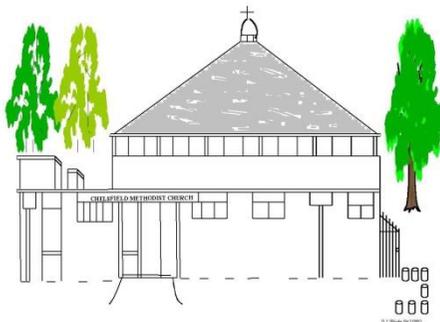


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## **JULY & AUGUST 2019**

### **A Letter from The Manse**

#### **Thoughts from The Manse**

A few years back Shirley and I were on our Honeymoon up in the Highlands of Scotland. We had hired a campervan and were driving up through the rugged countryside of lochs, mountains and wild coastline and there was one particular moment when I really felt like God was speaking to me in a very powerful way that is difficult to describe.

I was very suddenly minded of The Holy Trinity as I arrived on The Isle of Sky the weather seemed very Trinitarian. There was the awesome expanse of grey and white cloud that seemed to embrace everywhere, from one end of The Island to the other (The Father). Then there was the sun (Son) that broke through clouds touching my cheek - a touch from above invisible and yet present and then the wind like the spirit, turning wind turbines, bowing trees, causing waves to lap on the loch shores – full of dynamic of power.

For me in that moment the concept of Three in one was made real – I wonder how you understand The Trinity?

In this season of Pentecost we are invited to ponder the Trinity and believe me if we were living 400 years ago you would be very keen to know our minds as up until the 16<sup>th</sup> century you could be imprisoned

and executed if the powers of the day thought your beliefs were wrong about Father, Son & Holy Spirit! Thank goodness times have changed.

But what does the Holy Trinity matter to us today here at our church, in our homes and lives? Some say: The Trinity a theological concept that is best left for academics to ponder in the cloisters! Others say that this is a matter for the clergy – something they ought to know as professionals but something that doesn't affect the congregation.

I believe that a basic understanding of the Trinity enables us to fully understand God's work, plan and mission for the world and for us His church. I think not to give thought to the Trinity leaves us without a full picture of who God is and how he interacts with us today. It leaves us perhaps without the gifts and tools we need to build ourselves up as Christians and to build up our churches and fellowships.

For example, where God is revered alone we can feel distant from God, that supreme creator who holds life and death and all of creation can make a God who is remote, beyond us or worse cause us anxiety over our failure to be Holy as He is Holy. This was the position many Christians found themselves in prior to Wesley's Preaching and the 18<sup>th</sup> Cent revival – God was an object of fear and his love and grace remote.

Without The Son – we lose our vital connection with God. Jesus stepped out from Heaven to experience our world, our life, our trials with temptations, joys and sorrows. No other religion has a God who understand exactly who we are because Jesus walked this earth with us. And it goes without saying with our The Son we lose the grace and forgiveness won on the cross for us on Calvary. What Jesus did at Easter creates a bridge between heaven and earth for us.

Without The Spirit we lose God's touch on our lives here and now. Without the Spirit we lose the spiritual gifts, daily strength, the power to do his will and more than that in Romans 5:1-5 were told of a deep peace that the spirit brings no matter what we are going through.

So does The Trinity matter to us today in CHELSFIELD? in my view The Trinity is a vital part of what makes Christianity unique and solves the mystery of how a mighty God can be involved in our lives in the here and now.

Yours in Christ,

Terry

Please find below the link to our ministers Annual Sponsored Motorcycle Ride – The Wesley Trail - around the UK.

He will be starting off from our Church after the Service & Church Council on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July.

Terry is raising money for the charity Blue Cross.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/RevdTerry-Wright>

## SERVICES IN JULY & AUGUST 2019

Sunday 7th	10.30am	Mrs Julie Gardner Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 14th	10.30am	Revd. Gillian Walsh Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 21st	10.30am	Revd. Terry Wright HC With the Acafellas Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 28th	10.30am	Revd. Anthony Windsor Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 4th	10.30am	Mr David Ball Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther Praise
Sunday 11th	10.30am	Songs of Praise Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder
Sunday 18th	10.30am	Mrs Susan Cope Stewards: Audrey Lancaster & John Crowther
Sunday 25th	10.30am	Revd. David Graham HC Stewards: Rodney & Shirley Carder

# CHURCH CARE

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

July

7th	Rodney and Shirley
14th	Brenda
21st	Paul
28th	Rodney and Shirley

August

4th	Brenda
11th	Paul
18th	Rodney and Shirley
25th	Brenda

## TODDLER GROUP

We are hoping to start running a toddler group on a Friday afternoon down at the church. We are very excited about it and we are hoping it will attract families and carers alike to join us for a little play maybe a biscuit or two and a story and song to end our fun afternoon. We would love for people to be involved so if you are free please let us know!



# OUR PRAYER DIARY FOR JULY AND AUGUST 2019

## 7 July Action for Children Sunday

Set up 150 years ago by what was previously known as The National Children's Home, this Methodist charity enables care and support to be given to homeless children and young people suffering from abuse or deprivation.

We congratulate them on their great achievements in this field.

**PRAYER:** Loving Father God we pray for work done by Action for Children helping and caring for children lacking the security of a stable home. Bless the carers and helpers with wisdom, patience and fortitude to fulfil the needs of their charges. Give them strength in order to provide them with a loving, caring environment

**AMEN.**

## 14 July St Swithin's Day

Swithin, Bishop of Winchester, died in 862 and was originally buried in a simple grave. In 971 his body was lovingly transferred to a shrine in the Minster after which it was purported that it rained for forty days. The shrine was destroyed in the Reformation in 1518 but the legend lives on in spite of more accurate modern weather forecasting.

**PRAYER:** Almighty God, with today's knowledge it is easy to become cynical about past events which have become legends. Help us not to dismiss anything without first trying to find a reason for its conception. Help us in our search to get to know you by making use of the experience of those who have gone before us

**AMEN.**

## **21 July Holiday Time**

Perhaps we're beginning to get the feeling that it really is holiday time; a different routine; time to catch up on things that had been put to one side, and the like.

**PRAYER:** Thank you God for the opportunity to take time off to be different and enjoy ourselves. May it not only be a happy time for the children but a time for refreshment, renewal and invigoration for the elders so that they will be ready to face the rigour of every-day life once again.

**AMEN.**

## **28 July Time for Others**

Whilst some are enjoying their holidays there are others not so fortunate. Looking around the world we can see countries where people are living in fear, distress and affliction through violence or natural disasters.

**PRAYER:** Merciful God we pray for people who have suffered hardship; the loss of home and loved ones through disaster, warfare and violence; people suffering from illnesses which are easily cured in developed countries; others starving whilst food is wasted in affluent countries. Forgive us when we are insensitive to the needs of those forced to live in appalling conditions. Make us aware that we are all your children and equally eligible for your care.

**AMEN.**

## **4 August Examination Results**

Many will be waiting with apprehension to receive their examination results this month.

**PRAYER:** Father we pray for those who have received their results and those still waiting. Whatever the results, may the future of the recipients' lives be shaped for good. May any disappointment be short lived by a

determination that God's hand is always there to guide all those who are ready to put their hand in yours

**AMEN.**

### **11 August Summer Celebration / Songs of Praise**

This Sunday our Church will be holding a Summer Celebration service at which everybody will have the opportunity to take part in, if they wish.

**PRAYER:** Spirit of God inspire us as together we discover new ways of worshipping you. Assist us so that as we feel your presence, we may use this experience in our daily lives to love and serve our neighbours more. Through your Name's sake we ask this.

**AMEN.**

### **18 August Ministers' Stationing**

For dozens of our Ministers and their families this is a time of upheaval as they prepare to take up fresh appointments at churches in unfamiliar parts of the country.

**PRAYER:** Ever present God we pray for Ministers and remember that partners too may have had to leave enjoyable jobs and children and their friends. We pray that their move will not be too upsetting and that they will soon adapt to new situations whilst quickly become happy members of a new society.

We also pray for Paul Hulme as he "stands down" after 51 years as an active Minister in the Methodist Church. We give thanks for all the comfort, wisdom and support he gave to this Church, and its members, during the 9 years he was stationed in this Circuit.

**AMEN.**

## **25 August A New Methodist Year Ahead**

Like New Year in January, it's time to take stock. In Chelsfield some of us have seen many changes in the past fifty years. The World sees increases in prosperity for some whereas for others they languish in depression; similarly for some the same has happened in our church. But we cannot linger in the past. Like the political parties and other organisations there is a reluctance amongst younger people to engage in any of them; many are too busy trying to make ends meet. Our church in Windsor Drive is no exception. But the open door of the building however, is a witness that Christ is still alive no matter what sort of activities take place within it. There was a time when St. Paul had to tell the early Christians not to give up hope. We too have to carry on as best as we can living in that same hope that God knows what he's doing. As Terry now enters his second year with us we are keen to hear how he will develop this attitude of hope and offer him our support as we did for Paul and David.

**PRAYER:** Eternal God may we remember the words spoken by Jesus that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. No matter what hardship appears in front of us he is there. May we be strengthened by your Spirit. Prolong our hope knowing that one day your Kingdom WILL come on earth as it is in heaven.

**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

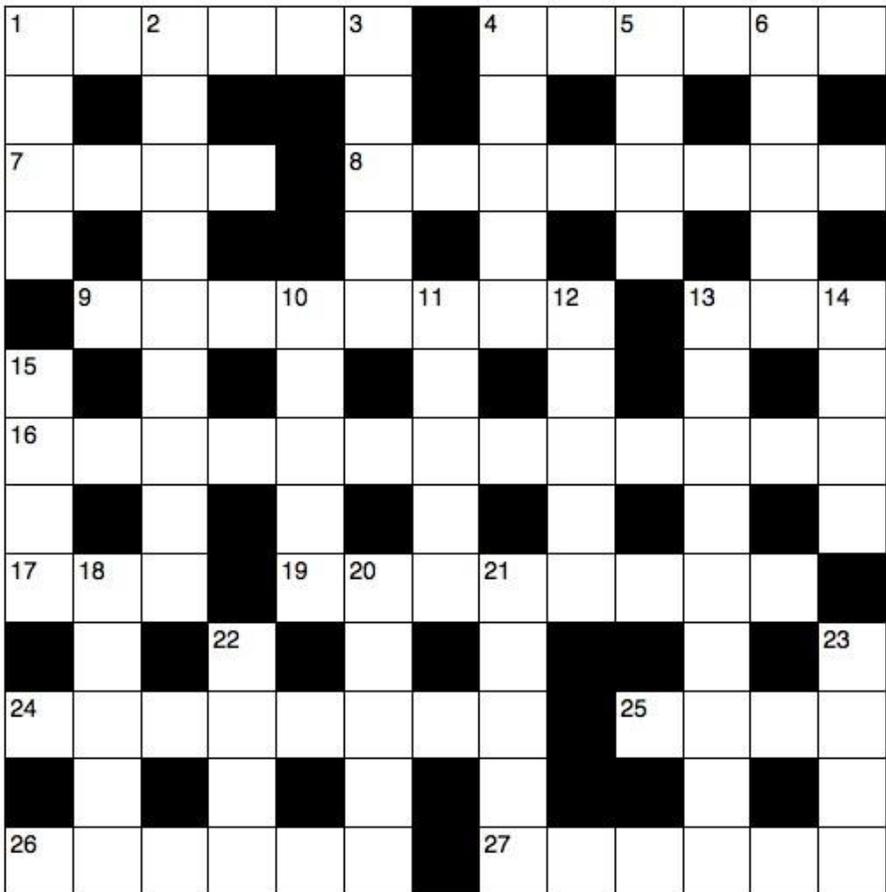
## **Fridays:**

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

- 1 'I pray that out of his glorious — he may strengthen you with power through his Spirit in your inner being' (Ephesians 3:16) (6)
- 4 'Saul's father Kish and — father Ner were sons of Abiel' (1 Samuel 14:51) (6)
- 7 'Praise the Lord, O my — ' (Psalm 103:1) (4)
- 8 See 5 Down

- 9 Laws (1 Kings 11:33) (8)
- 13 'Who of you by worrying can — a single hour to his life?' (Luke 12:25) (3)
- 16 Artistry (Exodus 31:5) (13)
- 17 'Your young men will see visions, your — men will dream dreams' (Acts 2:17) (3)
- 19 How David described his Lord (Psalm 19:14) (8)
- 24 'If this city is built and its — — restored, you will be left with nothing in Trans-Euphrates' (Ezra 4:16) (5,3)
- 25 'The holy Scriptures, which are able to make you — for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus' (2 Timothy 3:15) (4)
- 26 Intended destination of arrows (Lamentations 3:12) (6)
- 27 Eve hit (anag.) (6)

## **Down**

- 1 'For I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find — for your souls' (Matthew 11:29) (4)
- 2 Where Peter was when he denied Christ three times (Luke 22:55) (9)
- 3 Remarkable early 20th-century Indian evangelist, a convert from Hinduism, — Sundar Singh (5)
- 4 'Now the king had put the officer on whose — — leaned in charge of the gate' (2 Kings 7:17) (3,2)
- 5 and 8 Across The Lover describes this facial feature of the Beloved thus: 'Your — is like the tower of Lebanon looking towards — ' (Song of Songs 7:4) (4,8)
- 6 'Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled — your waist' (Ephesians 6:14) (5)
- 10 Trout (anag.) (5)
- 11 Easily frightened (1 Thessalonians 5:14) (5)
- 12 The ability to perceive (Ecclesiastes 10:3) (5)
- 13 One of the clans descended from Benjamin (Numbers 26:38) (9)
- 14 "It is one of the Twelve," he replied, "one who — bread into the bowl with me" (Mark 14:20) (4)
- 15 Resound (Zephaniah 2:14) (4)
- 18 Traditional seat of the Dalai Lama (5)
- 20 Precise (John 4:53) (5)

21 Build (Ezekiel 4:2) (5)

22 Beat harshly (Acts 22:25) (4)

23 Darius, who succeeded Belshazzar as king of the Babylonians, was one (Daniel 5:31) (4)

Last months filled in crossword, check if you were correct!

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## CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

### Memories of Sylvia Pope 11<sup>th</sup> May 1927 - 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019

#### Norma Green writes;

I do not know where Sylvia was born but I know that she lived in Forest Hill before moving to Bromley with her stepmother and stepsister Eileen.

Her mother died when she was only seven years old. Her father remarried a World War One widow who cared for her and her older brother Arthur, who finally settled in Australia. The two of them were in regular touch by phone right up until his death, which was when he was in his 90's. She continued the contact, via his family, until her death.

Whilst at school she was evacuated to Cornwall, during the Second World War, but on leaving got a job with the Bank of England (age 17) where she worked and taught.

All who knew Sylvia had a high regard for her and her many talents which included, editing the Newsletter, painting, cooking, sewing and gardening. Testimony to some of these can be seen in the wonderful hanging tableaux that adorned our Church walls for many years following the summer schools that the Church called Ark-Arky. These ran for 10-years.

Sylvia moved from Bromley into Warren Road with "Mum", having been a member of Bromley Common and Farnborough Churches before coming to Chelsfield where she gave much time and effort as well as nursing a blind mother.

Following her mother's death and increasing mobility problems she was persuaded by her step sister's family to move to Alton, Hants, where she enjoyed close contact and care throughout her time in Willow Court. When living at Willow Court became too much for her she reluctantly moved into Bredoncare which, through her positive attitude, she settled into quite well.

Sadly she then became unwell and was moved to Basingstoke Hospital where she died of pneumonia on the 7<sup>th</sup> April.

Her life was God filled with a positive, happy and caring attitude which endeared her to so many as a good and lovely friend. In her own words “...she had had a good life”. We thank God for her time among us.

### **Some more reminiscences of Sylvia Pope from Christine Endersby**

I first knew Sylvia when I was around 12. I moved to Bromley with my parents and she lived with her Mother and Aunt in the next road. I eventually joined the Bromley High Street Methodist Church and I soon found out that Sylvia plus Mum and Auntie went to Central Hall Methodist Church which was in the same circuit.

When Central Hall closed down she then came to Bromley High Street and so our association began.

Farnborough Methodist Church was also in the Bromley Circuit in those days and Sylvia became involved in that Church (having passed her driving test) and she struck up a friendship with Bob Baldock who seemingly organised that Church and on retirement became their lay Pastor.

They ran a Saturday evening group for people on their own and also a Sunday evening Service.

Bob was an amazing man, very humble and very caring. He even came to do pastoral work at our factory in Sevenoaks.

He and Sylvia were friends until he died. I always hoped that they would marry, but Bob was always doing something for someone else and it would never have worked out.

In the meantime Sylvia decided to move from Bromley and bought the house in Warren Road in which she lived with her Mum for many years and where she was a most amazing carer for her mother, who eventually became blind. She continued to attend Farnborough Church which, I believe, was until it closed down 10 years ago and that is then she came to Chelsfield as it was much closer for her.

Even after we moved from the area we never lost touch. Always writing letters at Christmas and enjoying each other's news. She was an amazing person and I will never forget her kind and caring manner towards everyone.

## ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES IN JULY/AUGUST

### JULY

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> 11.40am Church Council followed by Terry's departure on the Wesley Trail. See page 3

Tuesdays 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> 1.30 – 4pm Art Club  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> Coffee and cake after service

### AUGUST

Tuesdays 7<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> 1:30 -4pm Art Club

### Thought for the Month

With all your heart you must trust the Lord and not your own judgement. Always let Him lead you, and He will clear the road for you to follow.

Proverbs 3:5-6

If you wish to contribute to the September Newsletter, may I have your items by Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August.

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