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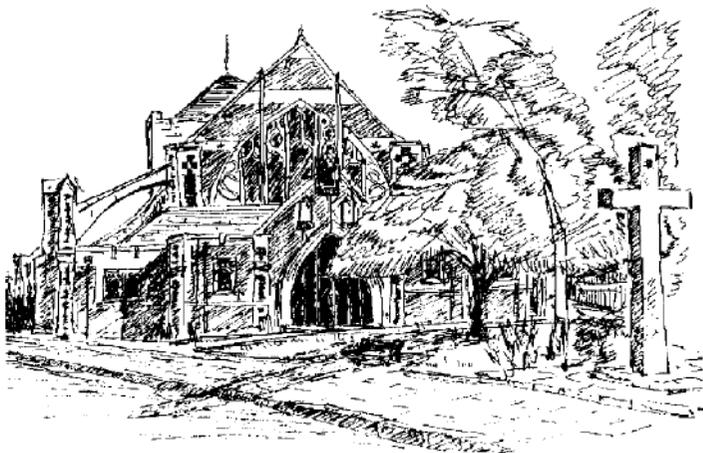
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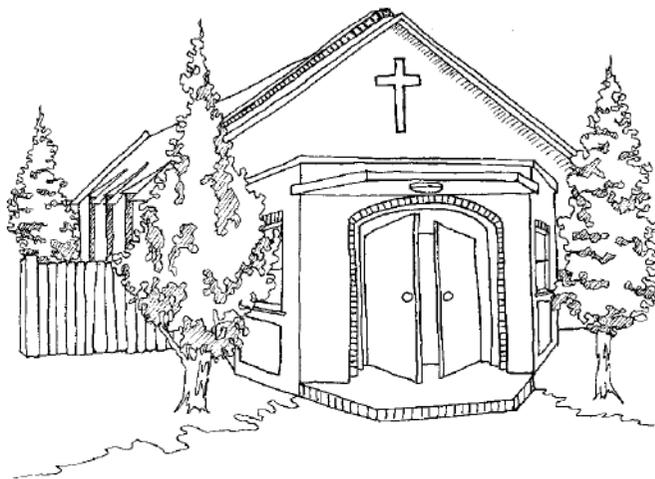
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WEST WATFORD FREE CHURCH
(Baptist)
'Church by the Zebra Crossing'
Tolpits Lane, Watford

A Pastoral Letter.....

Dear Friends,

It's that time of year again - between St Michael & the Holy Angels, and All Saints and All Souls - a time when we are reminded of the transitoriness of things and of how we live in the company of unseen companions - a sort of in-between time in keeping with nature's 'mists and mellow fruitfulness'. Even here in Crete, from where I am writing this letter, there is more than a hint of autumn, and with the Tavernas closing soon at the end of the tourist season, it feels like an in-between time here as well. Here too the saints are never far away-in the numerous little Orthodox chapels and wayside shrines silently witnessing still in the steps of St Paul who took refuge from a storm at sea at Fair Havens (Kaloï Limenes) near where we are staying. And all bathed in the light and colours of nature in pomegranates and grapes, olives and oranges ready for harvesting.

A time of transition then, including in the life of our church, as we celebrate Fr John's long and cherished ministry, building on what he gave us and awaiting the appointment of his successor, but also of continuities, especially in the ways in which we support one another as well as ministering to our neighbours.

In one of our forays into villages high in the hills we were 'adopted' by an old man who - speaking no English and we no Greek - with many signs and gestures led us for an hour up and down pathways and alleys to show us his garden and fruit trees, the house he was renovating and his church of St Mary next door to it, where he kissed the icons repeatedly crossing himself. The people of these villages have a long history of oppression, most recently during the second world war, and our guide pointed out the apertures in the wall surrounding the church through which the villagers had attempted to defend themselves with rifles from the invading forces. So, not far below the idyllic surface lies history still awaiting healing, and it occurred to me later that this elderly man was, in his way, among the ministering angels and saints, deeply aware of the past but not imprisoned by it, witnessing instead to the beauty around him -and building a house. Like the prophet Jeremiah who bought some land at a time of great uncertainty, this man was declaring his confidence in God and the future. It would have been worth visiting Crete for that experience alone, but of course there was much more!

May we too be ready in all life's challenges and changes to affirm our confidence in God's loving purposes- in the company of the Saints and Angels.

With love and prayers



Funerals

29th September 2008

JOYCE MAYES met her husband, Ivor, when she was working at the old Odeon Cinema which was near the pond . They both loved ballroom dancing and often went to dances at the Town Hall. They were married in 1950, and it was a marriage that lasted over 50 years until Ivor's death. Joyce was a lady who made and kept friends and she would often stop in the Harlequin to chat to someone she had known at school or at work. Joyce was a family lady who had a special way of relating to children, and who enjoyed the company of her grandchildren, often reading to them – stories they still remember. There were family holidays too, spent at the sea-side in this country because Joyce never wanted to go abroad. She was deeply loved and it was said of her that she had a good life, was a lovely lady and a good friend. We send our sincere sympathy to her daughter Christine, her son Andy and to the members of their families.

Violet



A HARVEST THANK YOU!

Thank you for your generous donations of harvest gifts for the New Hope Trust which have now been forwarded.

The cash collection for The Bishop of St Albans' Harvest Appeal raised £162.71 and this has also been forwarded. I have received an acknowledgement from the Bishop which is printed on the next page.

Thank you again for supporting both of these worthy causes.

Paul Chandler



EVENSONG

Please note that during the winter months, the starting time of normal Evensong has changed to 3.30 pm.

ADVENT WORKSHOP

This will be on Saturday, 29 November 2008. There are some exciting plans being made for it so please look out for explanatory leaflets in church.



THE BISHOP OF ST ALBANS
The Rt Revd Christopher Herbert

22 October 2008

Dear Mr Chandler,

Harvest for the Hungry

I am very aware of the calls on churches for outward-giving and equally aware that many individuals give sacrificially to a wide variety of good causes.

I write to thank you most warmly for your generous gift to my Harvest for the Hungry appeal. You will know that the money raised will bring real hope to needy communities and gives practical expression to our Christian faith.

Again, thank you so much for your gift.

Yours
Christopher Herbert

Mr Paul Chandler
Churchwarden
115 Kensington Avenue
Watford
WD18 7RZ

CHRISTMAS FAIR

in Church and Littlebury Hall

Saturday 8 November 2008

11.00 – 2.30 pm

**Come for
gifts, cards, cakes,
preserves, fun**

and an

Excellent Lunch



PARISH WALK

If you wish to know about the plans (including the date) of any parish walk please telephone Bob Bilson (227276).



ST MICHAEL'S MOTHERS' UNION DIARY



Saturday 8th November

The Christmas Fair –We man the cake stall.

Wednesday 10th December

The Christmas Coffee Morning with a Bring & buy stall in aid of MU funds.

At the October meeting Violet showed us a lot of beautiful pictures of the wonderful things she saw in Turkey when she went on a pilgrimage this year. Some of the places she went to had been visited by St Paul on his missionary journeys, many years ago.

Pat Gandy



**The
Children's
Society**

This years Christingle Service will be held at the 11.15 service on Sunday 14th December. There will be a Bring & Buy sale on Sunday 7th December to help pay for the oranges etc. needed to make up the Christingles.

Your support would be most welcome.

Yours sincerely,

Norma Twitchin



FINAL COPY DATE FOR DECEMBER SWORD:-

Midday on Sunday 23rd November 2008

Please submit copy before this date if possible -

hard copy, floppy disc or e-mail to

DENNIS.H.BEACH@sky.com

Volunteers required for Kids' Club @ St Michael's!

Mission statement

To show hospitality to all primary school children within our community

To provide a safe, relaxed and fun environment in which children can play and socialise.

(We are committed to using recycled equipment and materials for craft and games, and to providing a healthy, vegetarian, dairy, nut-free snack at each session)

This activity is entirely volunteer led!

Are you able to spare a few hours each Thursday afternoon?

Would you like to join our rota of volunteers (all ages) to help run Kids' club?

Even if you cannot make it between 15:30 – 17:00 would you be willing to set up the church earlier on the Thursday? Or help clear away @ 17:00

Do you like playing board games?

Could you referee an indoor soccer match?

Lego/puzzles?

The children are **great** - *and* love their club, **but we do need more help-PLEASE!!**

Contact Jane Talbot

halfsentence@yahoo.co.uk

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DIARY OF EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER

1st	Sat	ALL SAINTS	
2nd	SUN	ALL SOULS/MEMORIAL	
		Holy Communion with reading of Chantry List	8.00 am
		MEMORIAL SERVICE (Pres & Preacher: The Rev Gary Russell)	9.30 am
		Crèche available; Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	
		Evensong (Off: Fay Storey)	3.30 pm
5th	Wed	Bring-&-Share lunch	12.30 pm
6th	Thu	Holy Communion	10.00 am
		Fairhaven during morning	
		Kids' Club	3.30 – 5 pm
		Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30 pm
7th	Fri	Set-up for Christmas Fair during afternoon & evening	
8th	Sat	CHRISTMAS FAIR 11.00 am – 2.30 pm (in Church & Hall)	
		RSCM Examinations in Choir Vestry	from 9.00 am
		(Bishop's Farewell Service at Abbey)	2.30 pm)
9th	SUN	REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY (Third before Advent)	
		SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres: Fr George; Preacher: Violet Allen Smith)	9.30 am
		Crèche available	
		The 11.15 Service of Thanksgiving and Praise	11.15 am
		River Court Service	3.00 pm
		Evensong (Off: Martin Heath)	3.30 pm
10th	Mon	Service at The Chase Care Home	3.00 pm
12th	Wed	Service at Home Manor Court (Violet)	3.00 pm
		Bible Study (I Samuel Ch 7) (Choir Vestry)	8.00 pm
13th	Thu	Holy Communion	10.00 am
		St Anthony's during morning	
		Kids' Club	3.30 – 5 pm
		Choir Practice	7.00 – 8.30 pm
14th	Fri	Work on organ in church – all day	
16th	SUN	SECOND BEFORE ADVENT	
		SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher: Rev Ian Pankhurst)	9.30 am
		Crèche available; Sunday School in Littlebury Hall	
		Baptism of Remmize Ansell-Petrie	2.00 pm
		Evensong (Off: Graham Mordue)	3.30 pm
18th	Tue	Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary	8.00 pm
19th	Wed	Mission & Stewardship Committee (in Clergy Vestry))	10.00 am

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20th	Thu	Holy Communion Kids' Club Choir Practice	3.30 – 5 pm 7.00 – 8.30 pm	10.00 am
23rd	SUN	SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT – CHRIST THE KING SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres: Fr George; Preacher: Martin Heath) Crèche available; Sunday School in Littlebury Hall Evensong (Off: Martin Heath)		9.30 am 3.30 pm
29th	Nov	Advent Workshop (see leaflet for details)		
30th	SUN	ADVENT SUNDAY SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher: Fr George) Crèche available; Sunday School in Littlebury Hall Evensong (Off: Graham Mordue)		3.30 pm

ADVANCE DATES FOR DECEMBER

2nd	Tue	Intercessory Prayer Group (Choir Vestry)		2.30 pm
3rd	Wed	PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL		7.55 pm
7th	Sun	Holy Communion SUNG EUCHARIST (Pres & Preacher: The Rev John Orme)		8.00 am 9.30 am
13th	Sat	Followed by a bring-&-buy in aid of Christingle RADLETT CHORAL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CONCERT (Church in use afternoon and evening)		
14th	Sun	Christingle Service will be at 11.15 am Service for Compassionate Friends		6.30 pm

Morning Prayer is said daily in the Lady Chapel (Monday to Friday) at 9.00 am.

A service of Holy Communion is held every Thursday at 10.00 am. Both this and the 8 am which is held on the first Sunday of the month are Order One in Traditional Language.

The Toddlers' Group meets in Church every Monday from 10.00 – 11.30 am.

Tea, Coffee & Squash are served in Church every Wednesday from 10.30 until noon. On the first Wednesday of the month this is followed by a bring-and-share lunch at 12.30 pm



We believe in life before death

Ms A Makin
St Michael & All Angels Church
37 St. James Road
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07 October 2008

Re: St Michael & All Angels Church

Dear Ms Makin

Many thanks for your kind donation of £92.55 on 01 October 2008 towards the work of Christian Aid. Your gift will help support our work in more than 50 of the worlds poorest countries.

Christian Aid believes in strengthening people to find their own solutions to the problems they face. We do whatever is needed to support poor people and their communities, whether it's speaking out against the causes of poverty or funding vital work on the ground. The generosity of our supporters means we are currently able to support over 600 partner organisations around the world as they work towards ending the injustice of poverty.

Once again, thank you so much for your continued support of our work with and for the poorest communities on earth. With your continued help, we can make a difference.

Yours Sincerely

Rebecca Fensome

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An update on how Lesley Kinch is recovering

Many of you have asked how Lesley is getting on since her recent surgery.

She is getting better slowly but very surely.

This last operation has taken an enormous amount out of her both physically and emotionally.

Unfortunately, her wound hasn't healed completely yet BUT she has returned to leading our Childrens' Service again and has even wheeled herself to her local shops!! Apart from being fantastic, it is also amazing because the pavements are very uneven around Watford and at times, she can feel very vulnerable.

Disability Recreation Unity Movement

is a fabulous organisation based in Watford, providing day services and support to adults with physical disabilities. It has a varied programme including art, craft, drama and yoga. It is a place where people can socialise with others in the same situation.

Suffering from depression is common when people acquire a disability and

Lesley feels that attending would enhance her recovery further and plans to join very soon.

DRUM is a charity, but it does cost to join the group and there is a fee for each session.

Many of you have also asked what you can do to help Lesley during her recovery.

If you would like to donate any money to help Lesley join DRUM it would be of great benefit to her.

Please find some marked envelopes around the church and a box for you to put them in.

Thank you very much

Jane Talbot

WEST WATFORD FREE CHURCH (BAPTIST)

NEWSLETTER

Tolpits Lane, Holywell, Watford

Pastor: Garth Woodhead

SERVICES:

EVERY Sunday morning there is an Act of Worship at 10.30am to which everyone is welcome. Children present have their own session from about 11.00am onwards.

Holy Communion is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of each month.

Refreshments are served in the hall immediately following the service and you are invited to spent time in fellowship with other members of the congregation.

There are occasional evening services in conjunction with St Michael and All Angels and Trinity Methodist Church - listen out for details.

FROM THE HERTS BAPTIST FORUM'S PRAYER LINK:

2nd Markyate - Rev Dawn Brown.

9th St. James Road Baptist Church. Rev Stephen Harrison & Dave Penny (Youth Minister).

16th Emmanuel Shared Church Ware - Captain Steve Rogers.

23rd Borehamwood Baptist Church - Rev Ray Ellis.

30th Central Baptist Association.

FROM THE BAPTIST UNION'S DIARY:

2nd Siloam Baptist Church, Cardiff located on the Llanrumney Estate on the outskirts of Cardiff.

9th The Armed Forces at this time of heightened tensions in theatres of conflict.

16th South Eastern Baptist Association.

23nd Women's Justice Committee set up to monitor the representation of women in the Union's ministry.

30th National Baptist Resource Centre at Didcot.

FROM THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY SOCIETY'S PRAYER GUIDE:

2nd - 9th Ecuador & Paraguay - The rapidly growing urban slums of Ecuador's major city, Guayaquil .. the deprived children of poor urban,

rural and indigenous committee .. the largely forgotten but quickly increasing proportion of the elderly in Latin American countries - these are the areas in which BMS is partnering, for greater mission impact, the Baptist churches in Ecuador and Paraguay.

10th - 15th Bulgaria - Bulgaria's transition from communism to democracy and a market economy has not been a smooth one. Despite some progress, incomes and the living standards have remained low and human rights organisations have criticised the lack of care provision for the disabled and mentally ill, for the homeless, for children and for minorities such as the Roma, who account for around 14% of the population.

16th - 22nd Mid-term volunteers - the volunteers are just arriving at the International Mission Centre in Birmingham.

23rd - 29th Bangladesh - the land of Bangladesh today presents many challenges, but also diversity and opportunity. Frequent natural disasters affect the poor in particular and seem to be mirrored by political chaos which disables them further. However, at the same time, many are responding to the Gospel from a variety of social and faith backgrounds.

CHURCH AND FAMILY NEWS & VIEWS:

Here is the latest news from India - Again we give our thanks to our wonderful Lord and King for the abundant response to the Bazaar on Saturday, September 27th. We again give thanks for all the collecting, storing, cooking, arranging, praying, giving of time and finance. It was a huge success and to see all the familiar faces of so many people we have got to know. Every one got a bargain!! Stella and her husband, Don, had the joy of handing £80 to each of 5 Pastors in Bangalore... praying the Lord will bless and increase a 100 fold as these Pastors go out to reach the unreached with the love of Jesus. Thank you all so much from all the team!

PS Stella and Don arrived back safely: from India and will be sharing their experiences [HERE](#) on the 2nd at 10.30am.

If you want to send a Christmas greeting to Steve, Caroline and Hannah Sanderson this year you can send your cards, presents and greetings to them at Baptist Union of Uganda PO Box 7508 Kampala UGANDA - check with your local post office for last posting dates. Incidentally their birthdays are August 20th for Steve and April 11th for Caroline.

We do seem to have a long list of our fellowship members and their relatives - here are some to remember in your prayers: Joyce Middleton's husband, John; Joyce Poulton; Elizabeth Payne. We try and keep up to date with their condition during the Sunday morning services.

The experiment of taking refreshments in the hall after service seems to be working satisfactorily and will continue in perpetuity.

This month sees the marking of Remembrance Sunday (Poppy Day) on the 9th with the 2 minutes silence in addition to that marked on Armistice Day, 11th. Advent Sunday is on the 30th.

If you can spare sometime for the Christmas Wrap in the Harlequin Shopping Centre next month then there is a training session at St Luke's Langley Way on the 13th at 7.30pm(?).

Please continue to save plastic bottle tops and hand them in a clean state to Renie Morgan. Beryl Daniels will take your orders for Peace Hospice Christmas cards and get them for you.

'TALE' PIECE:

This month's 'Tale' piece has been submitted by Audrey Snow, its taken from ' Waiting for God' by Andrew Murray

'Everyone who wants to learn the art of waiting for God must listen and be quiet. Take time to be away from friends, from duties, from cares and joys; time to be still and quiet before God. Give the Word and prayer high priority; but remember, even these good things may get in the way of simply waiting. The activity of the mind needed to study the Word and to put thoughts into prayer and the activity of the heart with its desires and hopes and fears, may distract us from waiting on the One who knows our minds and heart. Our whole being is not allowed to become prostrate in silence before Him. Though at first it may be difficult to set aside these activities for a time, every effort to do so will be rewarded. We will find that this kind of waiting gives peace and renewed energy we have not known.'

BIRTHDAYS:

20th Jacqui Cottenham

13th Garth Woodhead

Alan Cockram

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The names of members of the Parochial Church Council and their membership of the various committees will be found on the Church Notice Board.

* Members of the Pastoral Team.

For the Month's Diary of events and details of all Church Services please turn to the centre pages of this magazine.

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