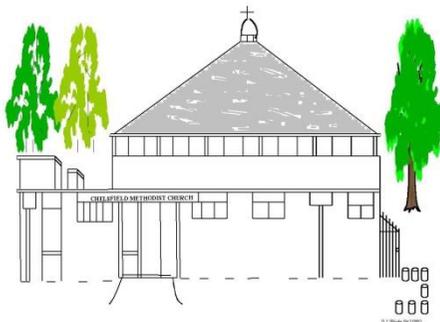


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**JUNE 2019**

## A Letter from The Manse

Dear Friends,

Well there I was along with about 1500+ bikers who had all turned out in support of The Veterans for Justice at a protest in Cardiff a week or two ago. The bikers rode in a long procession of roaring bikes, some adorned with regimental flags and it was a sight to behold. Now all was going well until the procession (headed by older veterans) were halted by a police van across the road.

The Police officer (who looked about sixteen, bless him) had been charged by his superiors to tell the procession that the route had been changed and the procession must now divert. Well there began the stand-off, the bikers and veterans point blank refused to re-route and loose the impact of the demonstration. The police officer had his orders and Cardiff had ground to a halt! We were at a crossroads and there were two different opinions on the way forward.

I'm sure there have been many times in life when you have differed in opinion with friends, family or work colleagues about what is the best way forward. Churches are not immune as they look to the future – what is the right way forward? Embrace the modern world – hold to the traditions of the past? Which is the right way? Which is God's way?

Even Jesus faced a hard decision when he entered Jerusalem. The cheering crowds eagerly hoped he would turn toward Herod's palace on his

triumphant route and seize political power but instead he turned toward the temple to indicate that our hearts need to change not the political system.

And of course, here we are many long months into Brexit and let's not even go there with all the differing opinions and views on Europe!

As Christians we live in a world of differing opinions, political standpoints, and theologies. And for me part of being a Christian is to bring God's perspective when we face a difficult decision to make. God's perspective doesn't mean we take the easy route but we take the one that most reflects Kingdom values of love, respect and selfless giving.

Well in the end the young police officer moved the police van blocking the road. I'm not sure whether he got in trouble with his superiors but his actions brought a peaceful outcome as tensions were raised. The traffic returned to normal, the veterans and bikers continued peacefully and there was not a whisper of trouble.

I wonder whether we will be people who help move others on in conflict and in-pass when we meet disagreement in our community?

And if you want to see your minister riding his motorcycle in that protest it's on 'You Tube' - just search: 'Veterans Protest Cardiff'

Yours in Christ,

Terry

## SERVICES IN JUNE 2019

Sunday 2nd	10.30am	Rev. David Graham Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & Karen Bashford
Sunday 9th	10.30am	PENTECOST Nelson Pallister Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 16th	10.30am	TRINITY SUNDAY Mr R Brandhorst Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & Karen Bashford
Sunday 23rd	10.30am	Rev. Terry Wright HC Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 30th	10.30am	Circuit Service at Orpington Methodist Church

## CHURCH CARE

A reminder of our rota for Church and vestry cleaning prior to:

June

2nd	Brenda
9th	Paul
16th	Rodney and Shirley
23rd	Brenda
30th	Paul

## OUR PRAYER DIARY FOR JUNE 2019

### June 2 CHURCHES TOGETHER IN ORPINGTON

**PRAYER:** Gracious God we pray for Churches Together in Orpington and its aim to enable all the different Churches in this neighbourhood to work together to spread the message of your redeeming love. We pray for the clergy, church workers and congregations in and around Orpington witnessing for you whilst going about their daily lives.  
Amen.

### June 9 PENTECOST

‘Suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven.....and there appeared to them flames like tongues of fire.’ (Acts 2:2-3) How else could the disciples describe experiencing the presence of the Holy Spirit whose power takes on so many different forms depending upon what is necessary in the circumstances?

**PRAYER:** Holy Spirit through whom came the energy to create everything in this universe, breathe into our lives. Forgive us, correct us, strengthen us and use us. Help us to be aware that you need us to continue what Jesus did when he was on earth seeking to help all those in need; the young, the sick, the anxious, the distressed, the bereaved. Help us to spread the message of hope, love and peace to those around us. Make each one of us complete in you.  
Amen.

### June 16 TRINITY SUNDAY

The doctrine of the Trinity is not to be found anywhere in the New Testament. It was developed on the experience of the early Christian scholars. In the same way it is through the revelation from what we have read in the Bible about Jesus, our reasoning and personal experience that we come to our own conclusions.

**PRAYER:** God the Father, you used your creative Spirit to construct a vast and various universe; God the Son you came to show us how we should live; God the Holy Spirit you come into our lives to transform, renew, strengthen and guide us. Triune God we thank you that your diversity enables us to know you are present with us in whatever situation we find ourselves.  
Amen.

### **June 23 DESTITUTE CHILDREN**

It is now 78 years since the last train full of Jewish children left for England under the Kindertransport scheme.

Over four years Jewish parents sent 10,000 children to England to escape Nazi oppression, in most cases never to see them again. Today there are many hundreds of children travelling across Europe, unaccompanied by their parents, hoping to begin a new life in England or another country willing to look after them.

**PRAYER:** Merciful God forgive us that hearts can be hardened and innocent destitute children can suffer in this day and age. May barriers be opened. Stir the conscience of politicians and all in authority to end the plight of these children. Through Jesus Christ.

Amen

### **June 30 CIRCUIT SERVICE & CONFERENCE SUNDAY**

Just as we will be gathering together at OMC for our Circuit Service we think of those who have gathered in Birmingham for the Methodist Church's annual Conference.

Conference sends representatives from each District once a year to evaluate the state of the Methodist Church.

This covers such things as the appointment and retirement of Presbyters and Deacons, Mission at home and abroad, Finance and the reception of Memorials to Conference. The latter are matters of concern raised by church members at their local Circuit Meeting. These are discussed by Conference and are either adopted or rejected; all very democratic. However, unlike any business meeting, God is always held to the fore.

**PRAYER:** Almighty God we pray for the outcome of the decisions made at our Annual Methodist Conference. May they be in accordance with your will. May all resolutions be passed in harmony in the knowledge that your Holy Spirit has been guiding the delegates.

We also thank you Lord for the opportunity to worship altogether as a Circuit and pray that our love for You and one another may give us strength to embrace the decisions of Conference for another year by doing your will within our local community.

Amen.

# What's on during the week?

(Regular Clubs and Classes – term times)

## **Mondays:**

9.30 – 11.00am     Yoga  
2.00 – 2.30 &  
4.15 – 8.00pm     Ballet & Dance (Zena)

## **Tuesdays:**

10.00am – noon     AcaFellas                     (every other Tuesday)  
1.30 – 4.30pm     Art Club                     (every other Tuesday)  
5.00 – 7.00pm     Kumon Class

## **Wednesdays:**

10:30 – 11:30am     CJP Academy  
2.00 – 2.45pm     Ballet (Coleen)  
7.00 – 8.00pm     Pilates                     In the church and hall  
8.00 – 9.00pm     Pilates                     In the church and hall

## **Thursdays:**

9.30 – 11.00am     Yoga  
2.00 – 2.45pm     Ballet (Coleen)  
4.00 – 6.00pm     Ballet (Coleen)  
8.20 – 9.20pm     Pilates

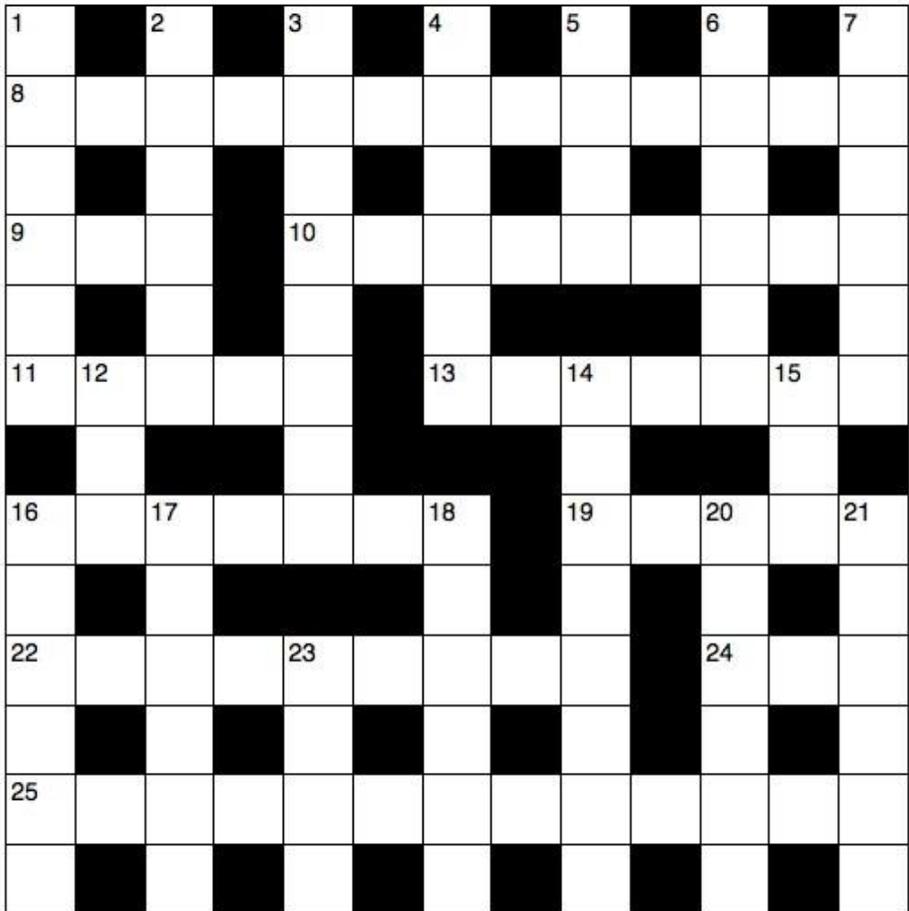
## **Fridays:**

9.35 – 10.35am     Pilates  
10.45 – 11.45am     Pilates  
Noon – 1pm     Pilates (Post Natal)  
5.00 – 5.45pm     Dance (Zena)

## **Saturdays:**

4.00 – 6.00pm     Kumon Class

# Puzzle Pages



## Crossword Clues

### Across

8 Laban complained he had not been allowed to kiss them when Jacob fled with his family (Genesis 31:28) (13)

9 In favour of (3)

10 'The child's father and mother — at what was said about him' (Luke 2:33) (9)

11 Swagger (Psalm 12:8) (5)

- 13 'Terrors — him on every side and dog his every step' (Job 18:11) (7)
- 16 Bay bits (anag.) (7)
- 19 Preach, address an audience, speak in public (5)
- 22 Holy Communion (9)
- 24 'On their way to — out the land, Joshua instructed them, "Go and make a survey of the land"' (Joshua 18:8) (3)
- 25 Joseph advised Pharaoh to appoint these to administer his grain storage plan (Genesis 41:34) (13)

### **Down**

- 1 'Assyria's pride will be brought down and — sceptre will pass away' (Zechariah 10:11) (6)
- 2 'And Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in — with God and men' (Luke 2:52) (6)
- 3 The descendants of Esau (Genesis 36:9) (8)
- 4 The components of the crown that Jesus was made to wear before his crucifixion (John 19:2) (6)
- 5 Colour of cloth which was to cover holy objects in the tabernacle when moving camp (Numbers 4:6–12) (4)
- 6 One of the gold articles plundered from the Midianites offered to the Lord by the Israelite army 'to make atonement' (Numbers 31:50) (6)
- 7 'The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set — — ' (Jeremiah 31:29) (2,4)
- 12 Ate (anag.) (3)
- 14 'We ourselves... groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our — as sons' (Romans 8:23) (8)
- 15 Abram's nephew (Genesis 14:12) (3)
- 16 Rupture (Job 30:14) (6)
- 17 'Yet to all who received him... he gave the right to — children of God' (John 1:12) (6)
- 18 'I... asked him the true meaning of all — . — he told me and gave me the interpretation of these things' (Daniel 7:16) (4,2)
- 20 Military units (Exodus 14:20) (6)
- 21 'Joseph her husband was a righteous man and did not want to — her to public disgrace' (Matthew 1:19) (6)
- 23 Diva (anag.) (4)

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN JUNE

### JUNE

Tuesdays 11<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> 1.30 – 4pm Art Club

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> 10.30am Circuit Service at Orpington Methodist Church

### Thought for the Month

Each day begin your walk in the calm trust that God is at work in everything.

Proverbs 3 v5-6

If you wish to contribute to the July Newsletter, may I have your items by Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

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**Chelsfield Methodist Church is now online!**

The website link is [www.chelsfieldmethodistchurch.org.uk](http://www.chelsfieldmethodistchurch.org.uk)

Facebook page is [www.facebook.com/chelsfieldmc](http://www.facebook.com/chelsfieldmc)

Twitter [@chelsfieldcmc](https://twitter.com/chelsfieldcmc)

**Why not give us a like and share and keep updated on what's happening at the church.**

## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

**Audrey and Tom Lancaster** wish to thank everyone for their prayers, love and concerns for Ruth, Richard, Emily and Hannah during the stressful time they are experiencing. They say it is greatly appreciated.

**Jane and Paul Lowing** give thanks for the safe delivery of their second grandchild, **Dallas James Roper**, born to their son **James** and his partner **Terri** at the beginning of May. Dallas and the proud new family are seen here below.





James, Dallas and Terri

**Gordon and Gladys Handley** wish to thank everyone for their concerns following Gordon's operation for a broken thigh. They send their appreciation for all the messages and prayers that have been offered. Although Gordon has had another short stay in hospital his condition has improved and is recovering at home.



**The Art Club** are seen here enjoying their delayed Christmas lunch when they gathered at the Crooked Billet, Bexleyheath in April.

Although **Elsie Pollock** is not shown here she and her husband **George** will be celebrating, their eldest son, **Graham's** 60<sup>th</sup> birthday this weekend. We send him our best wishes for a happy day.