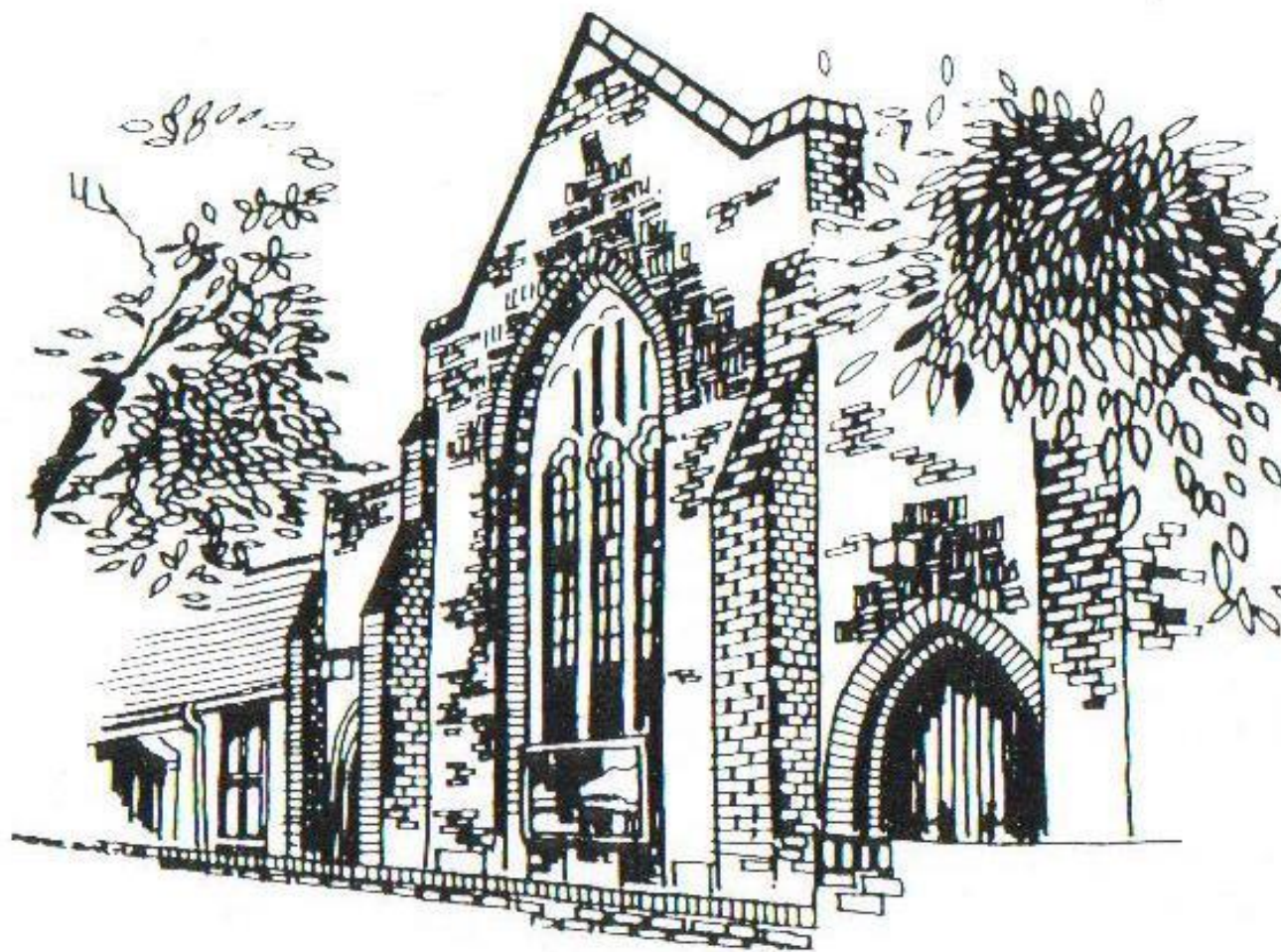




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Cavendish Road, E.4.



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CHURCH PROGRAMME

At the time of writing

Current Covid Safety Arrangements

These have been removed. 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 is held 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

Lent, the 40 days that lead up to Easter, is traditionally a season of self-reflection and repentance, but it is also a time of preparation—a time when we get our hearts ready to celebrate the joy and triumph of Easter. It can be a time to intentionally draw closer to Christ, seeking to understand His sacrifice and the love He demonstrated through His life, death, and resurrection.

This year in our Lent services, we have been using the ‘Seven Signs’ (or miracles) recorded in the Gospel of John as a lens through which to reflect on who Jesus is. Each of these signs points to a spiritual truth about who Jesus is and what He offers to us. These signs can help us recognize the power of Christ in our lives, strengthening our hearts as we anticipate the glorious resurrection we celebrate at Easter. I encourage you to take a few moments to remind yourself again with me.

The First Sign: Changing Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)

This miracle marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry and shows us that Jesus is not only concerned with our spiritual needs but also with the small details of our lives. As we prepare for Easter, we remember that Christ came to bring transformation into our lives, renewing our spirits. Lent offers us an opportunity to invite Christ into our lives in a deeper way, allowing Him to bring new life to areas where we may feel dry or empty.

The Second Sign: Healing the Official's Son (John 4:46-54)

The second sign is the healing of the official's son. This miracle teaches us about the power of faith and the compassionate nature of Jesus. The official believed that Jesus could heal his son, and Jesus responded by healing him from a distance. The Lent journey is one of learning to trust God more fully, to bring our burdens before Him, and to believe that He has the power to restore and heal.

The Third Sign: Healing the Lame Man (John 5:1-9)

In John 5, Jesus heals a man who had been lame for thirty-eight years. This miracle is a powerful reminder that Jesus is the source of our healing—both physical and spiritual. As we reflect on this sign during Lent, we are reminded that the healing Jesus offers is not just a cure for our bodies but for our souls as well.

The Fourth Sign: Feeding the Five Thousand (John 6:5-14)

This miracle teaches us that Jesus provides for our needs, often in ways that we don't expect. During Lent, we are reminded of our dependency on God for sustenance. Just as Christ fed the multitude, He continues to nourish our souls with His Word and presence. This season is an opportunity for us to recognize that Jesus is the Bread of Life, the one who satisfies our deepest longings. As we prepare for Easter, we can reflect on how Christ has met our needs in the past and how we are called to share His love and provision with others.

The Fifth Sign: Walking on Water (John 6:16-21)

The fifth sign is Jesus walking on water to reach His disciples during a storm. We often encounter personal storms—struggles and difficulties, or periods of doubt. Yet, Jesus invites us to trust that He is in control, even when the waters are rough, and to invite him into the boat with us. As we look to Easter, we are reminded that Jesus conquered sin and death and also gets into the boat with us amidst the chaos of life. Through Him, we can find peace in the middle of our storm.

The Sixth Sign: Healing the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-12)

This is about spiritual sight; Jesus opens our eyes to the truth, showing us the way to eternal life.

During Lent, we can reflect on our own spiritual blindness. Are there areas of our lives where we are not seeing clearly? Do we need Jesus to open our eyes to the truth of His love and grace? As we prepare our hearts for Easter, let us ask God to give us eyes to see the world as He does—filled with love, hope, and the possibility of transformation.

The Seventh Sign: The Raising of Lazarus (John 11:1-44)

Finally, the seventh sign in John’s Gospel is the raising of Lazarus from the dead. This miracle foreshadows Jesus’ resurrection - the ultimate victory over death that we will celebrate at Easter. It reminds us that in Christ, there is always hope, even in the face of death. During Lent, we are called to reflect on the areas of our lives that need resurrection. Whether it is a relationship, a dream, or a part of our hearts that feels lifeless, we can trust that Christ has the power to bring new life. As we approach Easter, this sign reminds us that Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life: new life is found in Him.

John writes to use these ‘signs’ to deepen our faith and understanding of who Jesus is. Each miracle points to the power, love, and grace of our Saviour, and each invites us to open our hearts to His transforming work. Might I encourage you to ponder them again so that you might grow closer to Jesus as you prepare for the Easter celebrations.

With every blessing in Christ,

Cherie

Cavendish Circular



As we leave our Winter hibernation, the next few weeks promise to be quite busy... There is, of course, the celebration of the extreme sadness at the Crucifixion which changes to great happiness at the Risen Lord. Please note that the Good Friday Service is at 10.30 am.

Closer to home is the ‘Help Day’ where you will have the wonderful opportunity to make our building even more beautiful – details later in the magazine. There are also a number of events in the community which you may like to enjoy – again details later.

Many of you will be aware that I have moved permanently to Nottinghamshire – I have been partially living there for a number of years – but now am a resident of a small village near Newark called North Muskham. As with many such moves not everything went smoothly, so I have been very grateful for the support that I have received. I do hope to keep up the Editorship of the magazine if it proves possible but will rely on you, the readers, to supply news and pictures of events etc. I will certainly miss the pleasure of meeting friends but will try to visit as much as possible.

As ever, we ask you to remember in your thoughts and prayers those of the church who, for whatever reason, including illness, are unable to come to services. They are still as much a part of the fellowship as ever.

There will be the opportunity to celebrate St. George's Day with The 17th Pals' Battalion Band which intends to march from the Broadway, down Selwyn Avenue to HPBC. Following the church service the band will make its way to the Broadway and at about 11:15am perform a static display front of TESCO between 11:30am and 11:45am.

As you are aware we, as a church, support Highams Park Food Aid (The Hub) and they are asking for help to: -

STOCK THE HUB! 🛒

Highams Park Food Aid (The Hub) needs your support! Our food bank is running low on essential items, and we're calling on our amazing community to help.

🗨️ Can you donate? We urgently need:

🍲 Cereal

🍝 Pasta Sauce

🐟 Tinned Tuna

🍵 Tea

📍 Drop off at:

🛒 Tesco

🏠 Ziggy's

🏛️ All Saints Church, Highams Park

Every donation—big or small—makes a real difference to families in need. Let's come together and make sure no one in our community goes hungry! 💙

Hazel's Homespun Humour
If at first you don't succeed,
read the instructions !

**Highams Park Baptist Church
Is holding a Fabric Weekend of Painting, Cleaning and more.
So**



On the May Day weekend, we have a number of jobs / tasks that need doing..

No matter how young or old you might feel or how much time you have, even an hour a day (or even more). Every bit helps, whether you come as a group, on your own or bring a friend

Dates

Friday 2nd May	6pm to 10pm
Saturday 3rd May	2pm to 6pm
Sunday 4th May	12pm to 6pm
Monday 5th May	9am to 5pm

There is something for everyone to do.

- Cleaning Walls/ chairs / tables / radiators
- Sanding
- Painting Walls / Radiators / Door frames and more
- Repair work
- Tea / coffee / drinks / Sandwich / Food for the workers

Let's make this a big team effort and keep the church buildings up to standard and looking fresh and smart.

Even if you cannot do that weekend, there are things you can do at other times. See Jason for more information

Thank You

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

“I Made You Wonderful”

The World Day of Prayer service took place at HPBC on Friday 7th March at 10.30 am.



The three churches: All Saints, Winchester Road Methodist Church and Highams Park Baptist Church, take turns to host the service each year. It was the turn of our church this year. Each church chose three people to read, prior to the service, which is written in a booklet for all to follow and enjoy. The booklets could then be taken home. Our

readers were myself, Hazel and Mondeli.

The service was written this year by the women of the Cook Islands. The service contained their chosen words and songs and is usually prepared a few years in advance. Ideas for displays to focus on the place from which the women originated were given.

Our display contained images of the beautiful sea and sand using cloths and shells. A blue bowl, depicting water surrounding the Cook Islands, was placed on the table as were examples of the beautiful flowers which adorned the islands and also used in celebrations such as head dresses, Leis and bracelets etc.



Coconut Palms were grown on the Islands so it was fitting to have a fresh coconut in the display. All of our readers wore colourful Leis.



We chose to hand out gifts of friendship bracelets made from the bright colours of the flowers and a shell, both to keep as a reminder of the service.

The service went extremely well and was much enjoyed. People appreciated the work which had gone into it.

Cherie and Althea did a wonderful job on the Sound Desk and everything ran smoothly. Jenny and Althea provided tea and coffee afterwards so that people had

time to meet and chat.

The amount raised during the service was £259.40p, without gift aid, so it was a pleasing amount from the 28 people who attended.

Next year it will be hosted by Winchester Road Methodist Church.

Di Kendrick



Thanks go to Di for the words and Dave for the pictures.

**A thank you for the money that you Highams Park Baptist Church
have given in Mission groups and in other ways.**

I thought it would be good for us to know and see how much we give and what help it is to others via our Mission work and other causes. Below are letters of thanks for the money we have given in 2024 from Highams Park Baptist Church.

LB Home Mission - In 2024 we gave a total of £1,271

Highams Park Baptist Church, I trust this letter finds you well as we move into 2025.

On behalf of London Baptists, I am writing to extend our heartfelt thanks for your generous donation, to the Home Mission appeal.

As we reflect on the blessings of this past year, I am excited to share with you the ongoing and transformative impact of our shared partnership in mission through Home Mission. Home Mission is more than just a fund – it represents a vital Partnership for Mission that unites us in our commitment to spreading the love and grace of Christ to our communities and beyond. It is through these partnerships that we can make lasting differences, changing lives for the better. Did you know that by giving just 5% of your church's general income to Home Mission, you are actively participating in the Gospel in three profound ways?

Regional Support Your contributions provide essential Regional Support through our dedicated Regional Ministers and Associations.

These individuals are on the frontlines of missional development, nurturing new initiatives, supporting churches and ministers, and strengthening the ongoing work of our faith communities and their families.

Mission Grants Secondly, your generosity enables Mission Grants that fuel new expressions of church. Through over 200 grants identified by regional associations, countless lives have been touched, and many have encountered the transformative power of Jesus Christ. **Specialist Support Services** Lastly, your support facilitates Specialist Support services to local churches, including areas like legal advice, ministry, finance, HR, and safeguarding. These services also ensure that we have representation on national platforms, advocating for faith issues and engaging with ecumenical and government bodies.

Together, these initiatives help cultivate healthy churches and vibrant communities, fulfilling the vision laid out in Philippians 1:4-5 “ In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now...” As we continue our journey of mission and ministry in 2025, I invite you to prayerfully consider your ongoing support of Home Mission. Your contributions - no matter the size – play a crucial role in advancing God's Kingdom and spreading His love to every corner of the world. To learn more about the invaluable impact of the Home Mission Fund, I encourage you to visit our website

[:https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/374909/Home_Mission.aspx](https://www.baptist.org.uk/Groups/374909/Home_Mission.aspx).

Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the Gospel and your commitment to making a difference. Together, we are agents of transformation, vessels of hope, and ambassadors of Christ's love. With sincere gratitude and warmest regards.

BMS World Mission - In 2024 we gave a total of £1,271

Dear Highams Park Baptist Church

The lush greenery of Uganda seems like the perfect place to raise crops. But all is not as it seems. Every year the dry season last longer, making it harder for farmers like Easter to know when to plant seeds and killing off crops. For Esther, who depends on her crops for survival, these devastating challenges could have a drastic consequence for her and her children. Fortunately, you stepped in to help.

Because the church family at Highams Park Baptist Church chose to give, Esther's received farming training and support from BMS World Mission work Genesis Acaye to help grow a bountiful banana farm. She makes a good living from selling her bananas, "it's like I am running away from poverty," Esther says "because I keep getting money from my banana garden" And Esther's success couldn't happen without you.

Thank you so much for the money you have given in 2024 to BMS World Mission. Link to BMS work www.bmsworldmission.org

Food bank All Saints Highams Park

Christmas Offering raised £341.00

Harvest Appeal raised £132.00

Thank you so much to you all at Highams Park Baptist Church, for this fantastic Christmas offering. Every penny and pound we collected from both the Christmas & Harvest Offering goes straight into the funds at Highams Park Food Hub run via All Saints Church HP, to be ploughed backing into Highams Park and the local community. All the food and items given, is so grateful to so many people.

You can find out more about Highams Park Food Hub on the link www.hphub.co.uk

Christian Aid – Back in May 2024 we raised £216 for Christian aid week, all to help their good work they do though out the world.

Please see the link it like to find out more. www.christianaid.org.uk

Thank you from HPBC



Genesis Acaye

our BMS link worker in Uganda

Dear friends, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus.

Now is a good time to catch up again and share what God is doing here in Uganda with the farmers.

The year 2025 has started quite well and we thank the Lord for the new year he has granted us. The new year always comes with new opportunities and challenges. Sometimes it gives us time to try things that we have not done before.

I have had the opportunity to visit a number of our previous participants he planted trees back in 2021 in the pilot project. It was encouraging to see how the trees are growing and increasing in size.

I visited Pastor Okullo Andrew - one of the beneficiaries and he shared that they planted more trees after the pilot work and that he is also encouraged his son to plan a plot of land with even more trees. The son has planted over 300 trees - a species called Malina which is native to this part of Uganda

A number of families have now adopted and are participating actively in the planting of trees as a way to invest in their future - to provide wood for fuel and also in conserving the environment.

I also visited Okwera Patrick who planted 350 Molina trees after learning from his neighbour about the pilot project. There were a number of other stories mentioned by the farmers some of whom have used their trees to construct their houses, whilst others have sold the wood to get income. It is all going well.



The biggest challenge to the farmers is Bush burning especially in the dry period like this. Most fires I set by hunters, and the result is that trees get burned especially those that have not been weeded and taken care of. Local leaders and development agencies are trying to discourage bush burning but it is still a big challenge in this region.

We are also starting the journey of building a training site for the households who participate. Other activities will follow later - but it is planned that each participating household can plant an acre of trees, which is about 450.



Thank you for your prayers please continue to pray for us.

Genesis

Prayer Points:

- That the households learn, plan and care for the trees
- That we are safe as we travel on motorcycles to each community
- That the planned works for the new centre happen properly



There's excitement in the air
Out with the cold, old and miserable.
A new dawn, for some a new beginning,
with lighter, longer days, the smell of fresh flowers,
delicate snowdrops and crocuses briefly in vision
and the sight of daffodils established and new,
adorning the gardens, and grassy areas, as they have
done faithfully over the past few years.
Everything transformed from white and yellow.
Greenery everywhere, plants and shrubs
developing and resuscitated.
Not forgetting the sound of the birds and the
impending arrival of newborn lambs.
Yes, Spring has arrived and hibernation is officially
over. And the final reminder and game changer?
Putting the clocks forward one hour.
Let's celebrate these wonders of nature, the joys of the
seasons, the animal kingdom and be thankful
for our exciting but fragile world.

Bob Jenkins



Hi all,

I thought it be nice for you to hear a little about what is going on in Boys Brigade and Girls Association London District, I am still involved in London as an Officer / Trustee, but not involved so much, as I used to be.

There are number of events still run for the young people which are fun, as well as competitions based for all the different ages. We had an Awards event at start of the year with both Anchor Day and Junior Section Day planned later in the session.

I will keep you updated as and when there is news, and I do put the newsletter up on the Notice Board. You can also see what is going on by logging on the newsletter London Website. thebbinlondon.org.uk

Thanks

Jason C

The Boys Brigade & Girls Association in London District

Celebrating our Young People & Leaders

On Saturday 25th January we welcomed 160+ Young People, Parents/Carers and Leaders to our Awards Celebration at City Hall.

The Awards Celebration was all about recognising and celebrating the achievements of young people and leaders from across London District. The event was held at the home of the Mayor of London and London Assembly overlooking the Royal Docks.

We are grateful to our special guests, Deputy Lieutenant for Greater London, Craig Haslam and Chief Executive The Boys' Brigade UK & RoI, Jonathan Eales for presenting the awards and sharing some words of encouragement.

Congratulations to all 82-award recipients who gained a variety of awards including King's/Queen's Badge, President's Badge, Jack Petchey Achievement Awards, Jack Petchey Leader Awards and Deputy Lieutenant Certificates.

After the awards many groups took their award recipients out for lunch or an activity to celebrate. Activities undertaken included going over the Thames on the Cable Car, walking over The O2 Arena, and going for a boat trip on the river.

The Awards Celebration is set to become an annual event to celebrate all that is going on across London District.

Brigid and Patrick

Peter Burke has imagined a conversation between two of Ireland's patron saints. We have recently celebrated St Patrick's Day (17th March) not long after Saint Brigid's Day (February 1st).

Hello Bridgid

Hello Patrick

How are you? How are you? and how was your saint's day? Lots of celebrating, the good feel of Irishness and some Olympic Guinness drinkers would you believe. But Brigid I was going to congratulate you.

You were?

I was I taught it was great you finally have your own national day and Bank Holiday too.

It is?

It is, and you're now firmly on the green nations calendar.

But Patrick, you have people tap dancing, singing, totally banjaxed drowning the shamrock but I'm having trouble finding people who know much about me at all.

You are?

I am.

But you were incredible Brigid, you healed sick people, you opened nun's places, places for nuns to do there nunning. Travelling the country and giving people the gospel, gave inspiration to Poets and Blacksmiths. What's more, you're an inspiration to women even today.

Well, you make me sound like a saint.

Well you are!

I am?

For sure People are still hanging scarves on their doors for you to heal them, they make a Brigid's cross as a sign of their faith too.

They do?

They do. Could we maybe swap places? I would love it if people had more focus on their faith instead of an excuse to get steamin and sucking the brewery's dry. I'm knowen across the world and no one knowes why!

They don't?

They don't

Well Patrick, there are dozens of variations of your name world wide, Patrice, Patricia, Patrizio and Paddy. Oh and Patsy and many more the like.

What was wrong with plain old Patrick?

They were after making a film about ya too, named a trainer shoe after ya, and a postman with a rarder long nose,

Is that right?

It is!

Long nose?

Like it wasn't even real.

But they don't know a ting about the druids and work of Satan that I was able to drive out of the country.

And the nunnery's, that's been given a terrible name at times but I started them to give dignity to women.

So ya did Brigid, I needer like it eeder but don't forget the growth of Christianity. You did plenty of good work and it has to be recognised. Maybe we could put a good word in for London to receive a touch of the divine.

But Patrick, I've had a look at the Nundon Nunderground and it all seems well. I've seen Hampstead Health, Cambridge health, Stockswell and Clerkenwell, they even have an Angel and St Pauls himself! They do not need us!

D'ya tink?

For sure to be sure!!



THE TWO SIDES OF EASTER



It's that time of the year again, Easter holidays, which traditionally means, two weeks off for the kids, a break for everyone working and endless queues at motorways, airports and docks when trying to leave for your planned destination, all adding to unnecessary stress.

To some, Easter is all about eggs, chocolate, spending more as friends and relatives are visiting and also getting out in the garden for maybe the first time this year, to see the greenery, enjoying the fresh air in the local park.

For others, who are Christian followers, it is a momentous time for rejoicing; Jesus Christ, who was crucified on Good Friday, has risen as he promised, on the third day and Easter Sunday is a time when we are joyous and expectant as new life has been given to us through our Saviour and Lord. Hallelujah!

Bob Jenkins



(25 IN 25)

HPB TALENT EVENING - WE NEED YOU!!
SATURDAY 27 SEPTEMBER, keep the date free!

In 2013, our Church celebrated it's centenary, and amongst the activities was an 'HPB's got talent' presentation that proved very successful.

I think that the time is right for a similar event, showing off the undoubted (especially musical) abilities that we have here and it would be great to have an evening to have this opportunity to showcase the skills of the members, friends and adherents in the Church.

This is NOT going to be a competition or a fundraiser, but something that can be a focal point for the Church and also, be a wonderful evening that we can share together.

The idea of the title is based on the hope that we can get 25 people involved in 2025! Don't despair, no one will be badgered, coerced or threatened to take part, but I am hopeful that enough people will be interested and feel able to contribute something from the following ideas – playing an instrument, singing, stand-up comedy, dancing, reciting stories, poems, a group activity, magic tricks etc, the list is endless.

There is no age restriction, not even rehearsals planned until of course, a week or so before any event takes place.

Please give this some thought over the next few weeks and let me know if you would like to be involved, please don't be shy, **we need you!** it will be a lot of fun, I promise!

There's no entrance fee, but I suggest an opportunity for those who wish to make a donation to be shared between the local food bank and the Haven House children's hospice.

Bob(Jenkins) 07973 655129
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Musings - *A few random thoughts about...* Dating

And before you ask, I am not referring to the method of finding the ideal partner... I was thinking about the fact that in theory we are a quarter of the way through the twenty first century. I say 'in theory' because officially a new century does not start on year zero but on the first of January of year 01 – i.e. on January first, 2001. This of course also means that we celebrated the new Millenium a year early but nobody really noticed (or cared). Many of us will live in two centuries but far fewer will live in three. I am sure that Doris Thorndyke is trying hard to reach that goal! Relatively few people will see a Millenium. The Millenium celebrations were toned down somewhat by the fear that 'The Millenium Bug' would immediately send all computers into freefall – but, of course, this never happened...



What did happen all around the world was the great firework displays welcoming the change from one Millenium to another – London had 'The River of Fire' – these displays have now become part of every New Year. There were some questionable ways of greeting the year 2000 – The Millenium Dome did at first prove a bit of a white elephant and hit the headlines when thieves attempted to use a JCB digger to steal a large quantity of diamonds on display there. It was fortunately foiled. We do now have the legacy of the Dome in the form of the O2 arena as well as the London Eye and the infamous 'wobbly' Millennium Bridge across the Thames (now much less wobbly)

But how did we arrive at the year 2025 – when was year 1 and who decided to make it so? A monk, Dionysius Exiguus, who lived in the 6th century, was trying to establish a Christian chronology. He made the decision that the year of Christ's birth would be year 1 and calling it 1 AD. AD standing for 'Anno Domini' (Latin for "in the year of our Lord") which is the system we still use today. We now also use the suffix 'CE' for 'Common Era'. There was obviously the need to differentiate between the old and new systems so that the time before 1 AD was called 1 BC (Before Christ) and counted backwards i.e. ten years before the introduction of AD was 10 BC (This is also referred to as 'BCE' or 'Before the Common Era').

Unsurprisingly Dionysius's system which had been devised in 525, did not immediately become into effect. However, sufficient people started using it and it became widely used in Europe during the 9th century. There was a slight problem with this method of dating which has led to us celebrating the incorrect date for the start of a century – or indeed a new Millenium – Dionysius had no year '0' as in his system 1 AD followed 1 BC.

The idea of calendars is much older than year dating. Many of the ancient civilisations created calendars, often for a reason such as the Egyptians who developed a solar calendar around 3000 BCE to predict the annual flooding of the Nile, which was crucial for agriculture. This calendar had 365 days. Later, in 46 BC, Julius Caesar realised that a year was not really an exact 365 days and so he formed the Roman calendar creating the Julian calendar, which had a leap year every four years and a 365-day year for the other three.

JULIAN 1582		October				Gregorian 1582	
Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	15	16	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23	
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	
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Things did change somewhat in 1582. The "Gregorian Calendar" skipped 10 days in October of 1582. This was done to correct for the extra days that has been accrued using the Julian calendar. This established a much more accurate

method of accounting for the leap years. This lessened the chance of having to add an extra correcting day in the future.

Although the AD/CE system is widely used followers of other religions have other ways of dating the years : -

- Gregorian 2025CE
- Islamic Hijri 1446 AH
- Buddhist Era 2569BE
- Hindu 5127 Saka Era
- Hebrew 5785AM

For the other sort of dating (back to finding your ideal partner) we turn to the modern age and 'Online Dating' which seems to have started with 'Match.com' which went live in 1995. It was at first met with some scepticism, even derision by the public at large but now about one third of relationships start as the result of online dating. Whatever happened to youth clubs...

DL

A very busy May

There seems to be a busy time to come in May - as you will have seen there is to be a chance to make the church shine with the Fabric Weekend to be held over the May Bank Holiday weekend. Do please try to support it in any way that you are able.

After all your hard work (we hope) there will be some chances for a little relaxation with the following: -

Love Hale End Library Day
including the Spring Flea Market
Saturday 10th May
organised by the Highams Park Planning Group

**Highams Park
Arts & Culture Trail**
all around the Highams Park area
Friday 2nd to Sunday 18th May
organised by the HPPG/ARC Group

The Spring Festival
The Highams Park, IG8 9RB
Sunday 18th May
organised by The Friends of The Highams Park



CHURCH DIARY

April

Note: - all Services led by Rev. Cherie rogers unless shown

Tuesday 1 st	7.45 pm	Home group via Zoom
Thursday 3 rd	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 6 th	10 am	All Age Service
Tuesday 8 th	7.45 pm	Home group via Zoom
Sunday 13 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion and Sunday School
Friday 18 th	10.30 am	Good Friday Service
Sunday 20 th	10 am	Easter Sunday Service
Sunday 27 th	10 am	Morning Service Led by Bob Jenkins (Cherie taking Sunday School)
Monday 28 th	10.30 am	Coffee morning till 12 pm
Tuesday 29 th	7.45 pm	Home group via Zoom



May

Friday 2 nd	6 pm	Church Working Party
Saturday 3 rd	2 pm	Church Working Party
Sunday 4 th	10 am 12 pm	Sunday All Age Working Party
Monday 5 th	9 am	Working Party
Tuesday 5 th	10.30	Coffee morning till 12 pm
Friday 9 th	7 pm	Youth Club
Sunday 11 th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion and Sunday School
Monday 12 th	10.30am	Coffee morning till 12 pm
Tuesday 13 th	7.45 pm	Home group via Zoom
Sunday 18 th	10 am	Morning Service led by Jason Close Followed by Church members Meeting
Monday 19 th	10.30 am	Coffee morning till 12 pm
Tuesday 20 th	7.45 pm	Home group via Zoom
Sunday 25 th	10 am	Morning Service

Refreshments are served in Fellowship Hall after each service.