

LETTER FROM YOUR MINISTER

JULY/AUGUST 2014



SUMMER



Dear Messenger Reader.

It looks like 'Summer' is now here for this year! Well, as I write this line, the weather looks summery out there: the sun, in collaboration with the clouds, keeps playing 'Hide and Seek' with me. Only two days ago I saw one of the heaviest downpours, and now I see the people out and about in their summer wear! When will I get the British weather right?

Considering that it is God who has the final say as to whether the weather should be rain or shine, I stop complaining and get on with thanking God for the ways in which He continues to bless us with His love and care. Whether at home or away on holiday - let us adore God - and not the sun - for the beauty of Summer. Let our love, kindness and patience not be because the weather is "brilliant" but because the brilliant God who controls the weather commands us to show love, kindness and patience to one another, as a way of reverence.

I understand church attendance in the U.K. drops significantly during the months of summer, purportedly "because many people are away." While that may be true, I wonder if it is not equally true that our local communities - for instance - also receive a good number of visitors, friends and families in the same period! I am not totally convinced that drop in church attendance, when the weather is good, is purely because members are away. I suspect some people simply subordinate church-going to either sitting in their gardens and enjoying the sun, or enjoying walking their dogs!

Another thing, I am greatly disappointed when I hear people explain that they couldn't come to church because they had their families and/or friends staying the weekend with them.

As a visitor I have enjoyed worshipping in away churches here in London, Oxford, Saint Andrews in Scotland, Seattle in the US, Brisbane in Australia, Katwijk in Holland, and other places.

In most cases I was accompanying the hosting families. Here at The Hyde, I have, indeed, noticed a few members coming along with their loved ones - an example that others ought to follow!

We must not be ashamed of letting others know that we believe in God, and that we enjoy a faithful relationship with Christ? We are not contributing to the growth of God's Kingdom if we are shy or ashamed of letting others know that God is in the centre of our lives. Matthew 10: 32 reminds us of the dire consequences: "Whoever acknowledges Me publicly, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven."

While it is true that Christ does not force us to do anything, God's commands are for us to obey. Whatever you choose to do with God's commands, be aware of its consequence! This summer, choose to do the right thing in honour of God. Considering that there are many wrong ways of doing the right thing, pray that God might help you do His will well.

We seem to have lost sight of the need for us to always be true to the love of God; the need for us to surrender fully to the lordship of Christ over our lives. The church of Christ here on earth must NOT forget the fact that God's Words are often double edged: bringing comfort on the one hand, and challenge on the other - yes, even discomfort!

Should the church be preoccupied with singing the tunes of her subscribers in order to keep them happy, or must she sing the tunes of the good Lord, to keep Christ always happy? Whose responsibility is it - if it is not the church's - to call sin "sin", and to condemn (and not condone) sin in its entirety?

The message for you this summer is: Return to the Lord. Let Christ become your closest friend - one whom you are proud of introducing to others both home and abroad. It is not too late for you to let Jesus' Spirit free your life. Our church has now reached a point of real Revival. The Holy Spirit has brooded long enough within the life of our church. It is time we opened ourselves to the Holy Spirit's activities in our daily living.

That aside, I would like everybody who has not yet been baptized or formally received into Church Membership to see me or their Elder so we can start to talk around (and pray for) that side of things.

I must shut up right now and allow you to enjoy your Summer.

Love,

Revd. Owiny Lab



NEWS AND NOTICES FROM THE CHURCH



FLOWER LIST



JULY/AUGUST 2014



We are very grateful to members of our Church who have given donations for flowers as this makes a real difference to the feel of our Church and enhances our worship. Please continue with your donations towards the flowers during 2014.

The following are thanked for their donations during JULY AND AUGUST

JULY

MR. & MRS MAYCOCK
MR. H. THOMPSON
MR. & MRS DAY
MR. C. THOMPSON

AUGUST

MR. & MRS. EDDISFORD
MRS. L. O'NEALE
MR. & MRS THEURI
MR & MRS C. THOMPSON

We also thank our team of flower arrangers and would always welcome anyone who feels they would like to join us on the flower arranging rota – talk to Sheila or Vivien.

Pam Maycock, Vivien Crispe, Sheila Mortimore, Susan Day, Christina Eddisford.



MINISTER'S AVAILABILITY

Please note that the Minister will not be available from Monday 28th July until Tuesday 5th August when he resumes his ministry.

Please also note that the Minister will not be available from Monday 18th August until Tuesday 9th September when he will again resume his ministry.

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BIRTHDAYS



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DURING JULY AND AUGUST

JULY

MARY
GLORIA
PAM
SHEILA
JOYCE
COLIN
KOFI

AUGUST

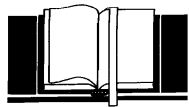
TABITHA
JOSHUA
CATHERINE
MERCY
LUKE
DENISE

CONGRATULATIONS

The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy.

(Shared by friends on my iPad this week – Sheila Mortimore)





**PREACHING PLANS for
JULY/AUGUST 2014**

JULY 2014

July 6th - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. John Hawkins
July 13th - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. O. Laber
July 20th - 10.00 a.m. - Communion
Rev.O. Laber
July 27th - 10.00 a.m. - Rev.O. Laber

AUGUST 2014

Aug. 3rd - 10.00 a.m. - Ms. Toni Anthony
Aug. 10th - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. O. Laber
6.30 p.m. - Communion
- Rev.O. Laber
Aug. 17th - 10.00 a.m. - Communion
Rev. O. Laber
Aug. 24th - 10.00 a.m. - Mr. Ted Maycock
and Elders
Aug. 31st - 10.00 a.m. - Songs of Praise
Junior Church

SEPTEMBER 2014

September 7th - 10.00 a.m. - Mr. Allan Down

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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

I have just spent two weeks in glorious sunshine, swimming in clear blue seas and relaxing with good company in the Bahamas. It was really idyllic but extremely hot, sometimes too hot to actually sit out and sunbathe. It was quite uncanny that on the day I returned home it was the hottest day of the year here, so I was well prepared and happy to be back in Colindale!!



Now it's a case of getting back to reality, so may I please have all material for the next issue of The Messenger for September 2014 by Sunday 24th August. Thank you.

Vivien Crispe

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DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST 2014

JULY 2014

Wed. 9th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
Sat. 12th - 9.00 a.m. - Mens Breakfast
10.00 a.m. - Junior Church Training
Wed. 16th - 11.00 a.m. - Housegroup
1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
Wed. 23rd - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
7.30 p.m. - Elders Meeting
SAT. 26th - 9.30 am. for 10 a.m. - CHURCH MEETING
2.00 P.M. - CREAM TEAS
Wed. 30th - 1.15pm. - Lunchtime service

AUGUST

Wed. 6th - 1.15 pm. - Lunchtime service
Wed. 13th - 1.15 pm. - Lunchtime service
Wed. 20th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
Wed. 27th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service

SEPTEMBER

Sat. 6th - 11.00 a.m. - Coffee Morning and
12 noon - Lunches
Wed. 10th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service

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CHURCH MEETING

Will ALL Church Members be aware that on Saturday, 26th July at 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. we will be holding our quarterly Church Meeting.

We meet at 9.30 a.m. for Croissants and tea or coffee and then start the meeting at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to non Church Members.

If you are unable to attend, please forward your apologies to the Minister or your Elder.



All of us are one body, for we all share the same loaf.
1 Corinthians 10.17

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MONEY MATTERS

OFFERINGS DURING JUNE

JUNE 2014

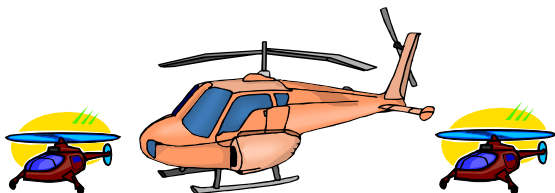
June 2014	Cash	Envelopes	Total
1 st June	£ 82.40	£245.00	£327.40
8 th June	£173.85	£ 119.00	£292.85
15 th June	£ 195.00	£103.20	£298.20
22 nd June	£ 79.50	£52.00	£131.50
29 th June	£111.00	£150.70	£261.70
TOTAL	£641.75	£669.90	£1,311.65

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London Air Ambulance Project

At the last monthly lunch held on the 5th July an amount of £48 was raised (with thanks to Emmaline) and this, together with the collection from the International Lunch of £95, brings the total of our Project to approximately £587. There is still a long way to go but with the Cream Teas coming up and more pot collections to come we are still aiming to reach the £1,000 total.

The next pot collection return will be on Sunday 20th July. So, keep supporting the Project – fill your pots – every little will help.



INTERNATIONAL LUNCH

We would like to thank everyone who came along to Poolsford Road to support the International Lunch. We had a great time on a beautiful June day.

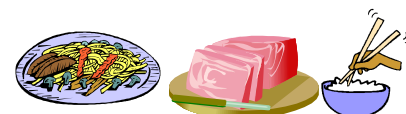
It was very interesting, with many people bringing food from their country of origin, from Slovakia, Thailand, Africa and other places. We really had a good response, with 40 people coming and a number of children who played beautifully together. We also celebrated little William's 3rd birthday and loved watching him blow out the candles on his cake.

Besides being the International Lunch, we were collecting for our Project which this year is the London Air Ambulance. "Lego" and "Playmobile" helicopters were on display and during lunch a real helicopter made a very noisy flight over the garden, perfectly timed.

Our collection raised £95 for which we thank everyone.

Thank you all for making it a happy and profitable day.

Sheila Mortimore



A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



CREAM TEAS

SATURDAY 26TH JULY

AT

67 WAKEMANS HILL AVENUE

COME ALONG ANY TIME -
FROM 2.00 P.M. TO 5 P.M.



SCONES, BUTTER JAM AND CREAM -
£2.50 PER HEAD

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM
£1.50 PER HEAD



PLUS TEA, COFFEE OR COLD DRINK.



FOR THE WHOLE TEA -
£4.00 PER HEAD

PROCEEDS RAISED FROM THE
CREAM TEAS WILL GO TOWARDS THE
CURRENT CHURCH PROJECT FOR
THE LONDON AIR AMBULANCE



COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE CREAM TEA WHILE
SUPPORTING OUR PROJECT.



Please pray for our Junior Church teachers, who this Saturday will be meeting with teachers and helpers from the Chinese Church. We will spend time together with a trainer from the U.R.C. who will be advising and discussing how best we can teach our children and young people.

This should be an interesting and informative time working together.



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HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Church, we wish all of you, including our distant readers, a very happy and refreshing holiday time.

Greetings go to Families and Friends far away who we may be meeting during our holidays.

Wherever you go, enjoy yourselves and for those of you at The Hyde, please come back refreshed and renewed.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

OUR SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH

This month's SPOTLIGHT falls on:-

NATALIE WARDROP-DAY



My name is Natalie. I am 7 years old and I live with my sister Sarah and my Mum and Dad. My favourite food is plain pasta and I go to The Hyde School.

At school I have lots of friends and I am in Year 2. I'm about to go into Year 3. I like school and my favourite subjects are History and English. I just got the Headteacher's award for my maths: I did some good column addition.

I like to tell jokes to my sister, and I have fun putting on shows with Sarah and our friends Robin and Hayden.

I enjoy Sunday School. My teachers are Vivien, Abiola and Josephine. My favourite moment in Sunday School was when we learnt about God being next to you to guide you. We had to wear a blindfold and two balls were put around the room. You had to get the balls in a minute and put them in a bowl. Your partner then shouted instructions to you and it taught us God was always next to you helping you like your partner was.

This summer our family are going to Denmark, Ireland and Scotland for holidays. We might go to Wales too!

NATALIE'S SPORTS AND MISFIT TOYS!

I like being sporty, but I really like sleeping and eating too. And I like my misfit toys my mum makes me. Ask me about them!

Thank you Natalie, an interesting spotlight – misfit toys? Sounds like fun!

If anyone has someone they would like Maria to profile, please contact her at -

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COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Communion Offerings during the months of JULY/AUGUST will be made on behalf of the "TRUSLE TRUST".

We supported this worthy cause at Christmas, providing packets and tinned food for the Food Bank and have a chance to once again help those who are less fortunate than us. Please give generously for the work of the Trusle Trust.



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THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE MORNING AND LUNCHES DURING AUGUST – THE NEXT COFFEE MORNING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER, FROM 11 A.M. WITH LUNCHES BEING SERVED FROM 12 NOON TO 1 P.M.



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REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

GOD WILL PROVIDE

A young girl ran to her father delighted to tell him that she was getting married. The father was shocked and wanted to know who she was marrying, how long had she known him and where did she meet him.

The daughter responded that she had known him for six whole weeks! He was wonderful and not to worry, he will be meeting him tonight, as he was coming to meet her Dad to ask for her hand in marriage.

That evening there was a knock on the front door. The father opened the door to be greeted by a young man who introduced himself and promptly asked if he could marry his daughter.

Inviting him in, the father then had some questions to ask of the intended husband.

"Do you have any work and what do you do?"

The lad answered, " Well, er, er, no I don't have any work - but God will provide."

"Well then" asked the father, "what are your prospects for getting a job."

"Well, er, er, no, not really I don't have any thoughts about work, but God will provide!"

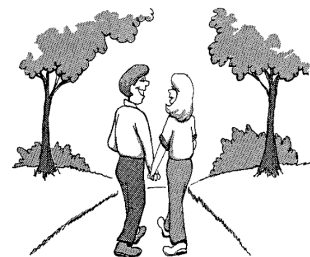
The father was getting very bothered about this young man standing in front of him wanting to marry his daughter.

"Well then, what of your future with my daughter, do you have any shares or stocks to rely on once you are married?"

"Well, er, er, no. I don't have anything to offer for the future, but God will provide."

After the lad had gone the man's wife came in and excitedly asked - "Well, what did you think, will he be good for our daughter and what about their future together."

The father looked at his wife of some years and thought to himself then said "I am not sure what I think about him but he seems to think I am GOD!!!



GOD WILL PROVIDE THE WAY AHEAD

This little story came from the preacher at the church I attended while on holiday in the Bahamas. It was to explain how people need God in their lives to guide and lead the way ahead.

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