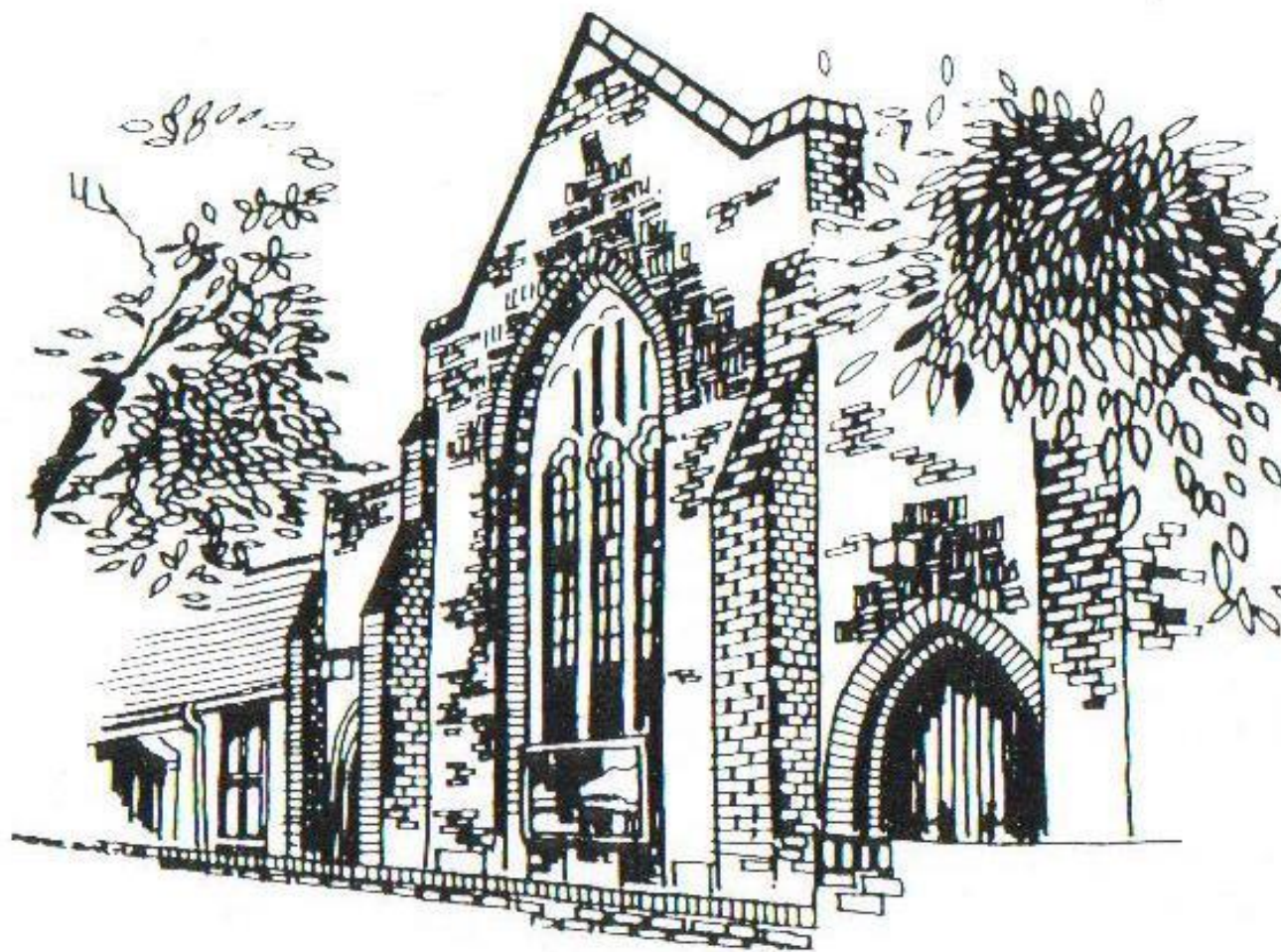




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CHURCH PROGRAMME

At the time of writing

Current Covid Safety Arrangements

- Please stay at home if you show any Covid symptoms - a recording of the service will be available later on the church website.
- It is your choice whether you wear a mask in the building or not, please feel comfortable whatever your choice, hand sanitiser will remain available, and we are continuing with increased ventilation and cleaning.
- If you test positive for Covid after attending a service, please let us know so we can complete extra cleaning and circulate an anonymous information to the congregation to be more vigilant for symptoms.

If there are any concerns, please approach the duty deacon.

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

Weekly Home Zoom Group is held on Tuesdays at 7.45pm. Please contact Sarah and Paul Raymond for details.



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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It is with immense joy and gratitude that I write for the Highams Park Baptist Church Magazine for the first time, as your soon-to-arrive, newly ordained Minister. It was wonderful to see so many of you at Eltham Park for my Ordination Service. It was a special time, and I appreciated your support. My time at Eltham is drawing to a close, with sad goodbyes, but I am excited to be joining you at Highams Park and seeing where God takes us in this new beginning for everyone at church and for myself.

I enjoyed reading Dave's reflection in the last edition on *New Beginnings*; these are profound moments in our lives because they offer us the chance to reflect on the past, learn from our experiences, and embrace the possibilities of the future. They remind us of the grace and mercy of our loving Creator, who constantly offers us the opportunity to start afresh and grow in our relationship with Him. 2 Corinthians 5:17 says, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!" This verse encapsulates the essence of new beginnings in each of our lives as followers of Christ. Through Him, we are made new, transformed by His grace, His redemptive power and unconditional love.

We have all experienced seasons of change and transition, moments of uncertainty and doubt, as well as opportunities for growth and development. My journey to this point of pastoring a church has been long and winding, as some of you know. The last three years of training and studying for my theological degree has been quite tough - very 'full' to say the least! I will be sad to leave college in many respects, but I know that I have forged life-long relationships with my fellow ministers-in-training.

It is God's faithfulness that has brought us all to this point, where our paths now join, and He will continue to guide us as we move forward together. At my ordination, I was given the gift of a Celtic prayer book, and

on the front cover it says, 'The Journey Begins...' which feels very apt. Journeys into new beginning require courage and faith. They demand that we step out of our comfort zones, embracing the unknown with hope and trust in God's plan. Just as the Israelites had to leave the familiarity of Egypt behind to enter the Promised Land, we too must be willing to move forward and embrace the new horizons that God has prepared for us.

As your minister, I commit to journeying with you into the next chapter at Highams Park Baptist Church. I am here to listen, support, and guide you as we navigate the challenges and celebrate the victories that lie ahead. Together, we will worship God, explore the Bible, pray, and seek the wisdom and guidance of the Holy Spirit. I hope that we might grow in our faith together and strive to be a shining light in our community. I am filled with anticipation and hope for what awaits us.

As we move forward, may God's blessing be upon us all, and may His Spirit lead us in all that we do.

Cherie

It is with great pleasure that the Church Council and Members of Highams Park Baptist Church invite you to the Induction of our new minister, the Reverend Cherie Rogers. Cherie joins us from Eltham Park Baptist Church in Southeast London where she was the associate minister, and having completed her three years theological training at Spurgeon's College.

The service will take place on Saturday 9th September at 3 p.m. at Highams Park Baptist Church, Cavendish Road, E4 9NH, and will last around an hour. It will be followed with refreshments in the church hall. We would be delighted if you could attend, and request that you RSVP to me by Friday 1st September.

Kind regards Jason Close, on behalf of Highams Park Baptist Church. Please reply to this letter via one of the below.

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Cavendish Circular



As we look forward to the coming months, we hope that the weather is kind to us (especially if you have schoolchildren on holiday). So far, we seem to have had extreme heat or cooler times with a good amount of rain. Not certain if the picture shows a parasol or an umbrella!

We do, of course look forward to September when we officially have our new minister. It is hoped that as many of you as possible will come to the Induction Service (and it is to be followed by tea!).

We do have sad news about the deaths of two people who have long connections with HPBC. The first is Alan Smith who, together with his family played an important role in church life until he and Margaret moved to Broadstairs some years ago. We celebrate Alan's life later in the magazine. The other person who has passed away is Mike Ansell. He had suffered with a stroke from which he seemed to be recovering. Unfortunately a second more serious stroke left him very ill and he was able to come home as he wished to receive palliative care. Our thoughts and prayers are with Hazel, Simon and Poppy at this difficult time. We hope to remember him in greater depth in the next issue.

We understand that Simon Jones had his waited for operation and is now able to return to work. Sadly this has not been the case with Rob Edwards. He had a cataract operation to restore his sight to a good level but there appears to have been complications which are currently being investigated. We do hope that resolution will be quick. Until then he is unable to have the similar procedure on his other eye.

As ever we ask you to remember those who for whatever reason are unable to attend our services. They are still part of the church family and are important to us.

HPBC is being presented with a defibrillator by The Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation. Justin was a footballer with Tottenham Hotspur and then manager of Leyton Orient. He died in 2019 within a week of suffering from a cardiac arrest in a gym. It was felt that access to a defibrillator could have saved his life. His son, Charlie, created the Foundation in his father's name and campaigns for 'Justin's Law, to ensure that defibrillators are much more widely available. The Church Council agreed that a donation of £200.00 should be made to the Foundation. It is hoped that it will not be needed but it is good to know it is there in an emergency.

DL

As many of you will know our soon to arrive Minister was ordained recently and eight people from HPBC were able to attend the service. I am grateful to Jason for supplying the Order of Service as well as details of the Promises that are required at such a ceremony. I would hazard a guess that few of us have attended an Ordination, so it is interesting to see how this so important ceremony takes place:

Saturday 3rd June 2.30 pm
Cherie's ordination service

Welcome and Introduction

Call to worship: Lamentation 3:22,23, and then Psalm 34:5.

Songs: Great things (Come let us worship)
Splendour of the King (How great is our God)
Jesus at the centre of it all

Prayer

Bible reading: Psalm 16

Ordination part 1 – telling the story

Song: Oceans

Ordination part 2 – promises

Laying on of hands

Song: Goodness of God

Semon

Song: In Christ alone

Blessing – Revd. Cherie Rogers – invite to tea and thank you.



Ordination promises.

Sisters and brothers, we meet together in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, to ordain Cherie to the office and work of a Christian minister. We believe God has called Cherie to serve as a pastor and today we acknowledge and celebrate that call, setting her apart with prayer for the service and purposes of God.

All God's people are called to ministry. All who are baptized into Jesus Christ and have received the Holy Spirit are called to serve our Lord Jesus Christ, and one another, in the fellowship of the Church and in all that they do. God gives gifts to all, so that, like a body, all may share in the purposes of Christ for the world which God has made and for which Jesus Christ has died. All are called to be disciples. All are called to be servants of God in Christ Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit. Yet God calls some to servant leadership in the Church and these are to be honoured among us. None may take this office upon themselves.

Today we acknowledge our dependence upon God and seek to do his will. We have sought God's guidance and prayerfully tested the calling of Cherie within the local and the wider church. Now we gather in the name of Jesus Christ to ordain Cherie as a Christian minister and to seek God's blessing through the power and graces of the Holy Spirit. Christian ministry is a sharing in the ministry of Jesus Christ, through the power of the Holy Spirit and in response to the call of God. Cherie you are already a disciple of Jesus Christ, do you now acknowledge this further call on your life? Do you willingly and joyfully submit yourself as God's servant and as a minister in God's Church?

I do, for God has called me.

Cherie shares her story to being called as minister.

Rachel, you represent Eltham Park Baptist church of which Cherie was a member when she heard and responded to this call of Jesus Christ. Can you confirm that the members of Eltham Park Baptist recognized God at work in Cherie's life?

I can.

Rachel shares briefly the way in which the calling was recognised.

I am here today as the regional minister for London Baptists. They were also charged with testing Cherie's call to Christian ministry. We believe God has set her apart for the work of Christian ministry amongst the churches of the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Having tested this call to ministry through question, commendation and prayer. We gladly commend Cherie for ordination today.

Dotha Blackwood, you represent Spurgeon's College, where Cherie was prepared for Christian ministry. Do you now recommend her for ordination to ministry in the Church of Jesus Christ?

Cherie has prepared for Christian ministry through a life of study, prayer and service. She has studied the scriptures and the faith of the Christian Church, and has applied herself to the practice of ministry. Sharing in the Church's fellowship and witness, she has been equipped for Christian ministry as a pastor and we now commend her to the churches.

The call to be a minister of the Church of Christ is a call to service and will be sealed through the invitation to serve in the fellowship and witness of a local Christian community.

Jason, you represent Highams Park Baptist Church, can you confirm that Cherie is called to Christian ministry and that you have invited her to exercise that ministry amongst you?

I can. We the members of Highams Park Baptist Church have invited Cherie to be our minister.

We have worshipped together, shared our hopes for the future, and believe that God is calling us to journey together.

We have heard how the call to Christian ministry has been heard by Cherie and confirmed by those charged with testing it.

The Ordination Vows

Cherie will now make promises to exercise that ministry with faithfulness and love.

Do you believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and do you confess Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord?

I do. This is the God in whom I trust.

Do you believe that you are called by God to a life of ministry and the work of a pastor?

I believe that God has called me.

Will you proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ through word and deed, making disciples and seeking the coming kingdom of God?

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will call others to follow him.

Do you accept the scriptures as revealing the salvation of God in Jesus Christ?
Will you live a life of holiness and prayer and open yourself to the ministry of the Holy Spirit who will lead us into all truth?

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will search the word of God and be open to the Spirit's leading.

Will you serve and pastor the people of God with gentle nurture and faithful teaching?
Will you set before them the whole counsel of God as you proclaim Christ, the living Word?
Will you be faithful in worship and prayer, and, through word and sacrament, will you celebrate the grace of God, seeking to pattern yourself and those you serve after the likeness of Jesus Christ?

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I will minister in his way.

Will you 'make every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace'?
Will you represent the wider Church of Jesus Christ in the places where you serve, and watching over them in humility and patience, will you care for the people of God, serving, and not lording it over them? Will you welcome the stranger and build up the body of Christ until we all come 'to maturity, measured by nothing less than the full stature of Christ'?

Abiding in the love of God, and relying on his grace, I will.

Will you pray for the coming kingdom of God?

Will you, under God, build up the body of Christ, seek peace, work for justice, minister forgiveness and always walk in the way of love?

As a disciple of Jesus Christ and with the help of God's Spirit, I will.

Jesus challenged his disciples to leave self behind, take up a cross and follow him. Will you follow Christ wherever he leads you, remaining faithful to your Lord until he comes or calls you to your heavenly rest?

With the Lord's help, I will

May the God of grace keep you steadfast in the vows you have made, living and serving in the power of the Holy Spirit as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Are you in whole-hearted agreement with the Declaration of Principle of the Baptist Union of Great Britain?

I am.

Laying on of hands.

Following the practice of the early Church, we formally set Cherie apart with the laying on of hands. In this act of ordination, representatives of the wider Church will share with those representing local congregations, for we are ordaining Cherie to Christian ministry in the whole Church of Jesus Christ.

People are invited to come to lay hands on Cherie and pray for her.

In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, we declare you, Cherie, to be ordained a pastor in the church of Jesus Christ and commissioned for ministry within the Baptist Union of Great Britain. Seek the kingdom of God, be faithful and true in your ministry so that your whole life may bear witness to the crucified and risen Christ.

Dotha says:

Here is the living word of God: words to encourage the weak, restore the lost, and build up the body of Christ. Read them and teach them, proclaim the gospel of Christ that the people of God may be a gospel people.

The congregation then says:

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you.

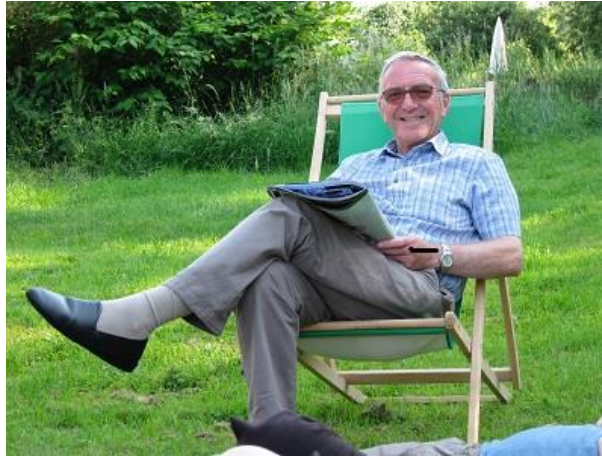
The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you
and give you peace. Amen.

We now look forward to the Induction of Cherie on September 9th.

Alan Smith

June 4th 1940 – June 20th 2023

The name of Alan Smith may not now be known to all our readers but he, together with his wife Margaret and children Nicola and Graham played a large part at HPBC until he and Margaret moved to Broadstairs in 2004. It is entirely fitting therefore that we celebrate his life at length in the magazine: -



We start with a brief outline of Alan's life -

Alan was born in Hackney, east London on 4th June 1940. He was the second son for Stan and Hilda. Keith, Deidre, Hilary and Stuart were Alan's siblings. He went to Larkswood Primary School in Chingford and went on to pass the 11plus, attending Chingford High School. He loved swimming and played rugby. When he left school, he went to work for National Westminster Bank where he worked his way up to manager. He particularly enjoyed his time in a team of inspectors.

He was a regular worshipper at Highams Park Baptist Church where he met Margaret. They married in 1965 with a guard of honour from the Boy's Brigade as Alan had become an officer. The newlyweds moved to Colchester, where their children Graham and Nicola were born. They moved to Woodford so that Alan could get into London more easily for work. He had various managerial jobs and went on to be Fraud Prevention Manager. He worked hard for the Boy's Brigade running the Friday night meetings and racing up and down the football pitch on a Saturday. He continued to work at the church in capacity of fabric steward. He had many good friends from those days.

In 2004 Margaret and Alan moved to Broadstairs, where Alan became a member of Rotary and St Peter's church. He was a keen gardener growing vegetables and flowers. He maintained a large pond with fish frogs and water lilies. Alan was a keen photographer and at one time had his own dark room for developing his photographs.

He loved his six grandchildren (sadly losing Leala at one year old) He was often to be seen stretched out on the floor making Lego models with a grandchild advising.

Alan and Margaret made countless journeys to Scotland where Graham lives with his wife Sharon and their two children Eryn 14 and Arley 11.

In 2019 Margaret and Alan moved to Farnham to be near their daughter Nicola and husband Nick as Alan began to show signs of dementia. He enjoyed seeing his grandchildren, Freya 17, Zachary 15, and Miles 12. Although he had many difficulties, he maintained his love of dogs and enjoyed their visits in his final days in Ashton Manor nursing home.

The family's thoughts

Dad's Alzheimer's journey was a tough one and testament to mum's love and resilience that he remained at home for such a long time. Leafing through photo albums, we've begun to remember Alan/dad as he was before his condition deteriorated.

Dad was a gentle man, generous, considerate, and often quietly hanging back. Many noted in their messages "a lovely faithful, gentle man" "a real gent" , "very kind and generous", "patient and unflappable" (not sure he was that when I, as his daughter, was learning to drive)

He always enjoyed pottering in the garden, working hard in his greenhouse (ever the pressure when mum and dad went on holiday and leaving us in charge of the watering!) He nurtured some fantastic ponds in all their gardens.

He was a very photogenic man, always with a lovely broad grin. I wouldn't say dad was particularly hands-on, he was teased for never really changing a nappy. However, he was a whiz at Lego and spent hours with his grandchildren patiently supporting whatever was their latest build. It was rare to find him in the sea at Broadstairs, but he was excellent at taking photos from the beach. He enjoyed a round of mini golf. Dad would have a ready supply of coins on the beach for ice cream treats and visits to the trampolines, swing boats or roundabout!

Reflecting on dad's creativity – he pursued so many crafts over the years... marquetry, pottery, woodwork and photography. He was a whiz at requests for artwork such as 'pin the tail on...' whale which was a favourite at Zachary's Octonaut party!

Dad's love of cars began when he was first able to drive. His cushy post-retirement job at a local Jaguar dealer meant he would occasionally be driving some really fancy cars. He was in his element. He loved having pets especially dogs, one condition on choosing dad's care home was that Minty our dog could visit.

The grandchildren have all been so compassionate to dad in the last few years. I'm very proud of them for this but urge them to look through the terrific photo collection that will remind them of his lovely qualities many of which we can see in them as they grow up.

A friend, Russel Allen, remembers Alan

Alan and I go back over a number of years, meeting when he, Margaret, Graham and Nicola came down to stay at the Cleveland, our favourite boarding house in Broadstairs, with their friends David and Barbara Young. They soon settled in with the Broadstairs Gang and became regular annual attendees. We went to visit them at their house in Chingford, which nestled against Epping Forest. Alan worked for a leading bank in the city as the head of their plastic card fraud division, I, at various times worked on the Fraud Squad at Scotland Yard so we both thought it would be advantageous if we met on a regular basis to discuss the finer points of fraud. I seem to recall that the conversation centred more about Broadstairs and forthcoming fishing trips than fraud.

For a number of years, a number of chaps from the Broadstairs gang would make an annual trip on the first weekend in December and embark on a sea fishing trip. Of course, fishing wasn't always about taking fish out from the water, but it was also about looking after them. When Alan and Margaret moved to Broadstairs they inherited what had been a trampoline pit. Alan diligently lined the area converting it into a very sizeable fishpond. Unfortunately it was once noticed the pond was bereft of fish, a passing Heron or seagulls being blamed for the thefts.

I joined the Rotary Club of Broadstairs some years ago and persuaded Alan to join as well. Alan, always the quiet one, soon took on the role of club Secretary which involved him in every aspect of the club's activities and communicating with all members on a regular basis. He was tireless in his endeavours for which all of the members were forever grateful. Another pursuit he and I got involved with was Bird watching, I don't think we qualified as being 'Twitchers' but we must have got pretty close. Alan also had a passion for photography and introduced me to the Thanet Photographic Society which met monthly at a large church in Margate. We would enjoy sitting and listening to speakers of various aspects of photography and the use of modern technology to enhance an image.

After what must have been over 40 years of friendship, I have one last request for Alan and that is to save a place for me wherever it is you have gone because in the words of the immortal Dame Vera Lynn "We'll meet again, don't know where when". Go well my friend.

Bob Jenkins adds his tribute.

It is with mixed feelings that I pay this tribute on behalf of the 17th Waltham Forest Boys Brigade Company (or the 17th South Essex Company as it was originally known).

Sad that it is a time of recognition that Alan is no longer with us, but with gratitude, giving thanks to God for his life, and the knowledge that he is now free from illness; so we can reflect with pride on someone who enriched our lives and who for someone like myself, was an inspirational leader and a friend who it was a great pleasure to work with for many years.

Alan helped out with what was then the Life Boys before I arrived on the scene but much later, Alan and I (and Cliff Tayler), plus other helpers, ran the Junior Section in Highams Park and looking back we had a great relationship and as with all experiences with young people, felt that we were answering God's call, doing something that was so rewarding and at the same time, serving in the community. For me, Alan was probably the most organised, unflappable, patient man I've met. When there was a problem or chaos – he was the man, remember we used to have regularly thirty boys every Friday (and that's not including issues with the parents or fire extinguishers going off!)

Our weekly Boys' Brigade activities were varied and very successful and there was a great atmosphere which endured with items for Company displays and back in the day, coach outings to Dover, Folkestone and of course, Alan's beloved Broadstairs. One thing I do know is that he loved boats and enjoyed relaxing hobbies like painting and photography. Alan was also a member of HPB and served for a time as a Deacon and fabric steward, and was also a regular at meetings of BB Company and Battalion level, his experience was invaluable, and totally committed to the cause.

In later years, when able, Alan would link up with the Staff and helpers for annual get togethers, in particular the BB walking weekends which I know he enjoyed along with the companionship and camaraderie.

So I give thanks for Alan, his humility, attention to detail and above all his wisdom, great qualities which I think will be mirrored today and resonate with his family and his friends and certainly something that he will be remembered for.

As Editor and friend I feel it right to add my (and Jacquie's) thoughts on Alan – we have known him and Margaret for many years and appreciated their friendship. They were always excellent hosts and we spent much happy time at their house in Forest Glade. Then they moved to Broadstairs, a place which we knew little of. Our knowledge grew when we were invited to visit (and stay) with Alan and Margaret. We were always made so welcome and fed so well! It was very obvious that they had made a whole new life in this wonderful seaside town. We would often visit in Dicken's Week (Dickens had lived there for a while) and this usually coincided with Open Gardens Weekend at a nearby village – we would usually return home laden with plants. He will be greatly missed but very fondly remembered. DL



Special Places – Waltham Abbey

Over the years we have written about visits to places of worship up to and including Canterbury Cathedral. This time it is something on a smaller scale. It is however closer to Highams Park – its name is the Church of Holy Cross and St. Lawrence but it is better known as The Abbey Church at Waltham Abbey.



It is the parish church of Waltham Abbey and it has been a place of worship since the 7th century. Although the present building dates mainly from the early 12th century and is in the Norman style of architecture. Traces can be found of the original Abbey which dates back to 1177 and was one of the largest English church buildings in the Later Middle Ages.

Of course, along with all other such buildings of this type, it attracted the attention of Henry VIII and his Dissolution of the Monasteries. It is said, however, that he did have a soft spot for Waltham Abbey having visited it on a number of occasions. This may have led to it being the last religious community that was closed down...

Not all the Abbey were destroyed however - the present-day church consists of the nave of the Norman abbey church, the 14th-century lady chapel and west wall. There is also a 16th-century west tower which was added after the dissolution. There is, of course, much more history that has taken place, but the best way of finding out about the building and the events that have shaped its character is to pay a visit just as I did in company with Dianne and David Kendrick recently. I have to admit that, although having lived in Highams Park for all my life, it was my first visit (but is unlikely to be my last).

As you enter you are aware that this is no ordinary parish church – the scale is vast due to its being part of the earlier Abbey. Strangely, however, there is a feeling of welcoming calm and tranquillity. On our visit a number of volunteers were cleaning up and one gentleman was a font of knowledge on the history.



One thing that I have learned over the years is that when visiting any building one of the things you must do is 'look upwards'. If you do so at Waltham Abbey, you are greeted with the sight of a wonderful ceiling painted with the signs of the Zodiac.

This was as part of an extensive restoration in 1859 by the architect William Burges to include a refurbishment of the interior. At the time the Nikolaus Pevsner, the architectural historian, was somewhat scathing about the changes but later was a little more sympathetic. The work was finally completed in 1876 and towards the end of the restoration a 15th-century 'doom' painting was discovered under whitewash on the east wall of the Lady Chapel



Looking around the church it would be hard to miss the tomb of Sir Edward Denny and his wife. Sir Edward was a soldier and later a privateer (read as pirate!). He was present at the Royal Court and was a Gentleman of The Privy Council. The tomb is painted in realistic colours and shows Sir Edward and his wife Margaret Edgecumbe. It also has representations of his children, seven sons and three daughters.



There is a magnificent reredos (an ornamental screen covering the wall behind the altar)



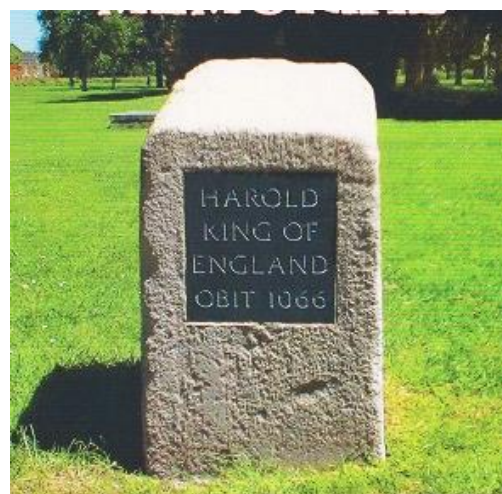
The whole and a small section.

One feature of the church is the decoration incised into the supporting columns of spirals and other shapes.



There is also some very nice stained glass which is well worth viewing. However, not only is the interior of the church well worth seeing, but so too is the exterior which has a feeling of spaciousness, being grassed and surrounded by trees. There is, of course, the 'claim to fame' of the church – the tomb of King Harold Godwinson, who died at the Battle of Hastings in 1066.

It has to be said that the exact site of the burial is unknown – as yet there has been no search made in the same way as that of King Richard the Third but it is of great pride that such a famous King has been buried locally.



DL

A Birthday to remember.

Whilst it is not usual practice to include details of birthdays in the magazine, we felt it was allowable to tell you about one that took place recently...

The recipient of birthday wishes was Sheila Humphrey (and no we are not in the habit of telling how old someone is!). Family and friends (and dogs) gathered at daughter Beth's in the bright sunshine and much enjoyment ensued.



The church presented Sheila with a gift of a (large) potted plant – she sends her very great thanks.

DL



13th August from 12pm, Picnic in the park at The Ridgeway Park (or at church if the weather is bad).

9th September 3pm, Cherie's Induction Service followed by Afternoon Tea.

17th September 11:30am, Church member's meeting



A free event for all the family organised by the Friends of The Highams Park at 11.30 am until 4.30 pm. This year the event will include a community dog show competition as well as:

- Live entertainment
- Coconut shy
- Pelt a Parent,
- Welly Wanging
- Face Painting
- Other games and entertainments



Samson and the Ordinary Nation

'Hullo Samson, I haven't seen you for some time.'

'Well no, I have been on my travels, going to see all my nieces and nephews in their churches'.

'Do all churches have their own spiders?'

'Of course. Churches are ideal for us being large, clean and empty for much of the time! And it is much nicer now because the boiler doesn't go out and leave me in the cold!'

'Oh I see, but it is good to see you again. How is it being back?'

Oh it is very enjoyable, but I have one question.'

'And what is that?'

'Well I think that Britain is great, but I keep hearing about an 'ordinary nation' that has taken place.'

'Ah! you mean 'ordination'. When somebody who is to be a minister finishes all their training there is a ceremony called ordination at which they officially become a minister'. We are very lucky that she is coming to us here and now we will have an Induction Service at which she becomes our minister. In the meantime we have been extremely lucky that many people have stepped in and taken the services.

'That would be why I have been seeing new faces on a Sunday leading the worship and they have been very good. In fact 'new faces' is probably not right – since I spend a lot of time on the floor then 'new shoes' would be better!'

'I suppose that's right. But we must make sure that you come to the Induction and get to know the new minister. Her name is Cherie, and this is her first church so you must be nice to her'.

'No problem at all. I look forward to it. Bye for now.'

In the spirit of Arthur Fugler who first wrote about Sam the Spider.

In the last issue we printed one of two recipes from the World Day of Prayer presentation – here we bring the second...

Taiwanese Honey Castella Sponge Cake

Ingredients

- 8 eggs
- 130g flour
- 130g unsalted butter
- 130g milk 2.5 tbsp honey
- 1 tbsp vanilla paste
- 130g icing sugar

Method

Preheat the oven to 150c (130 fan), gas mark 2.

Separate the egg whites and yolks into two separate bowls.

Add the milk and butter to a pan and heat on medium-low until the butter is fully melted.

Pour the flour into a large bowl, and slowly pour in the melted butter and milk mixture, whilst gently stirring.

When the mixture is warm but not hot add the egg yolks one at a time and mix until combined.

In a separate bowl, beat the egg whites. Once bubbles are formed add the sugar in $\frac{1}{4}$ at a time.

Keep beating the eggs and sugar until they form stiff peaks.

Add ladles of egg yolk mixture and gently fold.

Pour the remaining egg white into the egg yolk mixture and gently fold until everything is combined.

Pour the mixture into a baking pan lined with parchment paper. Drop the pan to force out all air bubbles. The mixture will double in height so ensure that the container is large enough for it to expand.

For the best effect, cook in a bain-marie (place the baking pan in a larger pan and add hot water until it reaches at least half of the smaller containers height). The cake will cook in the process.

Bake for 60 minutes or until the top springs back when touched.

Thanks to Di Kendrick for providing this recipe.



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

I am sure that many of you are thinking of (or have already had) going on holiday. It is often the time when churches are seeing less people coming on a Sunday because those people are away on holiday.

But this is not what is meant to happen - The word holiday came from an Old English word that was first recorded in 950 AD, as *hāligdæg* (*hālig* for "holy" and *dæg* for "day"). The word originally referred only to special religious days. The first recorded spelling as holiday was in 1460 AD. Around the Middle English period, it took on a new meaning as "a day when commoners were exempt from labour". By this we can assume that people were encouraged to make an even more special effort to attend church (and they had less excuse if they were exempt from labour!)

It was not until much later that any day other than Sunday became a time for rest - as late as the 1870s some skilled workers began to have Saturday afternoons off. Sir John Lubbock (a banker and politician) drafted the Bank Holidays Bill of 1871 which created bank holidays, adding four days (Easter Monday, Whit Monday, the first Monday in August and Boxing Day) to the two common law holidays that already existed (Good Friday and Christmas Day).

In the 1890s most workers gained a half-day holiday on Saturday and the weekend was born. In the late 19th century when some skilled workers began to have paid holidays they often went to stay at the seaside. It was a time when many men who worked in offices were expected to wear formal attire but were 'allowed to dress down' to a sports jacket on Saturday!

Paid holidays did not become law until 'The Holidays with Pay Act 1938' came into force after a twenty-year campaign. This of course leaves the question of how much holiday should you get. This was resolved by 'The Working Time Regulations 1998' which gave workers the right to 4 weeks of holiday each holiday year. This was done to comply with European laws. (As far as I know Brexit has not changed this!).

DL

**Happy Holidays
Everyone!**

Highams Park Snippets

In the last issue I included some shops and businesses that advertised in the magazine of the early 1930 and this will continue this time. The advertisers seem to fall into two groups – those who continually advertised and those who seemed only to appear for a period of time.

In the magazine issue number 7 for May 1933 we find a company called Sorrell Bros were Fruiterers and Greengrocers although as almost an aside they told readers that they carried out removals. However in the next issue they only advertised the removal service. I do not have all the issues from this period but by April 1934 there are no adverts for this company so perhaps we shall never know if they continued with both Fruiterers and Greengrocers and the removal business or not!

SORRELL BROS.,

High-class English and Foreign

:: Fruiterers & Greengrocers. ::

Daily deliveries throughout the district.

Removals by motor—any distance.

WINCHESTER ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK

(Corner of Cavendish Road).

Are you moving?

Then you cannot do better than

— get a quotation from —

SORRELL BROS.

Removals by motor—any distance.

WINCHESTER ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK

(Corner of Cavendish Road).

— BOOK —
your Christmas
- Appointment -
EARLY — AT

H. WATSON'S

Ladies' & Gent's
Hairdresser,
TOBACCONIST.

4 & 28, The Avenue,
HIGHAMS PARK.

PHONE: WALTHAMSTOW 1732.

Eugene, Macdonald and
Va-pet-Marcel
Permanent Waving.



Christmas was always an important part of the year for businesses, and this was addressed in some of the adverts – one for a company that also had two strings to its bow – whether the two shops were used one as a hairdresser and the other as a tobacconist again we shall probably never know. Even the company that printed the magazine could provide some Christmas items:

WE HAVE A FINE SELECTION OF
**Private Greeting Cards & Advertising
Calendars.**

HALE END PRESS, 49 & 85, Cavendish Road, E.4.

I have also found some other companies that do not seem to have advertised on many occasions:

L. SIDNEY DE RITTER, Worker in Cane
:: and Straw. ::
BASKETS for shopping and waste paper also fancy baskets.
Cane glass-holders and table mats.
Stools and chairs made and repaired.
56, CAVENDISH ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK, E.4.

Telephone: WALTHAMSTOW 1037.	Established 22 years
W. H. EDE & SON,	Frank R. Root,
	Draper
Footwear Repairers.	(Next door to Post Office)
	HIGHAMS PARK, E.4.
ESTABLISHED - 21 YEARS. -	Telephone: Walthamstow 2548.
10, THE BROADWAY, WINCHESTER ROAD, HIGHAMS PARK, E.4.	New Spring Goods - now to hand. - Solprufe Fadeless Casements & Brocades, Art Silk, Curtain Nets and Household Linens, etc.

S. P. Blackmore,
For Best Quality
FRIED FISH
Service & Satisfaction.
78, WILTON ROAD,
HIGHAMS PARK, E.4.
Established 1894.

County Valet Service
For
DYEING, DRY CLEANING AND
PRESSING, REPAIRS AND
ALTERATIONS.
5, THE AVENUE
HIGHAMS PARK
'Phone - LARKSWOOD 2424

As you can see there were a good number of trades and professions available in Highams Park ninety years ago – it certainly makes a change from places of refreshment that form a large part of the current shopping facilities....

CHURCH DIARY

August

Sunday school are in church the whole time with packs for all of August until the 10th September.

Sunday 6th	10 am	Morning Service Led by Rev. Andrew Willis
Sunday 13th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion Led by Mandy Edwards
Sunday 20th	10 am 2.30 am	Morning Service Led by Robert Jenkins Followed by Church Picnic at Ridgeway Park (in the church if wet)
Sunday 27th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion Led by Dr. Paul Davis

September

Sunday 3rd	10 am	All Age Morning Service Led by Rev. Cherie Rogers
Thursday 7 th	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting in the Lounge
Saturday 9 th	3pm	Induction of Cherie Rogers followed by tea.
Sunday 10th	10 am	Morning All Age Service with Communion Led by Rev. Cherie Rogers
Sunday 17th	10 am 11.30 am.	Morning Service Led by Rev. Cherie Rogers Followed by Church Members Meeting
Sunday 24th	10 am	Morning Harvest Service with Communion Led by Cherie Rogers Followed by Harvest Lunch

October

Sunday 1 st	10 am	Morning all Age Service Led by Rev. Cherie Rogers
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