvat Seder more recently. This is a lesser festival reflecting on God's goodness through creation, especially trees, and involving eating lots of lovely fruit.

DR RONALD FROST

Ronald died on New Year's Eve in hospital aged 94. He was one of our retired ministers in the circuit and was active as a preacher almost till the end. He was a very distinguished minister for 69 years, serving as superintendent of the Burslem, Birmingham and Plymouth missions, as well as in Tottenham and Archway. His funeral service at Wesley's Chapel was a very special occasion with a very large congregation.

A SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

I recently celebrated my 60th birthday and am grateful for all the kind wishes and the cake at the Guild! I came to Brookside in my mid-40s and will leave in my 60s!



St ANGELA

It is not that long ago that most girls never had the chance to be educated. But one determined woman started the process, and her name was Angela Merici. She was born in Italy on 24 March 1474. Both her parents died when she was only 10, and then when Angela was 13 her elder sister died too, which led her to dedicate her life to God. When she was only 22 she started a school for young girls in her home town and this was so successful that she was invited to start schools in other places. Her faith led her to make pilgrimages to the Holy Land and to Rome.

It was when she was in Rome in 1524 that she suddenly lost her sight. Pope Clement VII asked her to stay in Rome to take charge of an order of nursing nuns but she refused and went home to Brescia. When she was almost 60 she started the Order of St Ursula, which is still involved in teaching today. Even though she was blind, St Angela Merici had a vision of what was possible with God's help.

SCHOOL SUBJECTS

This timetable has the lessons scrambled up – can you unravel the school subjects? Answers below.

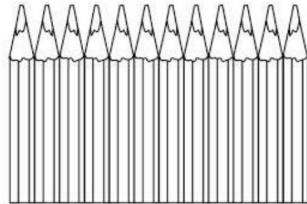
Period 1	CATESTHAMIM
Period 2	ROYTHIS
Period 3	GHELSIN
Period 4	CHNFER
LUNCH	
Period 5	RAT
Period 6	MYITCHERS
Period 7	MESAG

What did I get for my history test?

Well, first the good news – you spelled your name correctly.

Teacher: You missed school yesterday, didn't you?

Pupil: Not really.



What do elves learn in school?

The elf-abet.



Answers: 1.Mathematics 2.History
3.English 4.French 5.Art 6.Chemistry
7.Games

Afraid, alone, in pain



Be the answer to Loko's prayer this Christian Aid Week.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help transform the lives of women like Loko.

From 10-16 May, churches the length and



breadth of Britain and Ireland will come together to pray, campaign and raise money to improve the lives of people like Loko.

Every year, 100,000 volunteers demonstrate God's love for the poor by

taking part in house-to-house collections for Christian Aid. This fantastic witness is a chance to take the mission of the church into your community.

Loko's choice in life is simple:

'If I can't collect firewood, my children will die.'

Four times a week, in a remote corner of Ethiopia, Loko makes a back-breaking eight-hour trip to gather wood. It's a task she dreads, but she steels herself to do it because if she doesn't her children will starve.

She prays to God as she walks. 'I ask him to change my life and lead us out of this,' she says. Just £5 could give Loko a loan to start her own business buying and selling tea and coffee, freeing her from her desperate task and allowing her to spend more time caring for her family.



A million sold and voted the UK's

Favourite Fairtrade Egg!

Introduced in 2010, The Real Easter Egg was initially turned down by supermarkets as they were unsure that a 'faith egg' would sell. How wrong they were. Last year, in a national poll, the Real Easter Egg was voted the UK's favourite Fairtrade egg and now more than a million Real Easter Eggs have been sold!

The Real Easter Egg is still the only Fairtrade egg with a copy of the Easter story in each box. There is also a charitable donation for every 150g egg sold. More than £140,000 has been donated from sales. It also supports farmers and producers in the developing world by using Fairtrade chocolate.

David Marshall, who heads up the Meaningful Chocolate Company, said; "The Real Easter Egg campaign aims to establish giving a Real Easter Egg as a tradition. We can be found in Tesco, Waitrose and Morrison's. However, we make very little from supermarket sales, so we do rely on direct sales from churches and schools. Last year we sent more than 400,000 eggs through the post. This is a very positive example of putting our faith into practice so I hope churches will support this year's Real Easter Egg campaign by visiting www.realeasteregg.co.uk and ordering.

Each year the content of the Real Easter Egg changes. This year blue egg has a unique 3ft storybook/banner, the Premium Peace Edition contains an olive wood key ring made in Bethlehem and there is a dairy free dark chocolate egg

Parish Pump



Crossword

Across

1 The earth is one (6)

4 'On a hill far away stood an old — cross' (6)

7 'I am the — vine and my Father is the gardener' (John 15:1) (4)

8 The Caesar who was Roman Emperor at the time of Jesus' birth(Luke 2:1) (8)

9 'Your — should be the same as that of Christ Jesus'(Philippians 2:5) (8)

13 Jesus said that no one would put a lighted lamp under this(Luke 8:16) (3)

16 Involvement (1 Corinthians 10:16) (13)

17 Armed conflict (2 Chronicles 15:19) (3)

19 Where the Gaderene pigs were feeding (Mark 5:11) (8)

24 What jeering youths called Elisha on the road to Bethel (2 Kings 2:23) (8)

25 The Venerable — , eighth-century Jarrow ecclesiastical scholar (4)

26 8 Across issued a decree that this should take place (Luke 2:1) (6)

27 Come into prominence (Deuteronomy 13:13) (6)

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1 Where some of the seed scattered by the sower fell (Matthew 13:4) (4)

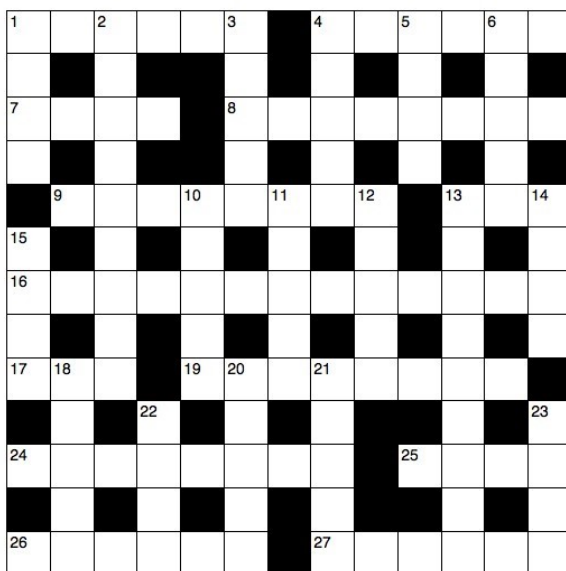
2 Sexually immoral person whom God will judge (Hebrews 13:4) (9)

3 Gospel leaflet (5)

4 Physical state of the boy brought to Jesus for healing (Mark 9:18)

5 Tugs (anag.) (4)

6 To put forth (5)



10 Nationality associated with St Patrick (5)

11 Leader of the descendants of Kohath (1 Chronicles 15:5) (5)

12 'After this, his brother came out, with his hand grasping — heel' (Genesis 25:26) (5)

13 At Dothan the Lord struck the Arameans with — at Elisha's request (2 Kings 6:18) (9)

14 'Peter, before the cock crows today, you will — three times that you know me' (Luke 22:34) (4)

15 Spit out (Psalm 59:7) (4)

18 'When I — , I am still with you' (Psalm 139:18) (5)

20 Concepts (Acts 17:20) (5)

21 Thyatira's dealer in purple cloth (Acts 16:14) (5)

22 Does (anag.) (4)

23 The second set of seven cows in Pharaoh's dream were this (Genesis 41:19) (4)

Guild Programme

- 4th Mar Edward's Quiz
- 11th Mar Reporting on Sabbatical
- Revd Shaun Sanders
- 18th Mar An evening with Sheila Mortimer
- 25th Mar Revd Colin Smith
- 22nd Apr AGM & Name that Advert - Margaret Mason
- 29th Apr Fish & Chips and Beetle Drive



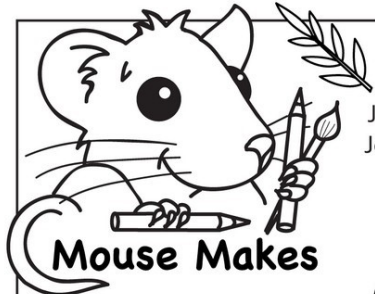
Letter to the Magazine

Mrs Rita Atri has written to us on behalf of the East Barnet/Osidge Library User Group to include some information about libraries in our area. This information is provided as submitted and does not reflect the views of Barnet Brookside Methodist Church.

Mrs Atri writes

"Barnet Council are planning to make severe cuts to our library service. The East Barnet/Osidge Library User Group invite residents to get involved in the campaign to support our libraries. East Barnet and Osidge Libraries, amongst several others in Barnet, are under threat of either closure, reduction in size or only staffed for about 33% of the time. We have a petition you can sign online at: <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/petitions/no-to-closure-of-barnet-libraries>. Also join our mailing list by email: saveyourlibraries@gmail.com."

Libraries are important to many, especially the elderly and very young. I hope you will feel that you can give some space in your newsletter to this issue.



JESUS COMES TO JERUSALEM AS KING

As Jesus and his disciples approached Jerusalem they came to the Mount of Olives. Jesus sent two disciples ahead of him and said "You will find a donkey and her colt, untie them and bring them to me."

A large crowd spread their coats and branches cut from the trees onto the road in front of Jesus and shouted:

"Hosanna to the Son of David!"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

Some believed Jesus was God's Saviour, the Messiah, but some did not.

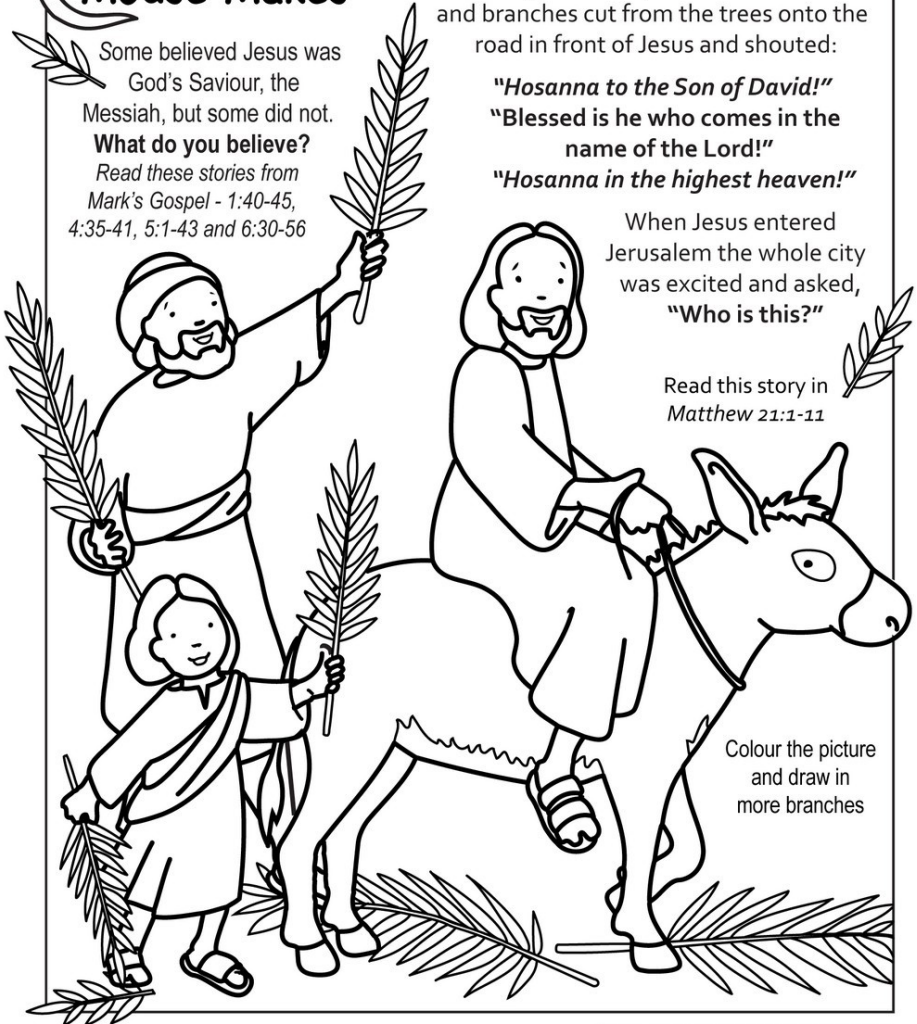
What do you believe?

Read these stories from Mark's Gospel - 1:40-45, 4:35-41, 5:1-43 and 6:30-56

When Jesus entered Jerusalem the whole city was excited and asked, "Who is this?"

Read this story in Matthew 21:1-11

Colour the picture and draw in more branches



Services

Sun 01 Mar	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Valerie Dickinson
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Wendy Turl
Sun 08 Mar	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Revd Dr. Jenny King
Sun 15 Mar	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Dr. Jenny King
	10:45	B	United Mothering Sunday All Age Service with Holy Communion led by Revd James Mustard and Revd Colin Smith
Sun 22 Mar	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning worship led by George Franklin
Sun 29 Mar	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Colin Smith (HC)
	10:45	B	Palm Sunday Service led by Revd Colin Smith
Thu 2 Apr	20:00	B	Maundy Thursday Communion Service led by Revd Dr. Jenny King
Fri 3 Apr	11:00	B	Good Friday Service led by Revd Colin Smith
Sun 05 Apr	11:00	B	Easter Sunday All Age Communion Service led by Revd Colin Smith
Sun 12 Apr	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Dr. Jenny King
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Diana Jones
Sun 19 Apr	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning worship led by Revd Dr. Jenny King
Sun 26 Apr	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Colin Smith
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Revd Colin Smith
Sun 03 May	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Robert Alderman
Sun 10 May	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Colin Smith
	10:45	B	Holy Communion led by Revd Colin Smith
Sun 17 May	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning worship led by Revd Shaun Sanders
Sun 24 May	09:45	WH	Celebration led by Revd Colin Smith
	10:45	B	Pentecost All Age Worship led by Revd Colin Smith
Sun 31 May	09:45	WH	Celebration led by the Worship Leaders
	10:45	B	Morning Worship led by Valerie Dickinson

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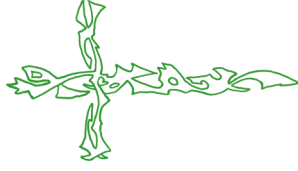
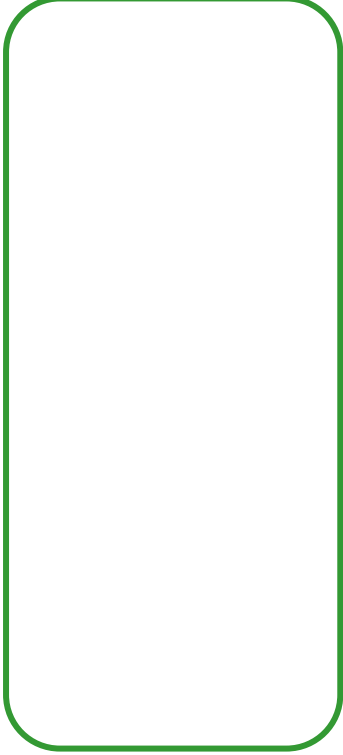

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