

WELWYN GARDEN CITY  
UNITED REFORMED CHURCH



JUNE & JULY 2019 MAGAZINE

It is good to be back with you after 3 months off work and to have the opportunity to say thank you for all the prayers, good wished, cards and flowers sent during my time off. It has been lovely to catch up with old friends and new ad to begin to pick up the threads of what has been happening and how things have changed and developed while I have been away. These developments are a sign of a healthy church and are really good to see.

It is a strange paradox that change is necessary and yet we don't like things to change. This is probably especially true when we have little control over it and of course it is happening constantly. From the moment we are conceived we change every day and from our first steps to follow Jesus we are called to constant change as people on the move.

- In the gospels we read that Jesus calls us to **follow** him.
- Jesus then tells his disciples to **go** and make disciples of all nations.
- In our baptism service we are asked if we **turn from evil** and **turn to Christ**.

Definitely people on the move! How can we cope with changes as they happen in church?

One very important way is to keep working on our relationship with God. This is so important because we are 'Church' wherever we are, and you never know who is watching your example. I am sure we have all had times when we blush to think how we reacted to something in public and know very well that we failed to act in a Christ like way! Despite our failings it is to us that Jesus entrusts his mission and we are making a difference -wherever we are and whoever we are with because we are to be salt and light in our community. That means keeping our salt tasty and ensuring our light really does shine.

Someone wrote about this in another way. He said that we are made in the image of God with a mirror inside us with which to reflect the nature of God to the world.

It sounds a big ask but we do this by deepening our relationship with Jesus and ensuring that we remain on life's biggest adventure to be more like him.

There is no set formula for deepening our relationship with God. We might ensure that we:

- Take a little time with God each day to read and to pray
- Use daily Bible reading notes like The Upper Room (<https://www.upperroom.org/devotionals>) or the Word for Today (<https://www.ucb.co.uk/word-for-today>)
- Come along to our Exploring the Bible groups on a Thursday evening or Friday morning.
- God for a walk and talk to God about what you see
- Join our meditation group (Wednesday evening) or just learn to meditate
- Keep a gratitude journal – think of 3 things each day that you are grateful for, keep a note of them and take time to feel how grateful you are then say Thank you to God. On a bad day rereading the things you have been grateful for and remembering how they made you feel can really help.

This isn't an exhaustive list. There are so many ways to keep your salt salty. We can encourage one another by sharing how we keep close to God – why not write something for this magazine?

Keeping our salt salty is a job for everyone because we don't want our fellowship to be too bland – if salt has lost its taste or taste revolting because what we are adding isn't as wholesome as it might be!

Keeping our light shining – when there is a job to be done – thank goodness we have people who don't always think someone else will do it!

Your light needs to be on show for everyone to see – not only out there in the world with all the different people and things you are involved with but giving a little priority to this fellowship too – not just on a Sunday.

Keeping your mirror polished! Paul said we are to strive for the best way of all – loving as God loves (1 Corinthians 13) so we need to be kind to each other and believe the best about each other when frustrations arise, treat each other as we would like to be treated – and ensure it is the true loving nature of God we reflect to the world!

Through it all - whatever happens along the way as long as we remain on our adventure to be more like Christ all will be well. And as we adventure together, and may blessings abound!

*Love*

## **Secretary's Notes**

I read a story recently on face book sent by an acquaintance who said in the comments "Thought of you Joyce while reading this and thought you would like it" I did and I am sharing it with you all.

### **The story went like this**

I was in the grocery store today when I heard a loud crash and being nosey went to investigate only to find an elderly lady on her knees picking up the broken pieces of the crockery she had knocked off the display shelf with her trolley. She was really embarrassed and her husband was picking off the barcodes from the broken items muttering "We will have to pay for this"

Other shoppers were looking on whispering and staring but no one offering their help so I knelt down beside her, told her not to worry, and started to help pick up the broken pieces The store manager appeared knelt beside us and said in a kindly voice "Leave it we can clean this up. Let's get your details so we can get you to the hospital to have that cut on your hand looked at."

The lady totally embarrassed said "I need to pay for this first"

The manager smiled helped her to her feet and said. "No my dear we have insurance for this you do not need to pay anything."

The writer then goes on to ask the reader to close their eyes and imagine God doing the same for them!

She asks the reader to collect the pieces of their heart broken by all the blows life has thrown at them, saying, "God will heal your wounds and assure you that your sins and mistakes will be forgiven."

She reminds the reader that we all have the same insurance and it's called Grace. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Saviour and ask for forgiveness, the manager of the universe, our God, will say to us "Everything has already been paid for now go on your way all is forgiven.

**Psalm 86:5** "For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call upon you."

**Matthew 11:28** Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

God Bless

## **Keeping you informed**

You should have received with this magazine edition the following if you have completed a GDPR form

- 1) A letter explaining Pastoral Care going forward
- 2) A card for you to keep with the details of your Pastoral Care Team

## **Pastoral Elders & Church Friends**

Please try to get to know your Pastoral Elder and Church Friend as they will be able to help you with any queries, suggestions you may have for events etc, or anything troubling you. They will make sure it gets to the best person to deal with it, and if necessary they can take it to the appropriate meeting.

## **Donations**

We are very grateful for your generosity but items very often just appear which we cannot use or find a home for leaving us with the task of disposing of them as best we can.

If in future you wish to make a donation of an item, or a monetary donation to the church, please approach your Pastoral Elder or Church Friend who will ensure it is passed on to the appropriate person to be dealt with or considered at the appropriate meeting.

NB They are not personally in a position to give you an answer.

I hope this is helpful but any queries please get in touch with me by email, in person or on the phone.

Joyce email [joycen2@hotmail.com](mailto:joycen2@hotmail.com) Mob 07886392602

## **Magazine**

An envelope is enclosed for everyone receiving a magazine to be used if you wish to make a voluntary donation towards the cost of producing the Church Magazine. Suggested donation £10.

**NB These envelopes should be handed to your  
Pastoral Elder or addressed to the Treasurer and  
Sent or handed in to the Church Office.**

## Spring Fair

Thank you to everyone for all their hard work which sadly didn't give us the result we had hoped for thanks to Storm Hannah keeping people indoors. We raised just over £250 from our Church Stalls and Catering which will help to boost the Window Fund.

I do hope those who came along to sell in support of their own charitable causes weren't too disappointed by the lack of footfall.

## Window Fund

We are now raising money for the last two large windows at the front of the church and have £3000 in the fund at present. Well done everyone and many thanks to all who have donated so generously. Let's keep up our efforts and hope and pray we can see all the windows renewed in the not too distant future.

## Up and Coming

### Work Party

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June in the morning we will be preparing the grounds for summer use by cleaning benches, clearing clutter and making it safe for all during the summer months. All volunteers welcome for this important task.

### Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 276 Kindness Project

The Love WGC Kindness Event will be in our church and grounds The teenagers will be serving the public in various ways so do drop in.

### Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July Thursday Club Summer Trip

We are off to Southwold leaving Church at 9.30am and have some spare seats on the coach if you would like to join us for a trip to the seaside. Cost £20 let me know if you would like to come.

### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July Heartland BBQ @ Chiswell Green URC

1pm onwards with food served at 1.30pm all welcome.

## Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July Our Church Family BBQ

We will be looking for donations of salads, desserts etc. Help on the Saturday afternoon to set up, early Sunday Morning to complete setting up, volunteers to welcome visitors, helpers to serve BBQ food and last but not least helpers to clear up and pack away tables ,toys etc

A donations and Volunteers sign up board will go up at the back of the church towards the end of June.

In the meantime please save the date in your diary and pray for good weather. We have been fortunate in the past so hopefully our prayers will be answered.

## Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July Summer Ball

See Jean Hughes for details and tickets

I hope I haven't missed anything important as I am trying to get this completed before I go on holiday which I'm really looking forward to.

God Bless you all

Joyce Nicolson

Please note that the visit to the Coptic Centre and Cathedral will now take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> June at 11.30am (previous date was May 28<sup>th</sup>). Wendy is going and has 3 spare places in her car. Please contact Wendy if you would like to go with her.



# Who's who.....

Jean said that she wanted congregation members to write profiles of themselves to improve our knowledge of each other, and would I kick off the scheme. So with much trepidation this is me – Graham Daniels.



I believe my parents were the second couple to marry in the Free Church in 1932. Shortly thereafter the names of my elder brother, Roger, and I appear on the first page of the Cradle Roll. We grew up coming to the church and attended Sunday School in the upstairs room.

I did not go to the Boys Brigade choosing the Scouts instead until I became a boarder at St Albans School. This explains why I was confirmed in St Albans Abbey (we were free of services after 8.00am communion)! I was therefore an Anglican for many years. Like most teenage boys and young men in their 20's religion took a back seat, particularly when, while at the London School of Economics, I was bitten by the mountaineering bug and subsequently the desire to climb all the Scottish Munros (hills over 3000ft).

In those early years I worked at The Broadwater Press in WGC after the completion of my accountancy articles. The big city called and I moved to IPC to produce Business magazines, and then to a publisher of regional newspapers. These were good moves and because of my in depth knowledge of printing I became Sales Director of the newspaper company.

The timing again was good and after Alison and I married in 1970 we moved to live in Elton, a picturesque village outside Peterborough. Here we lived for 7 happy years in our 400 year old stone cottage and became involved in village life. We came back to the Lord and worshipped at the Anglican village church and after a while I joined the Parochial Church Council. The Good Friday watch alone in a dark spooky church was something to experience! I also served on



the village Fete Committee and made the fatal mistake of asking the wrong family to run the bottle stall – which was made abundantly clear to me!

Then pastures new called and I changed jobs and we moved to Andover. Although we liked it there it was not a good move, and I returned to newspapers with a non union printer in Diss where we revelled in printing many thousands of 'Free' newspapers that you will remember with pleasure – the Welwyn Review being one. By 1980 we had moved back to WGC and Gabriel and Katie went to school at Applecroft and Stanborough. Alison was Volunteer Manager in the early days of Isabel Hospice. I recall getting my first one million pound order which was a big success and then became a disaster as Robert Maxwell bought the company. My last move was to the local newspaper division of The Daily Mail Group where all the senior staff were real gentlemen which was very pleasant. I have now been retired for nearly 20 years and can recommend the life.

In Welwyn Garden City our Anglican steps naturally took us to St Francis Church where I joined the PCC and subsequently became Churchwarden. I still have many friends there, and Alison still worships there. About seven years ago I crossed Parkway to the Free Church where my upbringing enables me to worship the Lord in the manner I prefer. It is, of course, an ongoing sadness to Alison and myself that we do not go to church together.

Both our children and their families live abroad and we enjoy our regular visits to them in Germany and New Zealand.

## Hymns as Prayers

*By Jean & Matthew*

The Elders have recently been discussing the prayer which is included into our church magazine and during the next few issues we are changing the format and offering you the opportunity to READ a hymn rather than sing it.

After all, the Hymns that are compiled in Rejoice & Sing primarily for the benefit of a worshipping congregation can also be re-discovered as intimate expressions of faith appropriate for an individual to offer in personal prayer.

Very often we only need to add an address to God at the beginning of a hymn and we have an expressive prayer at hand. And, in many cases, even those few additional words are redundant, for instance in hymns that start off by addressing God directly, such as *Breathe on me, breath of God* (R&S 295), which offers four beautiful verses that you may want to offer to God in prayer.

Take a closer look at the following well-known hymn (R&S 492) and see how prayerful the words are.

### ***1. Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways;***

Could there be a better opening to our daily prayer? We have so much to ask forgiveness for in our everyday lives. Top of that list should be our abuse of the amazing universe which God created for us. Add your own thoughts to that and I am sure that they will be many and varied.

***re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.***

***2. In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word,  
rise up and follow thee.***

Do we have that same simple trust. Do we hear the 'gracious calling of the Lord?' and if so can we rise up and follow Him?

***3. O sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!***

Where is that Sabbath rest now? Society now has seven days a week, completely indistinguishable from each other. Indeed, we must now work hard to find that special time for peace and reflection that we once knew, when Sunday's gave us that calmness. Our lives are too rushed, too busy, so we must learn to listen to the silence, to hear God's voice.

***4. Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.***

This verse is particularly beautiful. We all need these 'dews of quietness, to be free from the strains and stresses of modern day living. We need to get our lives more ordered and begin to enjoy this beautiful world. We only need sit in the garden or local park and listen to the birds singing, to feel at peace. Think of the poem by W.H. Davies, Leisure; "*What is this life if full of care, we have no time to stand and stare*". It fits beautifully with this fourth verse of the hymn.

***5. Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm.***

We have started this hymn, or prayer, by asking God to forgive our foolish ways, and now as we bring the prayer to a close, we are asking for God's soothing balm and calmness to fill our souls. To banish all our strains, all our tension, all our unkind, unhealthy thoughts and to fill us with peace and stillness. Amen.

If you have a particular hymn that you would like to offer as a prayer in our magazine, please speak to one of the Elders or send the copy directly to Allison. We would be happy to include it in future issues.



# *FAMILY FILM & PIZZA EVENING*



Friday June 21<sup>st</sup> at WGC United Reformed Church  
6pm to 8pm

## **Moses in animation**

Aimed at ages 6+ and bring a parent with you!

No charge but donations appreciated.

Contact : Wendy 07904 517384



## Community Outreach



More than 150 Easter eggs were collected. Here is a pic of Jean and I with BID Manager, Mariana Bitonte. The eggs were distributed between Refuge, Resolve, Cellar Club and Community Cafe'. The Welwyn Hatfield Times also ran an article about the donations.

### Community Cafe'

The attendance at the Community Cafe' continues to grow from week to week. This has resulted in both the Quiet Room and the Lower Hall being used to accommodate everyone. One of the groups who attend is the WGC Meet Ups & Support for Mental Health and General Well-being. This Facebook group has supported us the past few months and at the last count we had 16 visitors from the group. I feel so blessed to be part of the group and also attend events arranged by them on a regular basis.

In our February/March edition of the Magazine I mentioned that I was praying for a volunteer that could help me with craftwork on a fortnightly basis. My prayers have been answered! Hazel has recently joined our volunteer team and organises a variety of beautiful craftwork for the Community Cafe' visitors to make and enjoy. She is a very talented lady and has wonderful creative ideas to share with the group.

The Community Cafe' would not be a success without all the hard work from our dedicated volunteers who go above and beyond. Thank you so much for all your support. God Bless.

One of our Community Cafe' visitors have kindly donated a laptop which we may use Tuesday mornings. Tim is an ardent fundraiser for a few charities and a keen supporter of our group. Below is a photo of Tim and Keith. They are also currently our Table Football champions 😊



Tim (left) and Keith (right)

### Training

I felt I needed to learn more about the Bible and enrolled on a TSLITE Course at the Harpenden URC, called 'Getting to grips with the Bible'. Jean, Hazel and I also attended a Safeguarding course at Synod in May. I feel that this training will really be beneficial to me in my current role.

### Hall Hire

We have a new regular hirer, a mums support group which is facilitated by one of the mothers who attend Chatter & Tots. I think it is important to get to know our groups to see what else we can do to support them. I recently sat in on an Alcoholic Anonymous meeting and felt so privileged and humbled to have been part of the group as they shared their challenging journeys.

### Churches in WGC

During May, I attended the Churches in WGC meeting which was hosted by Diane at Woodhall Salvation Army. We also had a meeting with Grant Shapps and were able to address certain local/national issues.

13 June 2020 churches together will host a fun day in the town centre with activities, tea party and thanksgiving service.

Once a month I intend to visit one of the WGC Churches to experience various forms of worship. On Palm Sunday I visited the Panshanger Baptist Church. Hayley is a dynamic young preacher and led an inspiring service.

### Mission Coordinator Support Group

On 11 April, Jean, Howell, Robert and I had our first meeting of the newly established Mission Coordinator Support Group. We will be meeting on a monthly basis going forward. I am blessed to be part of such a knowledgeable and experienced team.

### Canterbury Pilgrimage:

Please note that the busses for the pilgrimage to Canterbury on 15 June 2019 will be leaving from the Herts International Church in Mundells, AL7 1FT. They have a huge car park so there is plenty of parking.

### Itinerary:

- Busses leave WGC at 8.30 am
- Church Service at 10.30 am
- Guided tour at 11.30 am
- Picnic Lunch afterwards
- Even Song at 3.30pm
- Busses leave Canterbury at 7pm

Thank you for your continued support. I feel so blessed to be part of the URC congregation and especially blessed to be able to serve the community as a Community & Mission Coordinator. God Bless, Liz.

### Interfaith Walk

Join members of the community in getting to know one another whilst on a lovely circular walk around Stanborough Lakes

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 6pm -8pm (meet on South side)

Refreshments provided

Both lakes (1 hour), Lake 1 (20 mins) or Lake 2 (40 mins)

Distance: 0.5 to 2.5 miles





## CHURCH FAMILY CORNER

A good number of birthdays to celebrate in both June and July so here goes with June:-

First off is Mary Yacubian , now living in a care home in Glasgow, who will be 94 on 6<sup>th</sup>, followed by Teyo who will be 9 also on 6<sup>th</sup>, Paul Mc. on 13<sup>th</sup>, Ruth G. on 16<sup>th</sup>, Pat C. and Irene S. both on 17<sup>th</sup>, Helen K. on 18<sup>th</sup>, Joanna D. on 19<sup>th</sup>, Liz L. on 20<sup>th</sup>, and Janice S. on 25<sup>th</sup>.

Now on to July:- Michael C. on 1<sup>st</sup>, Norma C. on 8<sup>th</sup>, Barbara P. on 17<sup>th</sup>, Roger W. on 20<sup>th</sup>, Jenny R. on 22<sup>nd</sup>, and Richard M. on 27<sup>th</sup>.

We wish all our friends a very Happy Birthday when it arrives and hope they all enjoy their special days.

We have been very pleased to welcome Janet & John Mortimer into our church family recently and glad to see them already involved in some of our community outreach activities.

It was good to see Tim and Wendy back in church recently and we continue to keep them in our prayers.

Also we continue with prayers for Melva and Janice as Melva now waits for a referral to the Oral Surgeon at the Lister, following a recent visit to the dentist. As Melva told me, at least she is now “back in the land of the living” after her earlier stay in hospital with a nasty viral infection. We send our good wishes to them for a positive outcome to her latest challenge.

We were sorry to hear during our intercession prayers recently of the death of Sally Knight. Sally was Peter Knight’s daughter-in-law and we send our sincere condolences to Peter, his son and his grandchildren at this very sad time.

Please remember all those in need of our prayers and pass on any concerns to the Elders, Pastoral Elders and Friends so that no one gets forgotten.

Thank you, on behalf of our Pastoral Teams.

Ann Meers

The Knit and Natter group were approached by a representative of the Dementia society and invited to knit or crochet forget-me-nots to be displayed as part of Dementia awareness week, in John Lewis. Go and have a look at the



display which has been put together from various craft groups.

The pictures show you how our group have represented forget-me-nots and when the lady came to collect them she became quite emotional to see how enthusiastic we were.

The group is growing and we now have as many as

18 ladies on some occasions. We knit purely for the community and the ladies are willing to try anything new. Come along and join us. We meet on the second and fourth Wednesdays from 10.00 until 12.00 and we have tea and biscuits and lots of chat.



On our recent river cruise, the Cruise Director held a Sunday service as we were cruising along the Rhine. He read out this prayer which we were very impressed with, so thought we would share it with you all.

### **PRAYER**

PRAY DON'T FIND FAULT WITH THE MAN WHO LIMPS  
OR STUMBLES ALONG THE ROAD  
UNLESS YOU HAVE WORN THE SHOES HE WEARS  
OR STRUGGLED BENEATH HIS LOAD.

THERE MAY BE TACKS IN HIS SHOES THAT HURT  
THOUGH HIDDEN AWAY FROM VIEW  
OR THE BURDEN HE BEARS, PLACED ON YOUR BACK  
MIGHT IT CAUSE YOU TO STUMBLE TOO.

DON'T BE HARSH WITH THE MAN WHO SINS  
OR PELT HIM WITH WORDS OR STONES  
UNLESS YOU ARE SURE, YES DOUBLY SURE  
THAT YOU HAVE NO SINS OF YOUR OWN.

FOR YOU KNOW PERHAPS IF THE TEMPTERS VOICE  
SHOULD WHISPER AS SOFT TO YOU  
AS IT DID TO HIM, WHEN HE WENT ASTRAY  
WOULD IT CAUSE YOU TO STAGGER TOO.

DON'T SNEER AT THE MAN WHO IS DOWN TODAY  
UNLESS YOU HAVE FELT THE BLOW  
THAT CAUSED HIS FALL, OR FELT THE SHAME,  
THAT ONLY THE FALLEN KNOW.

YOU MAY BE STRONG, BUT STILL THE BLOWS  
THAT WERE HIS, IF DEALT TO YOU,  
IN THE SELF-SAME WAY, AT THE SELF-SAME TIME,  
MIGHT CAUSE YOU TO STUMBLE TOO.



A huge thank you to Knit and Knatter for making around 100 Easter teddies – every one dressed differently! With Easter eggs in their knapsacks the teddies were much appreciated by families in all our church groups. Here is a picture of Luca with his. And here is a selection of the teddies





'We wish all the best to Heather in her new home as she moves on from WGC. And thank her so much for all the help in our church garden over the past 3 years. And we hope to still see her from time to time.'

### **Pledges to Mission and Families work**

To support the work of our Church for Mission Outreach and for Children and Families then please consider pledging some of your regular giving to these specific areas. To enable you to pledge your support there are forms with the required details at the back of the church in the Treasurer pigeonhole. In addition, if you want to give a one-off donation then there are also envelopes designed for this in the same place.

Please fill in the details and the fund(s) you wish to support and return the form to your Pastoral Elder or send to the Treasurer c/o The Church Office. The envelopes can be added to the Sunday collection or again sent to the office.

Asking for God's blessing for this work

Helen



## Charter for Children in the Church (with our simplified version added in red)

Children are equal partners with adults in the life of the church

Children in our church are just as important as adults

The full diet of Christian worship is for children as well as adults

Everybody in our church can worship God in lots of different ways, no matter how old they are.

Learning is for the whole church, adults and children

Our church helps everybody keep on learning

Fellowship is for all – each belonging meaningfully to the rest

Our church is a place where everyone feel and knows they belong

Service is for children to give, as well as adults

In our church, children can do things to help God, the church and other people

The call to evangelism comes to all God's people of whatever age

God wants everybody to share his good news with others.

Our church listens and helps us share what we have learned.

The Holy Spirit speaks powerfully through children as well as adults

People can learn what God wants to say to them through what we say and do. Our church listens to children too.

The discovery and development of gifts in children and adults is a key function of the church

Our church helps us find our "thing" and grow in it.

As a church community we must learn to do only those things in separate age groups which we cannot in all conscience do together

Our church gives us lots of opportunities to do things with everyone else and doesn't have loads of things which are just for adults.

The concept of the "Priesthood of all Believers" includes children

Everyone in our church can be equally close to God; praying and serving.

## **FLOWER ROTA**

<b><u>June 2019</u></b>	<b><u>July2019</u></b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Mr Mrs Philip Read	7 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Helen Cunningham
9 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Joyce Deans	14 <sup>th</sup> Mrs Lesley Lambert
16 <sup>th</sup> Jane & Roger Weedon	21 <sup>st</sup> Mrs Barbara Palacio
Mrs Joanna Dermont	28 <sup>th</sup> Mr Don Bull
30 <sup>th</sup>	

The 2019 Flower Rota is in the Rotas folder on the Book Case at the back of the church. We still have spaces in 2019 for anyone who would like to donate so please contact me or just add your name to one of the blank dates. You can arrange the flowers yourself or leave it to one of the team. Cheques for the Flower Fund should be made payable to Joyce Nicolson and please let me know if you would like your contribution to be Gift Aided.

If you have an interest in flowers and would like to join us please let me know as we currently depend on four ladies to look after creating the displays for Sunday Worship. We are happy to work alongside new recruits until they feel confident to go it alone.

On the 1st Sunday each month the display is usually created by Dorothy and on the 3rd Sunday by Margaret R with myself looking after 2<sup>nd</sup> and Barbara P 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays and Mary S covering 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays when they arise.

Joyce on behalf of the Flower and Décor Team.

Tel 07886392602 email joycen2@hotmail.com



## **CHURCH DIARY JUNE 2019**

Saturday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2.00 – 4.30pm	Breakfast Church Tea Dance
Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Food bank Sunday	10.30 -11.30am	Morning Worship including Communion led by Robert Harvey
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 2-4pm 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Thursday Club Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Saturday 8 <sup>th</sup>		Wedding
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup> Pentecost	10.00-10.45am  11am -12 noon	Family Friendly Service led by Wendy Morning Worship led by Robert Harvey
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Saturday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Breakfast Church

Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup> Fellowship Lunch	10.30-11.30am	Morning Worship led by the Worship Group
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 2-4pm 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Thursday Club Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Exploring the Bible
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10.30-11.30am	All Together Morning Worship Led by Jane
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm 7pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Elders
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	United Harpenden/WGC Morning Worship led by Jane at WGC followed by joint Church Meeting

Jane on holiday until 4<sup>th</sup> June dates she will be available at WGC  
(Subject to change)

20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>. 30<sup>th</sup>

## CHURCH DIARY JULY 2019

Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 9.30 depart back 7pm approx. 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Thursday Club Summer Trip Cellar  Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup>	10 am	Exploring the Bible
Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 2 – 4.30pm	Breakfast Church Tea Dance
Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup> <b>Food Bank Sunday</b>	10.30am	Morning Worship including communion led by Jane
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Lent Course
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	10.30-11.30am	Morning Worship followed by Church Family BBQ
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry

Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9.30-11.30am 2-4pm  4.15-6pm 8pm	Chatter'n Tots Thursday Club Garden Party @ Ann's Cellar Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am 7.00 -10.30pm	Exploring the Bible Summer Ball
Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup>	10.00-11.30am	Breakfast Church
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> Fellowship Lunch Change for Change Sunday	10.30-11.30am	Morning Worship led by the Worship Group
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Knit n Natter Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup>	8pm	Bible Study at Sanjays
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	10 am 2pm	Exploring the Bible Parents & Tiddlers
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	All Together Morning Worship Led by Jane
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	10-12noon 12.30-2pm 7pm	Community Coffee Morning Lunchtime Discussion Group Elders
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup>	1.30-3.30pm 7.30-8.30pm	Baby Group Christian Meditation in Vestry

Jane on holiday from 13<sup>th</sup>- 20<sup>th</sup> July.

Dates she will be available at WGC (Subject to change)

2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>

## What's on in the Church

June/July 2019

Group Name	Day	Time
Welwyn Garden Craft Club (2 <sup>nd</sup> Mon)	Mon	2pm - 4pm
Strong Zumba	Mon	4.15pm-5.15pm
Men's Games Club	Mon	7pm - 10pm
Hatfield Tai Chi	Mon	7pm - 9pm
Pregnancy Yoga	Mon	7.30pm - 9pm
HomeStart Parent & Toddler Group	Tues	10am - 12noon
Community Coffee Morning	Tues	10am - 12noon
Lunchtime Discussion Group	Tues	12.30pm - 2pm
Slimming World	Tues	3.30pm, 5.30pm, 7.30pm
CBT Skills Group	Tues	5.30pm - 7.30pm
Knit and Natter (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Wed)	Wed	10am - 12noon
Carers in Herts (3 <sup>rd</sup> Wed)	Wed	12noon - 2pm
AA Meeting	Wed	12.30pm-1.30pm
Baby Group	Wed	1.30pm - 3.30pm
Zumba	Wed	4.15pm-5.15pm
NHS Carers (1 <sup>st</sup> Wed)	Wed	6pm - 7.30pm
Somewhere2sing	Wed	7pm-9pm
Christian Meditation	Wed	7.30pm - 8.30pm
Pregnancy Yoga	Wed	7.30pm - 9pm
Chatter & Tots	Thurs	9.30am - 11.15am
Thursday Club Social Group for 50+ (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Thurs)	Thurs	2pm - 4pm
Cellar Club - Food for the Homeless & Vulnerable	Thurs	4.15pm - 6.30pm
Slimming World	Thurs	5 - 9pm
WGC Folk Dance Club	Thurs	8pm - 10pm
Trefoil Guild (2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs)	Thurs	8pm -10pm
Explore The Bible & Prayer Group	Fri	10am - 11.30am
Start to do Art	Fri	1pm - 2pm
Parent & Tiddlers (2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Fri)	Fri	2pm - 3.30pm
Mums Support Group	Fri	
WelHat Council Dance Class	Fri	6.30pm -7.30pm
Archaeological Society (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Fri)	Fri	8pm - 10pm
Slimming World	Sat	7.30-12.30pm
Breakfast Church (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sat)	Sat	10am - 11.30am
Tea Dance (1 <sup>st</sup> Sat)	Sat	2pm - 4pm
Chiltern West Gallery Quire (2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat)	Sat	2pm - 5pm
Worship Service	Sun	10.30am - 12noon

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