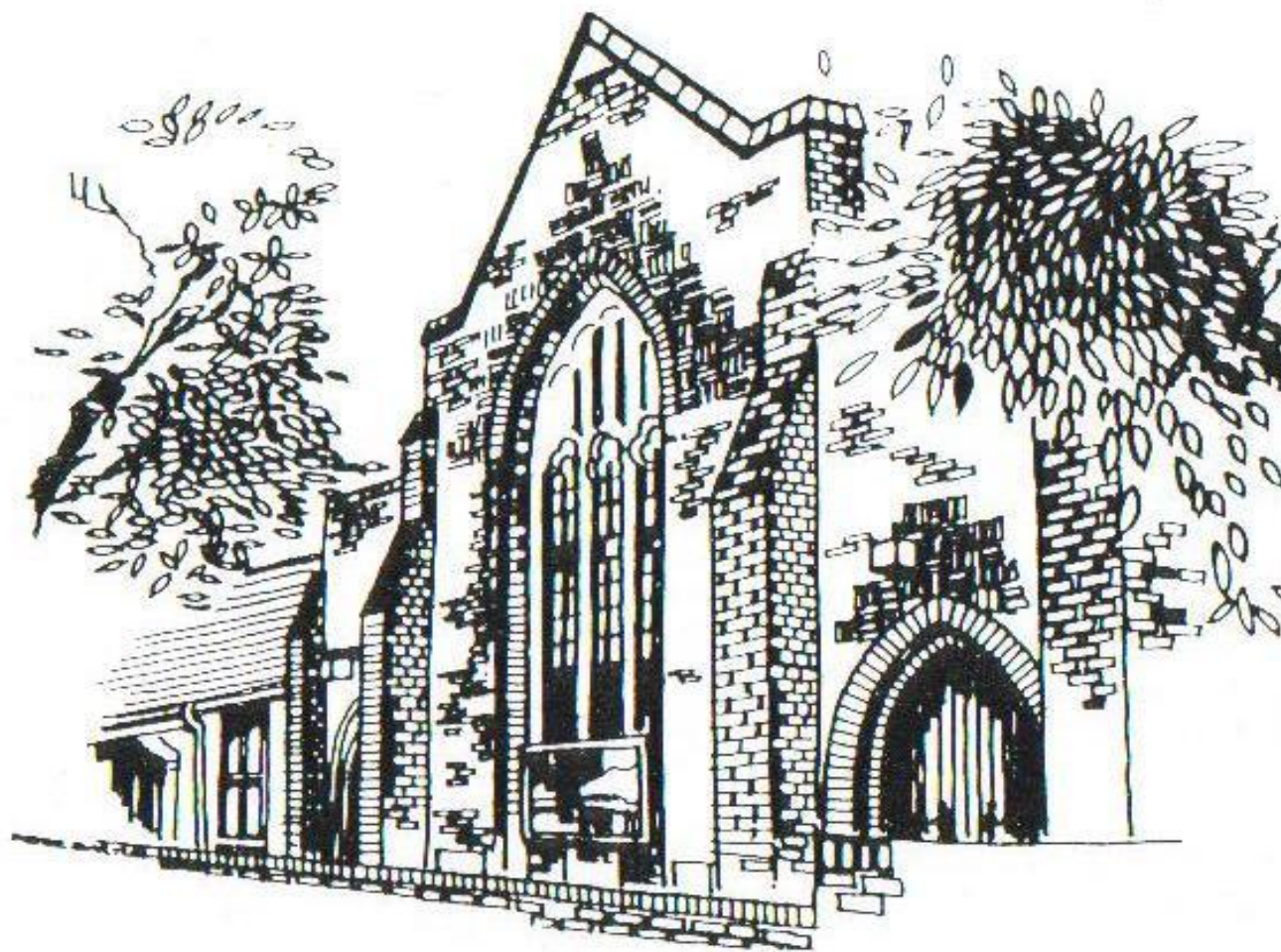




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CHURCH PROGRAMME

At the time of writing

Current Covid Safety Arrangements

These have been removed at this time. If you have any concerns, please contact the Duty Deacon

Details of Services are given in the Church Diary at the back of the magazine.



The Zoom Home Group has started again on most Tuesday Evenings. Please see Cherie for details and how to join.

There is a box just inside the main church door collecting food contributions for The Hub. If you are able please put an extra item or two in your shopping to add to this for those who are struggling in the current financial climate.

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Dear Friends



In the autumn I decided to plant a variety of bulbs in the manse garden, and as the winter ended and spring crept up upon us, their shoots began to emerge from the cold and unpromising soil. Snowdrops first, then the crocuses, and the daffodils and narcissi to follow. Bare green points to begin with, but each shoot represented something beautiful that was about to blossom. And now all these spring flowers are in full bloom.

At the moment in church, I feel as though we are in a season of 'green shoots.' Following a winter-like season post covid, where everything seemed to shut down during the pandemic, new things are finally now beginning to emerge.

In Isaiah 43:19 the Lord declared,

*"See, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth,
do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert."*

Because of the uncertainty and change that we see in society, we have no way of knowing what the church might look like in the future. But we will always be a community of believers seeking to follow Jesus and live for God. Right now, I can see that God is indeed doing a new thing in our midst, and the evidence lies in the green shoots of faith sprouting in our congregation and community.

These green shoots are signs of God's work in our lives, and in the life of the church, and they will eventually blossom and bear fruit: an increasing desire to understand God's word and how He speaks to us through that; and an increasing desire to pray for our church and community. I see this especially in the zoom homegroup.

I am also encouraged by the number of children and young people we have at church. For a small church like ours, this is truly something to be thankful for. It is good that we have more volunteers now to work with them on Sunday mornings, and that we are also starting a social monthly on a Friday night.

I am delighted that the church is now open on a Monday morning for Coffee, chat and cake – with ten church folk coming to the first session. Please pray that this will grow as we invite others along – both our own friends and those from our neighbouring streets.

It is exciting that we might be on the verge of starting a small worshipping community on the Aldriche Way estate, jointly with All Saints and Winchester Road Methodist. We pray that this small green shoot might develop into a ministry there and a chance to reach others with the hope that Jesus brings.

The growth of these might seem small and slow, and it might be a while before they yield fruit, but we can persevere and keep praying – not just that God will bring more people along, but that He will show us what He wants us to do, show us where He is already at work, and how He wants us to partner with him.

And of course, in this process of praying and being faithful, God will also do a work in us – showing us more of himself, helping us to grow in our own faith and in our desire to reach out. So, as we journey on, listening to God in everything we do and everywhere we go, we know God will keep us on track. (I hope you remember that from our verse of the year!?)

God is always at work, always doing something new. It is us who can sometimes get stuck in our ways and fail to see what He might be doing. Let's keep listening to His voice, keep praying and seeking, and keep being open to what He might want to do in us and through us.

Every Blessing,

Cherie

Cavendish circular



Hopefully we are now firmly into Spring and the weather will continue to improve. I did hear somewhere that it was more likely to snow at Easter than on Christmas Day – so be warned!

There is news later in the magazine about 'Coffee and Chat', a Youth Event and our Community Event and BBQ – if you are able to help in the latter it would be much appreciated – please see Cherie. We do not usually include news of birthdays but since our much-valued Treasurer reached a milestone age you can read about that also later.

Emma Lewis-Azyear is still undergoing treatment for her knee and is hopeful that it will soon be in action again. Sadly Rob's eye operation was cancelled at the last minute, and he is awaiting news of another appointment.

In many ways the last few weeks have been some of the most sad that I have known as editor. We have to report on the passing of four people who have some attachment to HPBC.

Sheila Humphrey lost her brother Bob after a period of frailty and ill health. I know that she was very attached to him and will miss her visits to him.

Some of our older readers will remember Phyllis and Richard Brown who were at HPBC some years ago. Richard's brother Alan died recently. He used to sometimes play the organ for us. A brief eulogy can be seen later.

Another couple that will bring recall to some is Richard and Chris Hill. Chris was heavily involved in the Girl's Brigade. Sadly Richard passed away very suddenly in early March. Again we will try to bring more news later.

Finally, Jean Mitchell's father died on 8th March. We do ask that you remember them all in your thoughts and prayers that they will be given comfort and consolation. We send our deep condolences to all their friends and families.

We were also very sad to hear news of John Griffith – better known to us as Biffo - who lives in Helwys Court. He has been feeling very unwell recently and has not been able to get to church. He has now been diagnosed with cancer and is to undergo further tests. He has asked that we remember him in our thoughts and prayers.

Dianne Kendricks brother-in-law has suffered a stroke, and her sister's son-in-law is seriously ill with complications from long covid. We do ask that they are given the comfort of God's love. *DL*

Compassion

Compassion literally means 'to suffer together'. It is defined as: -a feeling of deep sympathy and sorrow for another who is stricken by misfortune, accompanied by a strong desire to alleviate the suffering.

Peter Burke has kindly provided an article based on the theme of compassion for which we are very grateful. He writes: -

Dear all,

I have, after listening to some key sermons from Cherie including one recently on Compassion, explored its presence in my life, especially the need to have compassion on ourselves.

Compassion can help anyone who is in need emotionally, mentally, or fixing issues in relationships, I'm responding by taking time to embrace and explore how it can heal.

When speaking truth in love, we could replace the word love with Compassion. In relationships, leave the door open for repair. In the mind, to release ourselves of continuous judgement and when seeing needs, to share when we can.

So I have asked around the congregation for their thoughts on compassion and I'm quite encouraged with the response. I hope exploring this helps you too.

Dave & Di

'Jesus ultimate compassion was his death on the cross where he gave his life to take away the sins of the world.

In the world today nurses and doctors show compassion to those who are in pain be it physical or mental, in the job that they do.

Carers show compassion to the elderly and anyone in need, making them feel that they're still an important part of society.

Compassion is also shown to the homeless, talking and supporting where needed so that they don't feel marginalized.

We can show compassion to each other wherever or whenever the need arises.'

Hazel

'I have been moved by the compassion of others when Mike was passing and there wasn't much hope but the visits that we received showed so much compassion'.

Muneyi

'Compassion to me is about being empathetic, kind to others and non-judgemental. It's embracing of others pains and walking alongside them to ease the burden of being alone or isolated.'

Steve Jenkins

My research on the O's service and sacrifice in the Great War has brought to mind an amazing true story concerning the Kaiser...

Kaiser Wilhelm II was a man known more for an unpredictable temperament than a gentle demeanour. However, he displayed an unusually high sense of compassion during World War I, when he allowed an imprisoned British soldier to visit his ailing mother back home. Captain Robert Campbell had been captured at the start of the war and was languishing in a prison camp in Germany when he received word that his cancer-stricken mother was dying. Campbell wrote and begged the Kaiser to let him see his mother one last time.

Incredibly, the Kaiser approved his request and gave Campbell permission to leave - on the condition that he return to the prison camp once the visit was over. Campbell stayed with his mother for a week and, like a true officer, kept his end of the bargain and dutifully went back to the prison camp where he was detained until the end of the war. He did once stage a failed escape bid, but only because he thought that it was also his obligation to attempt it!

Many beautiful and helpful words. The 'walking alongside', the 'visits' and the 'giving of a Jesus life' can hopefully grow value in ourselves and others.

Thank to everybody for their contributions.



The 'open door'

Painting by Liz Jones.

*This painting describes
compassion best for me.*

*The open door preserves a
hopeful view.*

*It allows us to be approachable
and prevents us from isolation.*

Highams Park Baptist Church

Youth Social Event

Friday 19th April

7pm to 8.30pm

Children and Young People aged 8 to 16

(you may bring one friend along)

Come and have a fun evening at the Church Front Hall

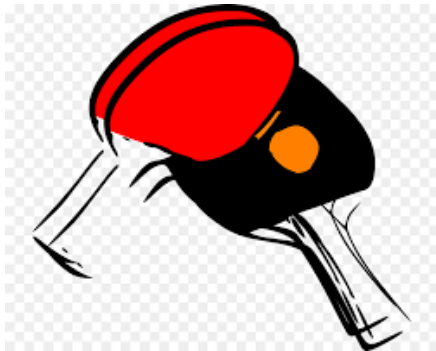


Table Tennis



Pool

Board Games

Computer games

Food – hot dogs & drink

Tuck shop available

Alan Brown 9/12 /1942 - 10/ 2/2024

Some of our readers will remember Phyllis and Richard Brown who attended HPBC some years ago. Richard's brother Alan was sometimes able to play the organ for our services. We were saddened to hear of his death recently. Rochard writes; -



Both Alan and I lived in Highams Park with our parents in the early years and as our parents worshipped at Marsh Street Congregational Church in Walthamstow, they decided HPBC was nearer and hence more appropriate, so we went there initially with members of the congregation including Beryl Alvarez and later on our own. We were privileged to be guided by the learned and charismatic Stephen Winward. In due course, we were both baptised.

Alan had shown some musical talent from an early age and subsequently trained under Avril Dankworth (sister of Johnny, who lived nearby), and at the Royal Academy of Music and Cambridge, where his teachers included David Wilcocks, Thurston Dart and Peter le Huray.

In due course, he was awarded LRAM (piano) and FRCO (organ) and was also a competent harpsichordist. For a time, he was organist or at least assisted at HPBC. After Cambridge, he moved to Sheffield, where over a period of 33 years, he was successively Lecturer and Reader in the University Music Department.

Alan died on 10 February 2024 at Sheffield Northern General Hospital after a short illness. His wife, Judith pre-deceased him by just a few months. The picture shows his sense of mischief and humour

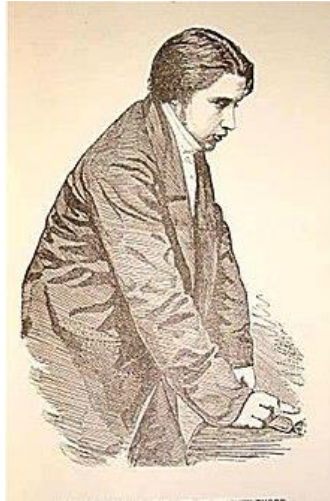


You may also remember Chris and Richard Hill who were at HPBC for some considerable time. They were part of a group of friends, including Jacquie and myself who met usually at least once a year for a weekend away. We were shocked to hear of his sudden death and hope to bring a fuller eulogy in the next issue.

DL

Charles Spurgeon

I recently came across a quote attributed to Rev. Charles Spurgeon which set me thinking. You would find it hard not to come across the name of Spurgeon's if you have any sort of attachment to a Baptist Church. Spurgeon's College is the place where Baptist ministers have their training, but what is its history?



We start at the beginning – Charles was born in Kelvedon, Essex, he then moved to Colchester at 10 months old. A missionary named Richard Knill spent several days with Spurgeon while visiting his grandfather in 1844; and he prophesied that the child would one day preach the gospel to great multitudes. His church life started in Congregationalism but on 6 January 1850, at age 15. He was his way to a scheduled appointment, a snowstorm forced him to cut short his intended journey and to turn into a Primitive Methodist chapel, where he believed God opened his heart to the

salvation message. Later that year, on 4 April, he was admitted to the church at Newmarket. His baptism soon followed. Later that same year he moved to Cambridge, where he became a Sunday school teacher. Spurgeon preached his first sermon in the winter of 1850–51 in a cottage at Teversham while filling in for a friend. From the beginning of Spurgeon's ministry, his style and ability were considered to be far above average. In the same year, he was installed as pastor of the small Baptist church at Waterbeach, Cambridgeshire, where he published his first literary work, a Gospel tract written in 1853.

In April 1854, after preaching three months on probation and just four years after his conversion, Spurgeon, then only 19 years old, was called to the pastorate of London's famed New Park Street Chapel in Southwark. This was the largest Baptist congregation in London at the time, although it had dwindled in numbers for several years. Spurgeon found friends in London among his fellow pastors, such as William Garrett Lewis of Westballs Grove Church, an older man who along with Spurgeon went on to found the London Baptist Association. Within a few months of Spurgeon's arrival at Park Street, his ability as a preacher made him famous. The following year the first of his sermons in the "New Park Street Pulpit" was published. Spurgeon's sermons were published in printed form every week and had a high circulation. By the time of his death in 1892, he had preached nearly 3,600 sermons and published 49 volumes of commentaries, sayings, anecdotes, illustrations and devotions.

With fame came criticism. The first attack in the press appeared in the *Earthen Vessel* in January 1855. His preaching, although not revolutionary in substance, was a plain-spoken and direct appeal to the people, using the Bible to provoke them to consider the teachings of Jesus Christ. Critical attacks from the media persisted throughout his life.

The congregation quickly outgrew their building, and moved to Exeter Hall, then to Surrey Music Hall. At 22, Spurgeon was the most popular preacher of the day.

On 8 January 1856, Spurgeon married Susannah, daughter of Robert Thompson of Falcon Square, London, by whom he had twin sons, Charles and Thomas born on September 20, 1856.

Spurgeon's work went on. A Pastors' College was founded in 1856 by Spurgeon and was renamed Spurgeon's College in 1923, when it moved to its present building in South Norwood Hill, London.^[11] At the Fast Day, 7 October 1857, he preached to his largest crowd ever – 23,654 people – at The Crystal Palace in London. Spurgeon noted:

'In 1857, a day or two before preaching at the Crystal Palace, I went to decide where the platform should be fixed; and, in order to test the acoustic properties of the building, cried in a loud voice, "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." In one of the galleries, a workman, who knew nothing of what was being done, heard the words, and they came like a message from heaven to his soul. He was smitten with conviction on account of sin, put down his tools, went home, and there, after a season of spiritual struggling, found peace and life by beholding the Lamb of God. Years after, he told this story to one who visited him on his death-bed'.

On 18 March 1861, his congregation moved permanently to the newly constructed purpose-built Metropolitan Tabernacle at Elephant and Castle, Southwark, which seated 5,000 people with standing room for another 1,000. The Metropolitan Tabernacle was the largest church edifice of its day. Spurgeon continued to preach there several times per week until his death 31 years later. He wrote his sermons out fully before he preached, but what he carried up to the pulpit was a note card with an outline sketch. Stenographers would take down the sermon as it was delivered, and Spurgeon would then have opportunity to make revisions to the transcripts the following day for immediate publication. His weekly sermons, which sold for a penny each, were widely circulated and still remain one of the all-time best-selling series of writings published in history



In 1856 the college was founded by Pastor Charles Spurgeon as 'Pastors' College' in London. His vision was to provide a practical theological education. By 1892, the school had trained 863 students and In 1923, it moved to its present building and was renamed in honour of its founder.



Spurgeon had a long history of poor health. He was already being reported as having gout when he was 33. By 1871, when he was 37 he was already being advised by his doctors to leave town for his health. He became increasingly unwell and in May 1891 he was forced 'to rest'. Later he went to rest in London and remained there three months. During this period he wrote 180 pages of commentary. However, he did not recover and died aged 57, while still in London, from gout and congestion of the kidneys. From May 1891 until his death in January 1892 he received 10,000 letters of 'condolence, resolutions of sympathy, telegrams of enquiry'. On the day of the funeral eight hundred extra police were on duty along the route the cortège took from the Metropolitan Tabernacle, past

the Stockwell Orphanage and to the Norwood Cemetery. Accounts vary about the number of carriages in the cortege. One account puts it as *'Sixty-five pair-horse broughams were provided by the undertakers for conveying the invited mourners and delegates to the cemetery, but there were altogether from two to three hundred private carriages and other vehicles joining in the procession, which it is estimated must have been nearly two miles in length, Extra trains were put on to cater for the crowd, along with extra omnibuses and cabs Except for a few tobacco shops and taverns, the businesses along the funeral route were shut, with some houses displaying black and white material. An estimated total of 100,000 people either passed by Spurgeon as he lay in state or attended the funeral services An unknown number lined the streets for the cortège. Along the route some flags were at half-staff'*.

With such widespread note of his sermons etc Charles Spurgeon was well documented on some of his quotes. A few are given below. The one that piqued my interest was given in response to a student asking how to know how long a sermon should be – his reply is:

'If after ten minutes you haven't struck oil, stop boring!'

Others include:

A little faith will bring your soul to heaven; a great faith will bring heaven to your soul."

A Bible that's falling apart usually belongs to someone who isn't."

Nearness to God brings likeness to God. The more you see God the more of God will be seen in you.

Discernment is not a matter of telling the difference between right and wrong; rather it is telling the difference between right and almost right.

DL

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER



This Year Winchester Road Methodist Church kindly hosted the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 1st March and people from the Baptist Church and All Saints joined them to provide readers in addition to their own people.

This year the service had been written by an ecumenical group of Christian women from Palestine, the land in which Jesus was born, ministered and died and where Christian faith began and is rooted. It was likened to Olive trees which had been rooted in the land for thousands of years.

Our Minister, Cherie Rogers, spoke about the service being impartial and focusing on the prayers and words written by these women long before the war began, as an introduction in order to put everything into perspective before the service began. Cherie also led the service.

The service was based on three women, Eleanor, Lina and Sara who bore witness to how their life experiences had influenced them and gave them the power to bear together in love. Their words were powerful and moving. The prayers and songs were particularly beautiful with words of peace, unity, love and hope. Within the service booklets were olive leaves and a bookmark. There was a time in the service when we moved around the church wishing each other peace and exchanging the leaves. This was done quietly and reverently showing togetherness and love.

Rev. Stephanie Njeru read a prayerful reflection.

The final words of the service were:-

*Let us go now to be agents of peace and justice
In the name of Christ
Amen*

Words for us all to strive for in our lives and I would like to add in the word 'Love'.

This service was so well attended. It was a simple service and in that simplicity the content was incredibly meaningful. I think that we left quietly feeling a togetherness and inner peace with one another to then share tea and coffee with very positive chat about what had taken place.

Di Kendrick

Save the Date!

Highams Park Baptist Church

Community Outreach Event

Saturday 6th July 2024

1pm to 4pm

@ Highams Park Baptist Church

Free event!

Bring your family and meet the church and have fun!

- Bouncy Castle
- Fun Games & activities
- BBQ – Burgers & Sausages (free)
 - Drinks
- Prayer board and chance to meet the Church members

More information to follow...

Mother's Day



During our Mother's Day Service Bob Jenkins read a piece which he had written. He said that it was not necessarily autobiographical but for all mums everywhere. He has kindly allowed us to print it here: -

My Mum

Mum, you have been right there from the start.

From my earliest memory after you brought me into this crazy world of ours,

Caring, providing, Nurturing, encouraging, advising, and supporting,

Nothing was too much trouble, always devoted and giving freely of your time and attention to detail, despite everything else you had to do, and whatever your situation, you always considered me first before your own needs!

And when I grew up to appreciate you more, we shared so many different times together, the highs and the lows, the joys and the sorrows, times when I was so glad and proud you were there,

And of course, the times when you showed unlimited patience when I drove you mad by not listening, not understanding, and thinking that I was always right and knew best!

Now you have gone to a better place, what they call the next level, to be with the creator, but oh how I miss you and the large space you have left behind.

It will be so difficult for anyone to fill your shoes; you are irreplaceable because you are indispensable!

So I will never forget your unconditional love, kindness and example shown to me, Rest assured

I will love you forever

Thank you, Bob, for putting into words how many of us feel. Sadly not all children experience this degree of love, and we should remember them in our thoughts and prayers.



Lent comes from the Middle English word 'lente', meaning "springtime," which is itself descended from the Old English 'lencten', meaning the time of year when the days grow long. It begins with Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Triduum that includes Maundy Thursday through Easter Sunday. Lent is that period of 40 days prior to Easter but why and how did it start?

Some historical records suggest that a pre-Easter season of fasting, had been in practice, as far back as the second century, and perhaps even earlier. A letter to Pope St. Victor, there is mention of a dispute, in the early years of the first millennium, about the number of days for the pre-Easter fast. Jesus fasting 40 days and 40 nights in the desert to prepare for his public ministry is thought to be the primary inspiration for such a timeframe. The custom is thought by religious scholars to have been started by the early Christians who thought it prudent to engage in special spiritual preparation for Easter.

Historians generally agree that the 40-day period before Easter, known as Lent, emerged shortly following the Council of Nicea in 325 AD. Earliest observances of Lent had a real focus on the practice of fasting. Council records suggest that the fast applied at first mainly to new converts as a period of repentance and reflection before baptism at Easter. In any case, Lent quickly became a general practice churchwide. The actual 40-day period varied region-to-region, even church-to-church; some including weekends, some not; some fasting Sundays, others not. But in every case, the fast was strict: one meal a day after 3 PM with no meat, fish, or dairy. It was Pope Gregory I (590 - 604) who finally regularized the period of the fast churchwide, to begin on a Wednesday 46 days before Easter with a ceremony of ash, and not to include Sundays, which were perennial days of celebration.

However, by the 800s, the strictness of the fast began to relax. By the 1400s, Christians had begun eating the one meal earlier in the day, and later began to add a smaller meal to keep up their strength for work. Eventually, the one-meal restriction was lifted - so somewhat less than a fast!

This led to the idea of giving up some luxury or need as a personal sacrifice for the season. Over time, "giving something up" became the centrepiece of Lent. Cherie has suggested that we take something up instead, such as setting aside a time for daily prayer.

There are a number of traditions associated with Lent. One of these is Shrove Tuesday i.e. the day before Ash Wednesday which is the day on which Lent begins. This is better known as pancake day which was the last opportunity to use up eggs and fats before embarking on the Lenten fast and pancakes are the perfect way of using up these ingredients.

There is one particular word that the Catholic Church does not use during Lent because of its powerful meaning. It is Alleluia. Catholics choose to fast from saying this word, which means 'praise Yahweh', because they are saving up all of their joy and praise for the risen Lord on Easter Sunday.

Something not to give up is:-

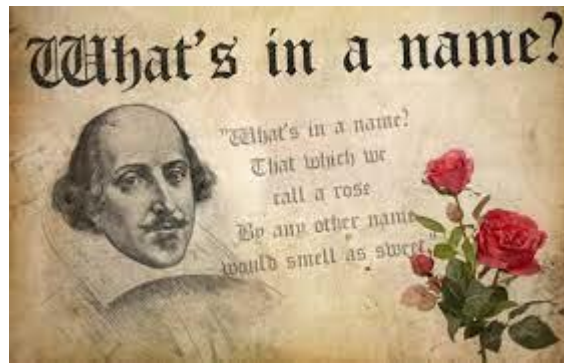


Coffee and Chat Time (or tea if you so desire)

Too late for inclusion in the last issue is this weekly meeting which started in mid-March. It is hoped that it will take place every

Monday morning in Fellowship Hall between 10.30 am and 12 noon. It is a time of talking, laughing, and sharing with the hope of reaching out to the local community - so please come along and bring a friend (or two...)

Musings - *A few random thoughts about...* Names



"What's in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell just as sweet." William Shakespeare uses this line in his play *Romeo and Juliet* to convey that the naming of things is irrelevant. Not strictly true, but then life would be very difficult if nobody had a name that they were known by...

However, names are a strange idea - some are based on a person's business such as Baker, Fletcher (maker of arrows), Butcher - I do not know of a Mr. Candlemaker but possibly Chandler would fit. People have been known to get very upset if a name that they have used for years changes. Such as when the 'Marathon Bar' became 'Snickers' or 'Opal Fruits' have changed to 'Starburst' and why is 'Jif' called 'Cif'?

This idea of identity became the topic for this issue's 'Musings' for a particular reason. Earlier this year we celebrated the 150 years of our railway line. Over time this has been part of The Great Eastern Railway, The London, North Eastern Railway, British Railways, British Rail and lots more. Latterly it has been taken over by Transport for London (TfL) and known as London Overground. Apparently 'The Chingford Line' which has sufficed for more years than I like to think, will now become 'The Weaver Line'.

According to TfL this because line that runs from Liverpool Street northwards has been renamed after the important textile trade that flourished along its route. (probably true but only for a relatively small percentage of the total length of the railway!)

The Weaver line will be shown by maroon parallel lines on maps and will transport passengers on two main branches towards Chingford, Enfield Town and Cheshunt.

It is one of six separate routes created to give individual services their own names and colours to make the network easier to navigate. I do not think that as Highams Park we need to expect an influx of tourists getting of the train and asking to be directed to the weaving sheds...

Of course, it does not end there - the full list of 'new named' lines is: -

- **Lioness** (currently known as Watford Junction to Euston) - yellow
- **Mildmay** (currently known as Richmond and Clapham Junction to Stratford) - blue
- **Windrush** (currently known as Highbury & Islington to New Cross, Clapham Junction, Crystal Palace and West Croydon) - red
- **Weaver** (currently known as Liverpool Street to Enfield Town, Cheshunt and Chingford) - maroon
- **Suffragette** (currently known as Gospel Oak to Barking Riverside) - green
- **Liberty** (currently known as Romford to Upminster) - grey

I suppose in light of some of the new names we have not come out too badly. Some people were annoyed that the line was not named after Jackie Weaver (she was the lady that became a celebrity after calling a Zoom council meeting in Handforth to order).

We are told that the Mayor of London has said that 'This is a hugely exciting moment transforming how we think of London's transport network', and 'it will make it simpler and easier for passengers to get around, naming the lines will not only help educate visitors about our amazing city and its incredible history but will also make it easier for people who live, work or visit London to navigate the city.' I hope you will be equally excited by the estimated £6.3 million cost. I expect that we will get used to the change even if unlikely to ever use the title, still calling it the 'Chingford Line'.

Names do go in and out of favour and every year we find lists of the most used names for boys, girls and now even gender-neutral children. One of the few things that we can be reasonably sure about is that whatever name we choose for our children it will be shortened. David (Dave) Lyus

Also, on the subject of names, would you enjoy living in any of the following:

Eastborough

Forestborough

Forest Edge

Forest Lee / Lea

Heronsford

Leabank

Leaborough

Leaside

Lea Valley

Leeforest

Lee Forest

Trinity

Waltham on the Lea

Waltham by the Lea

Walliford

Woodside

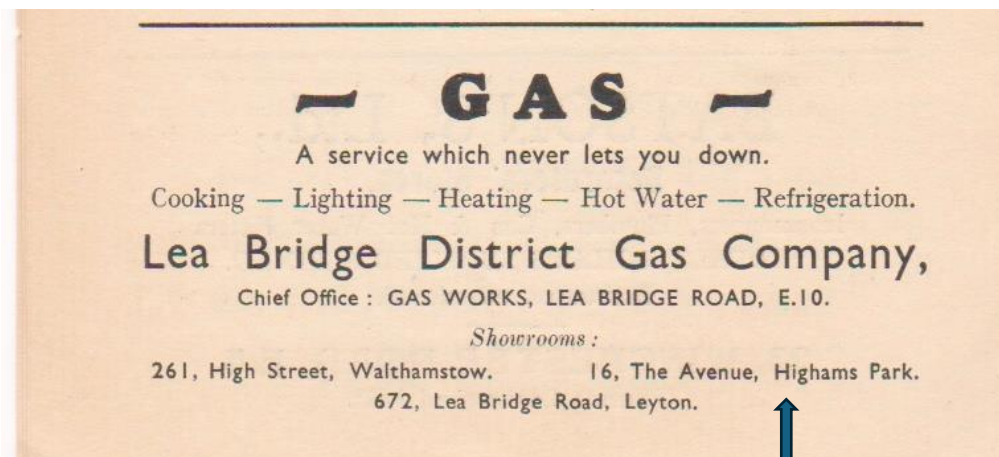
Well you could have done... These were among the suggested name for what is now Waltham Forest. When The London Government Bill made changes to the local government of South-West Essex and joined Walthamstow, Leyton and Chingford together, a new name was needed for the authority. The details were found in a publication called 'Walthamstow Matters' from 1963. I think, on reflection, we finished up with the best option.

Hazel's Homespun Humour

One man asked another the meaning of ignorance and apathy - I don't know and I don't care was the reply!

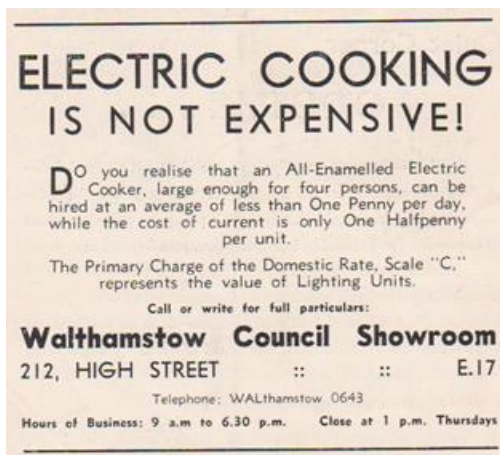
Highams Park Snippets

We return to looking back at those people who advertised in the Church Magazine in the 1930's. What is evident is that our village no longer has the breadth of types of shops that were available back then. Now you can probably buy food and drink of many styles and from many countries cuisine but might find it harder (for which read impossible) to pop into your local gas or electric showroom to pay a bill or choose a new appliance. In fact I think only one business that advertised back then is still in existence and in the same place (although an extra name has been added) – this is James Hawes and Sons now James Hawes and Goodchild. Some people still talk with sorrow about the demise of Batson's or Molls Bakery. We are fortunate that HPBC remains – we have lost the Parish church (where Helwys Court is now sited) transferred to All Saints in Church Avenue, The Congregational church (later URC) in Malvern Avenue has changed to being Seventh Day Adventist and the Methodist church in Handsworth Avenue is now flats – but Winchester Road church remains. Things do change over time but for some it is a pleasure to look back with fondness for times and places past. We try to help in this...



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If only that was true....

As we have said before, Highams Park is a relatively small 'village' but does have a good number of people and organisations that care very much for it. This is indicated by the events that are coming up later in the year. Do support them if you can...

HEADLINE COMMUNITY EVENTS 2024



<p>The Spring Festival The Highams Park, IG8 9RB Sunday 19th May <i>organised by The Friends of The Highams Park</i></p> 	<p>Highams Park Arts & Culture Trail All around Highams Park area Friday 10th to Sunday 26th May <i>organised by the HPPG/ARC Group</i></p>
<p> The Picnic in The Park The Highams Park Sunday 8th September <i>organised by The Friends of The Highams Park</i></p>	<p>Christmas Fayre Highams Park Station Car Park & Signal Walk Sunday 8th December <i>organised by Highams Park Planning Group</i></p> 
<p> The French Market Highams Park Station Car Park Sunday 29th September <i>organised by Highams Park Planning Group</i></p>	

For the most up to date information, search for us on www.facebook.com 'It's a Highams Park thing'

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We will try to bring more details as they arise.

And a late entrant:



The poster features a heart-shaped logo at the top containing the text 'PART OF THE HIGHAMS PARK ARTS TRAIL' and a colorful geometric logo. Below this, the main title 'SPRING FLEA MARKET' is displayed in large, bold, black letters. The date and time 'SATURDAY 11 MAY 2024: 11 AM - 3 PM' are in orange. The location 'HALE END LIBRARY, CASTLE AVENUE, HIGHAMS PARK E4 9QD' is in black. The bottom section, on an orange background, lists items like 'ANTIQUE FINDS, BRIC A BRAC, PLANTS, VINTAGE FASHION, CRAFTS, HOT DRINKS, CAKES & STREET FOOD' and activities like 'KIDS ACTIVITIES WITH SUPER EXPLORERS, PETITE PRODUCTIONS, HP PINS & NEEDLES KNIT & NATTER, EXHIBITIONS, BOOK SIGNINGS AND MORE! LIVE MUSIC FROM HARMONY E4 CHOIR.' A cow illustration is at the bottom.

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Organised by The Highams Park Planning Group
or visit https://www.instagram.com/hp_flea/

No wonder The Sunday Times recently said that Highams Park is a special place to live

CHURCH DIARY

April

Thursday 4th	7.30 pm	Church Council meeting at the Manse.
Sunday 7th	10 am	All Age Morning Service Led by Cherie Rogers
Sunday 14th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion Led by Jason Close
Monday 15th	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat at Church till 12 noon
Friday 19th	7 pm	Young People's Social Event (8+)
Sunday 21st	10 pm	Morning Service – St. George's Day Parade Led by Cherie Rogers
Monday 22nd	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat at Church till 12 noon
Friday 26th		Ladies Evening – The Swan (Chinese) Please contact Muneyi or Althea to book.
Sunday 28th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion and Sunday School Led by Cherie Rogers
Monday 29th	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat at Church till 12 noon

May

Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Church Council meeting at the Manse.
Sunday 5th	11 am	All Age service Led by Cherie Rogers
Sunday 12th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion and S Sunday School Led by Cherie Rogers Followed by Church Members Meeting
Monday 13 th	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat at Church till 12 noon

Sunday 19th	10 am	Morning Service for Pentecost with packs in Service for children Led by Dr. Paul Davis
Monday 20th	10.30 am	Coffee and Chat at Church till 12 noon
Sunday 26th	10 am	Morning Service with Sunday School and Communion Led by Cherie Rogers
Tuesdays weekly	7.45 pm	Zoom Home Group (During Term time)

Refreshments are served in Fellowship Hall after each Sunday Service