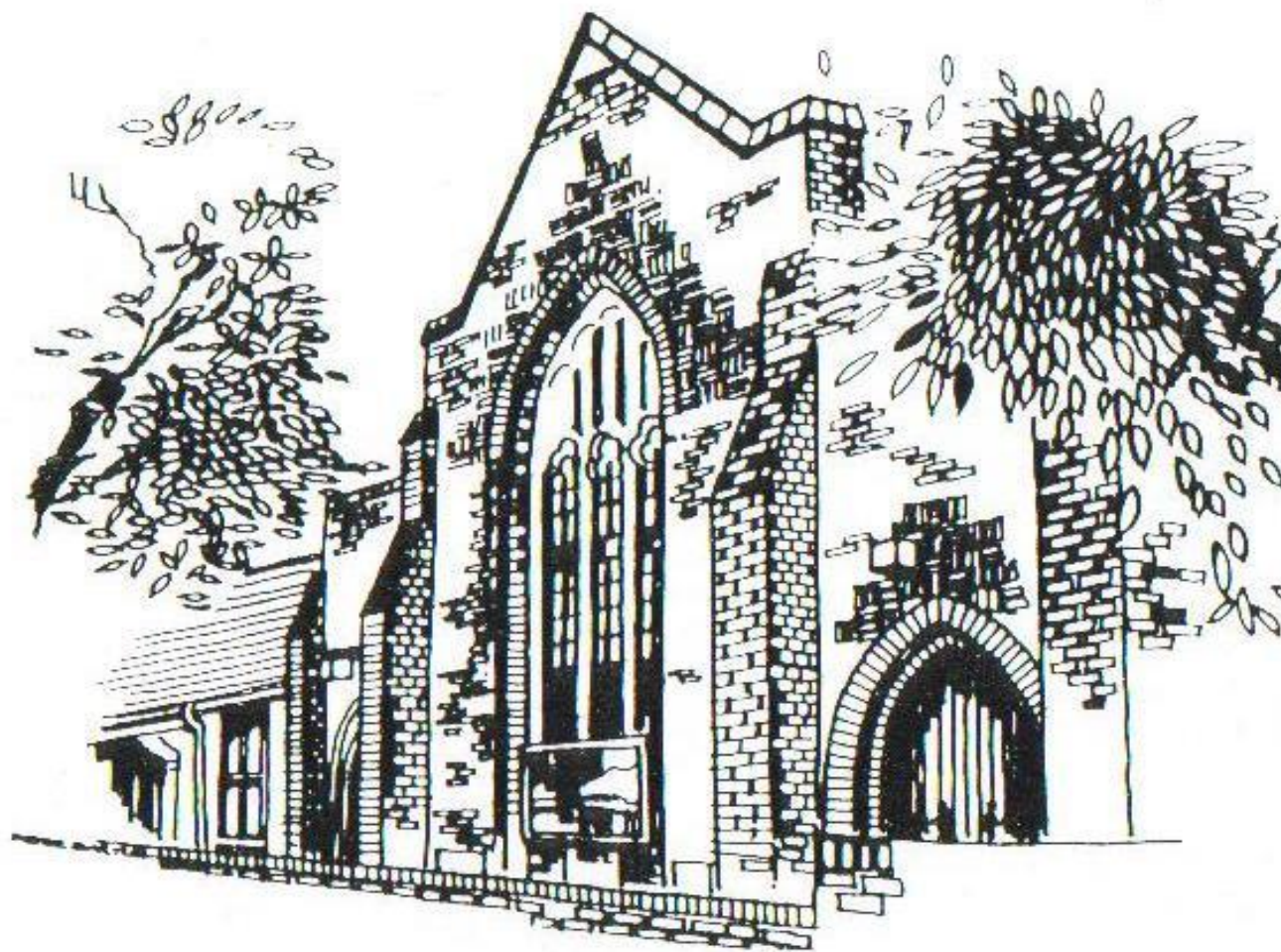




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CHURCH PROGRAMME

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.

The deadline for items for the next edition is Sunday 19th March 2023
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As I write at the start of a New Year, the dark evenings and very cold days and nights are still with us, even I have had to put the heating on a bit more. For myself I cannot wait until the Spring Season again. Let's hope the sunshine and warm days will be with us soon.

I have been thinking about 2023: what will it be happening this year? We know we have a new king Charles 111, with his Coronation in May and an extra day off, we wonder if we will have three prime ministers, as in 2022, again in 2023.

But like most years there will be low and sad times, but we also know there will be happy and great times ahead and with God by our side, we will, together, with our Church family, make the best of the year ahead with whatever it will bring.

We do as a Church have some great news with which to start the year, as HPBC will have a New Minster in 2023. Cherie Rogers has accepted the call to become our minster, Cherie will be joining us after ordination and will be starting at the end of August.

Yes, that a good number of months away, but the Church and Cherie feel it's the right thing to do. Off course, it is a new chapter for both Cherie and HPBC. We will continue pray and looking forward to the months ahead, working together in God's plan as we move forward.

Also, we have a New Church text for 2023.

The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall, I fear? The lord is the strong hold of my life of whom shall I be afraid?

This is from Psalm 27 V1

It reminds us that the Lord is with us and no matter what, we do not need to be afraid with Him at our side.

I would also like at this point, to thank all the Church Council in the work we have been able to do in 2022. I often say to my work colleagues is India, there is **NO I in team**, and, rest assured, the HPBC Church Council has been a team and we work together for the good of the Church as a whole and with God by our side.

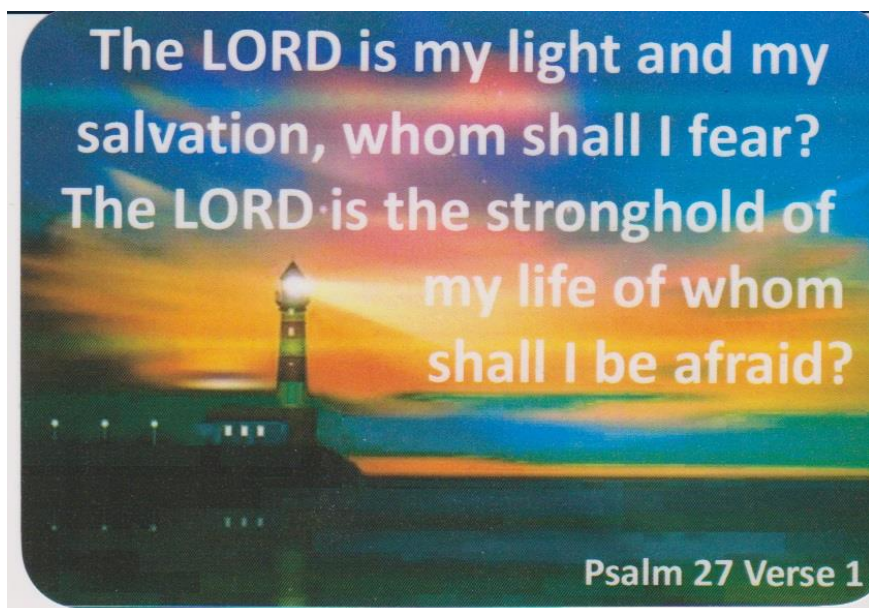
Also, I must thank everyone that has led and preached on a Sunday for us, it is great to sing the old and new songs - the ones we have forgotten and some we have never sung, and it is great to hear from so many different people, we are really blessed to have so many people able to preach.

There are also many other people that been doing their bit and more, and if I tried to list them, I know I will miss some, but I do thank you all for the work you do at HPBC no matter what. Without what each and every one of you do, we could not run as a team, for the work of the Church and Jesus.

I finish by saying, let us continue to do what we do so well and learn when we get it wrong, let us share in prayer, love, friendship and in all things we can and do as a church family together; helping and looking after each other as we move forward, stronger and better. Remembering that as Jesus did, so should we also do.

Wishing you all a healthy and safe 2023.

Jason



Cavendish Circular



We are now well and truly into 2023 with all that may promise – I am sure that there will be highs and lows as yet unknown, but with faith we shall meet them to the best of our ability.

2022 decided to bow out with some of the lowest temperatures that we have seen for some time and a fall of snow that took some time to disperse. A fresh fall of snow is delightful to look at as long as you do not have to venture forth into it! The cold weather did not stop a good attendance at both the Candlelight service and the Christmas Eve Midnight service which resumed after some years. We are grateful to those who put such hard work into making Christmas at HPBC 2022 so successful.

Many of you will know of the good work done by CARE Highams Park – this includes the lunches provided on the first Sunday of the month. I have fond memories of taking Gwladys Taylor and Doris Thorndyke to Winchester Road Church for these in past years. One of the leading lights in the organisation is Mary Rose French and she has been awarded the British Empire Medal (BEM) This is awarded for a 'hands-on' service to the local community. This could be a long-term charitable or voluntary activity, or innovative work of a relatively short duration (3 to 4 years) that has made a significant difference. The citation is as below: -

'Mary Rose FRENCH. For services to the community in the London Borough of Waltham Forest.'

We ask that you remember in thought and prayer those of the Church family who are, for any reason, unable to get to Church. These include Emma Lewis-Azyear who is still having health problems and Doris Thorndyke who is receiving treatment in the Ainslie Rehabilitation Unit whilst discussions take place as to her further care in the future.

As you will have read in Jason's letter the Church members voted overwhelmingly to ask Cherie Rogers to become our new Minister to which she has agreed. Although August seems some time away we are sure that it will pass quickly and thank all those who will continue to fill the pulpit so well in the meantime.

Dave Lyus

Christmas at HPBC

We were able to celebrate Christmas in a much better fashion this year with Covid (apparently more under control!). As has become the custom there was a pre-Christmas meal at The Harvester which even the snowy conditions could not halt. Althea did an excellent job in making the arrangements and the evening was enjoyed by all who were able to attend.



We were also able to bring back the Christmas Post Box. It proved very popular but had the proviso that cards could only be 'sent' to people who were likely to be at church to collect them - this seems to have worked well and thanks go to Dianne and Dave for donning their postie outfits again. With all the strikes our postal service gave a much better delivery time than the Royal Mail!

We were delighted that the advent Candles were real again this year instead of electric ones- lighting a candle somehow seems much more engaging than pressing a button.

Dave Kendrick and Jason after their efforts in setting up the Christmas tree worked hard to get the candles in place for the Candlelight Service on December 18th. This was held at 6.30 pm to avoid clashing with some football match or other! I was delighted to have the chance to light the candles, something I have missed doing for the past years.

The service was taken by Mandy Edwards and as well as the carols there was a Nativity acted out. This was, apparently, not rehearsed as is usually the case but, with a good number of children present and Paul and Sarah as Mary and Joseph, was very well-presented using carols and songs to tell the story.



Later Mandy acted a sketch whereby she became somebody who contacted The Samaritans to try to find out why Christmas was a time of difficult sleep and even more difficult questions about the meaning of Christmas and God's part in it. The Samaritan was played as a voice over the loudspeakers by Stephen Edwards. The outcome of the story told was that Mandy's concerns were allayed by the fact that (Spoiler alert) it was not a Samaritan on the end of the phone but God. I think many people found this both well played out and thought provoking.



For the first time in some years there was a Christmas Eve Communion service taken by Jason. Pre Covid these had been diminishing in numbers attending partly due to other churches starting to hold their own services. However this, I understand was fairly well attended which is heartening to hear. Jason also took the Christmas morning service.

As has been demonstrated in previous interregna the lack of a minister often leads to people stepping up to ensure the continuation of the church and this time has proved no less positive. We are extremely lucky to have these people and we do truly thank them all for their hard work and commitment.

DL

Saint Valentine?

You will probably be familiar with a number of Saints – Andrew, David, George and Patrick cover the British Isles, Swithin is known for rainy predictions and Nicholas is usually seen as Santa Claus. One of the other obvious ones is Valentine whose day is February 14th.

Valentine has quite wide-ranging responsibilities. He is looked upon for the spiritual guidance of lovers, (to be followed by looking after engaged couples and, of course, happy and long-lasting marriages). However he is also the patron saint for beekeeping, epilepsy together with the plague, fainting and travelling. Quite a disparate portfolio!

However nothing is always as it seems. The Catholic Church does no longer accept February 14th as a day to celebrate St. Valentine. The reason is that there are quite a number of saints with this name. In fact 22 St. Valentines are recognised made up of nine recorded as bishops, twelve as martyrs, most of whom were priests, and one was an officer in the army of Maximian and died at Ravenna. They are of many nationalities including, Italians, French, Spaniards, Germans, and Belgians. Five of the St Valentines have their feast day assigned upon the 14th of February whilst another occurs on February 12th.

The celebration has links to at least two saints – there is Valentine of Rome and Valentine of Terni, and just to cloud the issue there may be another Valentine about whom we know little. Valentine of Rome was a Roman priest who was martyred in 296. According to legend the Roman Emperor of the time – Claudius – had banned weddings as he was fighting a war at the time and needed as many soldiers as he could get. However, if you were married you did not have to go to war. Valentine carried on marrying the soldiers and was arrested. It is said that during his imprisonment he restored the sight of the blind daughter of his judge, and then, before his execution, he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine". He was killed on February 14th. Valentine of Terni was a bishop who was also martyred on February 14th during the persecution by Emperor Aurelian in 273. Valentine of Rome was placed on to the calendar of saints by Pope Galesius in 496.

February 14th has been associated with romantic love from the 14th and 15th centuries. It may have begun when Geoffrey Chaucer wrote the 'Parliament of Fowls' (1382) a dream vision portraying a parliament for birds to choose their mates. This starts:

"For this was on Saint Valentine's Day

When every bird comes there to choose his match

There is more confusion in this as it may refer to yet another St. Valentine...

Out of all this uncertainty February 14th did come to represent a time for people to express their feelings for each other. In 1797, a British publisher issued 'The Young Man's Valentine Writer'. This included many romantic and sentimental verses for the young lover who may have not been able compose his own.

By this time a small number of cards with verses and sketches, called "mechanical valentine." were being produced.

By the early 19th century the idea of Valentine cards had taken off in a big way and they became more mass produced and often included fancy lace and ribbons. Postage in those days was expensive but in 1835 60,000 cards were sent, although many more were probably hand delivered Things got even better when, in 1840, there was the introduction of the postal service as we have come to know it. Rowland Hill invented the postage stamp whereby the sender paid rather than the recipient. In just one year after its inception the number of cards sent by post had risen to 400,000. Of course it is far easier to remain anonymous if you post a card than it is by handing it to your sweetheart although why you should not wish to be known has never really been explained!

In more recent times, as with many similar situations, the celebration of Valentine's Day (the 'Saint' is not always included) has become more commercialised. As long ago as 1868 Cadbury's started selling heart shaped boxes of chocolates and now other gifts may be given. With modern technology you do not even have to send a card - you can communicate digitally although remaining anonymous cannot be easy!

Most of the world seems to have a Valentine's type of day although not all are celebrated on February 14th, but the message of love is long lasting and widespread. Unfortunately the day has also recently been remembered for the St. Valentine's Day massacre in Chicago in 1929 where several mobsters were killed. Perhaps not everything connected with St. Valentine is peace and love but then he himself was martyred and if he had not been would we remember him?

Strangely, at a time when Valentine Day cards were becoming popular there was a less welcome type of card known as a 'vinegar valentines' which instead of kind wording contained rude and cruel messages – these were commercially produced but hopefully today's manufacturers have consigned them to history! DL

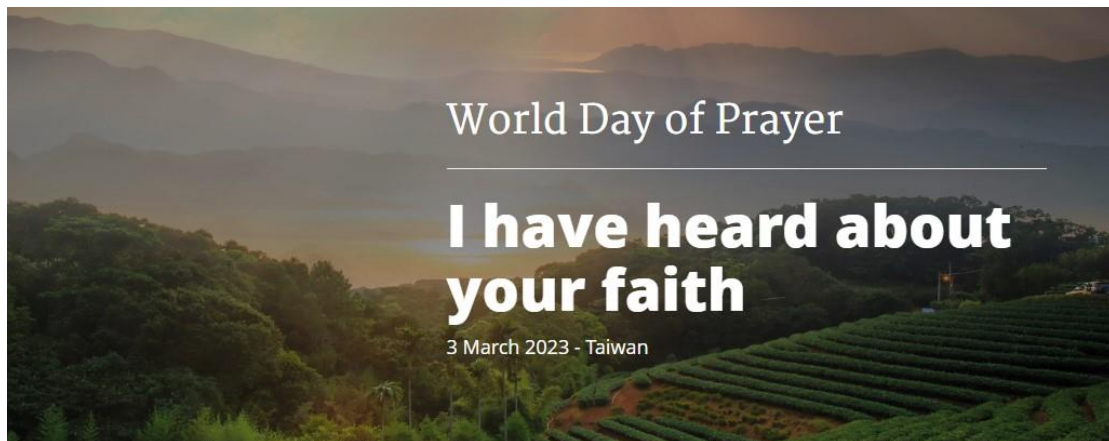


Old

New



and 'vinegar'



World Day of Prayer

I have heard about your faith

3 March 2023 - Taiwan

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

Our sisters in Taiwan are sending us blessings with the service they have prepared for World Day of Prayer 2023. Taiwan is an island rich in natural resources and culturally diverse. The women of Taiwan share the issues faced geographically, politically and socially and also their hopes for the future. Let us join with them as we give thanks for the beautiful island and people of Taiwan and encourage one another in our faith just as Apostle Paul did in his letters. World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world: their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast. An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans. Finally, at a church near you on Friday March 3rd, 2023, people will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the women of Taiwan. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world --- through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later.

"I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power" (Ephesians 1:15-19)

This year's meeting will take place at All Saints Church on Friday March 3rd at 10.30 am Refreshments will be served.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dianne Kendrick.

We do not often include information from the London Baptist Association although the Church does receive a copy (and it is available online) but the announcement below contains news relevant to HPBC.



London Baptists have announced the appointments of Lucy Wright, Claire Nicholls and Josh Kane to their regional ministry team.

Lucy is currently minister of Eltham Park Baptist Church in South East London. She will replace Lee Johnson, recently appointed Ministries Team Co-Leader

'As with the local church, life never stands still,' said Regional Minister Team Leader Phil Barnard in a statement on the Association's website. 'People come and go all the time. Especially in a transient place such as London. So it is with the Regional Team! Lee Johnson is soon to begin a new position as Ministries Team Co-Leader at Baptist House - 'We were very blessed by the quality of the candidates which applied for the position - and thankful for the willingness of colleagues to submit themselves to the process.'

Lucy Wright

Originally from Chippenham in Wiltshire, Lucy studied Theology at Bangor University in North Wales, and then completed her ministry formation with further studies at Bristol Baptist College. She moved to London in 2009 where she ministered in Worcester Park, Southwest London until 2018, when she became the minister of Eltham Park Baptist Church in Southeast London.

Throughout that time, Lucy has been involved in association life, serving on the Ministerial Recognition Committee for six years, and as the moderator of that committee for the last three. She also serves as one of the LB Directors. Lucy is passionate about encouraging and developing people into their gifting and calling within the Baptist movement. Lucy enjoys cooking, baking, reading crime fiction, walking (especially at the coast) and spending time with friends.

Lucy will be taking responsibility for the North East and Eastern districts and take on the roles which Lee held in respect of Ministerial Recognition, MITs & NAMs, and CMD

And the connection to HPBC? Lucy Wright comes from the same Church where Cherie Rogers is presently employed.

Amongst other publications HPBC is sent is the London Baptist Small Church Connexion newsletter. In a recent issue we are told about some events that took place at Christmas. It is noticeable that they are similar to things that HPBC has been or is now connected with. The first describes something that we have been part of in the past, but which has not been carried out for some time. Thanks to Jason for passing this on:

Christmas at Cricklewood

The church was asked by the local council if we would like to do some carol singing in the centre of Cricklewood. We jumped at the opportunity and invited other churches locally to join us. The church in the past has done outreach at the railway station, at the Matalan car park and the local Sainsbury's but this was the first time in the centre on a busy road. The necessary permission was obtained. But when we arrived, we discovered someone had taken up most of the space we were meant to have, - and they were selling Christmas trees! Thankfully they moved some to make room for us and it helped to add to the Christmas feel. We had a good turn out with lots of people passing by. We gave out free bags with chocolates, craft for children, good newspapers and leaflets detailing Christmas services. Lots of carols were sung, Christmas Bible readings read and prayers for our community were said. We also had a Nativity fancy dress competition that the children could enter with a prize of £50.00. Do pray for the contacts that were made, and that this would be a regular outreach to our community.



Carol Singing

We used to be involved with something very similar at Highams Park Station -perhaps something we could consider next Christmas.

The next article describes how Christmas Lunch was provided - again very similar to the Care Highams Park Christmas meal:

Christmas Dinner at Cricklewood Baptist Church

Our free community dinner was back in full swing. This has been running for 5 years and we had hosted it in 2021. Then it was quieter due to COVID 19 still very much in everyone's thoughts. Christmas 2022 we advertised the dinner locally in social media, different community groups, Brent and Barnet council and also Help the Aged. We even had people as far away as Heathrow Airport enquire about the event! As every year we seem to get more and more people, we had a volunteers training meeting before Christmas day to find out what people wanted to be involved in. This proved to be a good idea. The church was also blessed with a team from Youth With A Mission in the local area visiting from Scotland who sent around 10 volunteers to help. This year we were also supported by the CO-OP supermarket. They have a fund for community groups and are pleased to help with money or food. We were allowed to go shopping in our local store and spend up to £150 on goods towards the event. Maybe speak to your local store manager! Around 80-100 people attended from the community. Most attended the service in the morning and others came after their own Christmas Day service. We also delivered a couple of meals to people who due to sickness or mobility were unable to leave their home. After enjoying an amazing lunch, our visitors found that there was not just Christmas dinner on the menu. We had some live Christmas music from a local singer who wanted to give his time for free. Then there were games and quizzes, and we listened to the King's speech at 3.00pm.



Enjoying a Christmas Meal

Favourite Hymns



Just before Christmas Mandy asked for people to nominate a hymn that could be used in the 'Songs of Praise' service on new Years Day. I chose 'Morning Has Broken'. It has long been a favourite, although we got to know it better when Cat Stevens sang it in 1971. We used it at Jacquie's funeral not just because we liked the hymn but as a memory that, with a new set of words penned for us by the hymn writer Brian Wren, we sang 'Matthew's Song' at our firstborns' dedication. It is now better known as 'Wonder of Wonders'. We had asked Brian if he could write such a hymn for us because we liked the original's words but also the tune of 'Bunessan' Some time ago I was looking online for the hymn and found an awful version using a totally different tune – strangely the person singing it suggested that it would fit well with 'Bunessan' – so why didn't he use it?

The hymn originally appeared in the second edition of Songs of Praise which was published in 1931. The editor Percy Dearmer had felt that there was a need to have a hymn that gave thanks for each new day. The English poet and author of children's books Eleanor Farjeon was asked if she could write such a poem / hymn using the tune of 'Bunessan,' which had been composed in the Scottish Islands. In the words is a reference to the book of Genesis in the Bible, where God creates Earth on the 'first morning.' It is, to my mind, a perfect hymn – easy to sing to a tune that has become well known with words that praise God and thank Him for the creation.



Eleanor Farjeon



Percy Dearmer

The Original Words: -

*Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world*

*Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dewfall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass*

*Mine is the sunlight
Mine is the morning
Born of the one light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise ev'ry morning
God's recreation of the new day*

*Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing
Praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the world*

Later became: -

*Wonder of wonders, life is beginning,
fragile as blossom, strong as the earth.
Shaped in a person, love has new meaning.
Parents and people sing at the birth.*

*Now with rejoicing make celebration:
joy full of promise, laughter through tears.
Naming and blessing, bring dedication,
humble in purpose over the years.*

*Wisdom of ages, new every morning,
Mother and Father, Partner, and Friend,
freeing, forgiving, life all our loving
into your presence, joy without end.*

DL

Would you believe it?!



All these pictures refer to some of the facts that Dave Kendrick has discovered – as he writes: Here are some useful (useless?) bits of information I recently read about Great Britain.

- During the 1930s, women working for Directory Enquiries had to be at least 5ft 3in (1.6m) tall, so they could reach the top of the switchboard.
- When Britain's first escalator was installed at Harrods, customers who used it were offered brandy or smelling salts upon reaching the top

The first person to use a cash machine was Reg Varney (On the Buses), who opened the world's first cash dispenser at the Enfield branch of Barclays on 27th June 1967. Maximum withdrawal was £10.

- Robins only became a symbol for Christmas in the 19th century, when postmen – who mostly brought mail at Christmas – wore scarlet waistcoats and were known as Robin Redbreasts.
- The first crossword in a British newspaper appeared in the Daily Express on 2nd November 1924.
- Researchers believe more British passengers than any other nationality died on the Titanic because they queued politely for lifeboats.

- In 1358 there were said to be only four public toilets in the whole of London, including one on London Bridge that discharged straight into the river.
- During the Middle Ages, more than 1,000 churches were built in Norfolk, of which more than 650 remain. It is said to be the greatest concentration of churches in the world.
- A burnt loaf from the Great Fire of London sold for £322 at auction in London in 1996.
- 'Discworld' author Terry Pratchett sold his first story when he was thirteen. It earned him enough money to buy a second-hand typewriter.
- The 'E' in Richard E. Grant doesn't stand for anything.
- James Dyson built 5,127 prototypes while developing his vacuum cleaner.
- The first food processor was invented in 1950 by Ken Wood.
- Queen Victoria outlived three of her nine children and eleven of her 42 grandchildren.
- King Henry VIII was a spoiled child who had his own whipping boy. The boy was punished every time the young prince did something wrong.
- King Charles III owns a collection of toilet seats.
- There are about 200 earthquakes a year in Britain.
- When Sir Richard Branson left school, his headmaster told him 'I predict you will either go to prison or become a millionaire'.



Membership of The Highams Park Society is £5 for individuals and £8 for couples Membership entitles you to reduced entry at our films and talks – films are £3 for members and £5 for others Membership is due in September of each year and can be paid in cash at one of our events, by annual standing order, or by a cheque (payable to 'The Highams Park Society') sent to: Christine Sherret, 45 Hornbeam Grove, Chingford E4 6JE Walks are free for members and £5 for non-members Film Club Lunches (including the film) are £7 for members and £10 for non-members

For further details, please contact Sandeep Christian, Chairman on 07414 810013 or sd.christian19@gmail.com Please check local notice boards, our website, Facebook and Instagram for any other news about the HPS <http://www.highamsparksociety.co.uk>
<https://www.facebook.com/thehighamsparksociety/>

Forthcoming Events:

March

11th Guided Walk - 'To Broadgate and Back'. Meet at the Clock at 10 am

18th General Knowledge Quiz 7 for 7.30pm

25th 'Mrs Harris Goes to Paris' (2022) – 2pm

April

23rd 'Saint George's Parade'

29th Film 'Julie and Julia (2009) – 2pm

May

20th Film 'Mrs Lowry and Son' (2019) – 2pm

June

24th 'Appointment with Venus' (1951) – 2pm

July

15th Talk and Lunch: The Warner Family at Higham Bensted. Lunch at 1 for 1.30 pm

29th Film 'Irene' (1940) Film at 2pm. Afternoon Tea at 4.15pm



All our films are shown in Highams Park Baptist Church, Cavendish Road, E4 9NG Our quiz will be in All Saints' Church, Church Avenue, E4 9QZ The venue of our July talk and lunch is Woodford County High School, IG8 9LA

The Society has taken Highams Park Station Garden under its wing and welcomes people to help: -

Highams Park Station Saturday Gardening -2023

We garden from 10 until midday. Come at any time between those hours and do as much or little as you are able to.



Christmas in Newark

Many of you will be aware that I spend a good deal of my time in Newark in Nottinghamshire. An article appeared in Google recently telling how Christmas was celebrated in 1922 by the local newspaper The Newark Advertiser. I have previously included in the magazine how local shops in Highams Park celebrated Christmas so I felt a comparison could be made....

How Christmas was celebrated in Newark a century ago is revealed in the Advertiser archive, including how it was spent in hospital and the workhouse The Advertiser issue of December 27, 1922, gives a detailed description of the festive period in the town. This is what was written:

The day of days was indeed wet and gusty but there was nothing to rob Christmas of its fireside festivity. The spirit of goodwill was abounding and most folk were at peace with the world. The Queen of Festivals was ushered in by transferring the great Eve to Saturday and Newark was busy in and around shopland. Windows were blazes of lights and as parcel-laden happy folk trudged to and fro, the atmosphere of Christmas enveloped everyone.

The picture houses attracted large numbers but one of the jolliest gatherings took place in the Palace Café where Miss Ralph had arranged an attractive Christmas supper. The programme commenced with supper at 9.30pm, after which dancing took place to the strains of the Palace orchestra. Streamers were thrown from all directions and midnight came all too quickly.

The town woke to find a splendidly fine day for those Christmas walks. Special music was given at the churches and bells gave their joyous peals, for this was the real Christmas. Soon after darkness had veiled the town young carollers commenced their tours.

The town was early astir — especially the young who were excited about their stockings — and large numbers attended the early services. In the afternoon, the weather brightened somewhat, picture shows were opened, and football took place at the Stadium.

The various wards of Newark Hospital presented a pretty picture with their gay decorations and there was unmistakeable evidence of seasonable festivity. Those who had perforce to spend their Yuletide here, away from the home fireside, entered heart and soul into the celebrations, and in many cases rendered assistance to the nurses, to whom fell the task of decorating. In the children's ward, a maypole was chief decoration and a real attraction with dolls each taking a ribbon.

Happily, the spirit of Bumble has long since died and the rays of joy which brighten the Workhouse at Yuletide would gladden the heart of Charles Dickens. On Christmas Day, the tobacco, oranges and sweets allowed by the Guardians were distributed. The Christmas dinner, which was evidently enjoyed, consisted of roast beef, plum pudding with rum sauce, beer, and mineral waters. During the afternoon the Christ Church carol singers sang carols in the ward and for tea two large, iced cakes were provided by the Mayor and Mayoress. Others also provided cakes.

After tea, Miss Hilda Cooper gave several violin solos, which were much enjoyed, and the musical evening was followed with games and pastimes.

Among those who count Christmastide as one of their busiest periods are the Post Office authorities, and this year was no exception to the rule. When the rush began, some 20 or 30 additional hands were obtained through the Labour Exchange for the local sorting and delivery department. Until Sunday had passed it was all hands on deck. The number of letters and parcels dealt with last week locally has been higher than at any period since the war. The inclusion of the half-penny packets added considerably to the total. Up to 15,000 parcels were received and delivered during one day in Newark.

Ed's note : I found this very interesting with the idea of 'shopland' and the noting of the workhouse. The postal service was obviously much better than ours was this year! From the adverts below you will see that there was a deal of choice and just look at the prices...

Christmas, 1922.

"ABOUT PRESENTS . . ."

Let it be an Intimate Gift.



A few of the Useful GIFTS for MEN.

TRUNKS - Always Useful. 21/-, 25/-, 35/-, 42/-.

An early visit to this Establishment will solve the Christmas Presents Problem, for here you will find numerous practical suggestions and a selection of moderately priced and useful articles suitable for Yuletide Gifts. Being famous for sterling-quality and value, the presents you choose here are ALWAYS appreciated.

SOCKS, the latest 2/-, 3/-, 4/-.

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CHURCH DIARY

February

Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 5th	10 am	All Age Morning Service Led by Rev. Andrew Willis
Sunday 12th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion Led by Robert Jenkins Sermon from Michael of Ilford Baptist Church
Sunday 19th	10 am	Morning Service Led by Dr. Paul Davis
Sunday 26th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion and Sunday School Led by Sarah Raymond Sermon from Gladys of Ilford Baptist Church

March

Thursday 2nd	7.30 pm	Church Council Meeting
Sunday 5th	10 am	All Age Morning Service led by Ian Morris of Ilford Baptist Church
Sunday 12th	10 am	Morning Service and Communion Led by Ilford Baptist Church
Sunday 19th	10 am	Mothering Sunday Morning Service Led by Robert Jenkins
Sunday 26th	10 am	Morning Service with Communion and Sunday School Led by led by TBC (Ilford) Baptist Church)
	11.30 am	Followed by Church Members Meeting

April

Sunday 2nd	10 am	Palm Sunday Service. Led by Cherie Rogers
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Refreshments are served in the Lounge after Services.