

THE HYDE CHURCH MESSENGER

NOVEMBER 2014

REMEMBRANCE



100 YEARS

LETTER FROM YOUR MINISTER

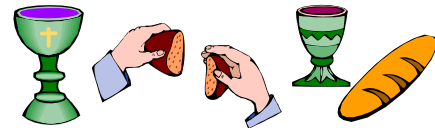
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Dear friend in the love of God,

Church, sometimes, makes faith and believing too complicated for people to consider indulging in, or pursuing! Does Church sometimes forget that it is only by God's grace that we are saved (accepted as worthy by God)? Taking the Sacraments for instance: none of them predominantly depends on our merit or understanding, except on the Lord's own grace, compassion, and forgiveness. To that effect, should we continue to exclude children in Communion? Why accept Infant Baptism but struggle with accepting toddlers in Communion?' How sure are we that all adults understand?

There seems to be no evidence in the bible that all the 12 disciples who dined with the Lord on the night of His betrayal understood all that He was doing on that night - let alone any other time before! If anything, it was their first time to see Jesus treat bread and wine in that way. And yet the Lord's message sounds simple and clear: '*Do this in remembrance of me*'. Is it not enough to just believe and remember that Jesus is God's own Son who came, died on the cross and rose back to life on the third day? Is it right to invite the 'little children' to God's Kingdom (Matth. 18:3) but deny them the *basic* meal served in that Kingdom, on the grounds that 'they do not understand'?

Those were some of the questions our Elders Meeting discussed with regard to whether or not children under 12 should partake in the Communion.



There being a variation of opinion in that meeting, we agreed to consult with the parents and the Junior Church teachers. That happened last Sunday after church. In that consultation, people openly shared their opinions, based on their own 'understandings' of the Communion. The meeting made the following observations.

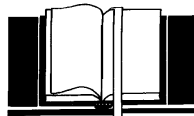
- The parents to first have a chat with their kids about it.
- The Minister & JC Leaders to offer appropriate teachings to each age group - allowing them to ask questions.
- Invite Junior Church to stay in and observe what happens during our Communion,
- then leave it to the parents to decide with their own children which way to go.
- The Minister has no reason to exclude anyone who loves God and honours Jesus as Lord (and Saviour). However, he will respect the parents' decisions - knowing that we all are accountable to God for the decisions we make!

Please, pray that the Holy Spirit will lead and guide our thoughts on this. Amen.
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NEWS AND NOTICES FROM THE CHURCH



PREACHING PLANS for NOVEMBER 2014

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- Nov. 2nd - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. John Hawkins
- Nov. 9th - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. O. Laber
- Nov. 16th - 10.00 a.m. - Communion
Rev.O. Laber
- Nov. 23rd - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. O. Laber
- Nov. 30th - 10.00 a.m. - "Songs of Praise"
Roger Day
(1st Sunday in Advent)

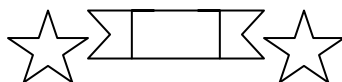
DECEMBER

- Dec. 7th - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. John Hawkins
(2nd Sunday in Advent)



COMMUNION OFFERINGS

The Communion Offerings during the months of NOVEMBER/DECEMBER will be made on behalf of the *ROYAL STAR & GARTER HOMES* remembering those who served and sacrificed their lives for our nation in the armed forces.



DAIRY FOR NOVEMBER 2014

- Sat. 1st - 11.00 a.m. - Coffee Morning and
12 noon - Lunches
- Wed. 5th - 10.30 a.m. - Housegroup
1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
- Fri. 7th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Group
- Sat. 8th - 9.00 a.m. - Mens Breakfast
- Wed. 12th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
7.30 p.m. - Elders Meeting
- Fri. 14th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Group
- Wed. 19th - 10.30 a.m. - Housegroup
1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service
- Fri. 21st - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Group
- Wed. 26th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service
- Fri. 28th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Group

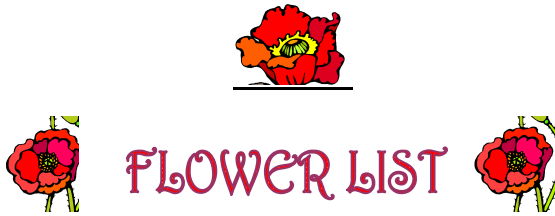
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- Wed. 3RD - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service
- Sun. 7th - After Morning Service -
Bring and Share Christmas Lunch
- Wed. 10th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service



COMMUNION OFFERINGS

Communion Offerings during the Months of SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER which were made on behalf of the PARKINSON DISEASE SOCIETY amounted to £67.10



FLOWER LIST

NOVEMBER 2014

We are very grateful to members who have given donations for flowers as this makes a real difference to the feel of our Church and enhances our worship.

There is a list on the noticeboard of members and friends who have asked to contribute towards providing flowers each week. If you wish to add or remove your name from this list, please let Sheila or Vivien know or continue to give a donation where you have said you wish to do so on the date specified. Please check the list for the date of your contribution.



The following are thanked for their donations during NOVEMBER 2014

NOVEMBER

- MRS. M. NYARKO
- MR. & MRS. DAY
- MRS. H. GUERIN
- MRS. E. LLEWELYN

We also thank our team of flower arrangers:-

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



*"Flowers have no alternative but to be,
as it were, true to themselves."*

(William Shakespeare)

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MINISTER'S AVAILABILITY

Please note that the Minister will not be available until Tuesday 4th November when he will resume his ministry. He will then also not be available as from Sunday the 30th November returning to work on the 9th December.



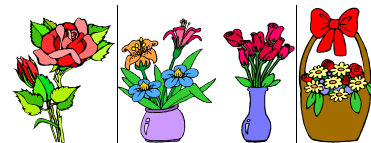
PLEASE NOTE IT WAS AGREED AT THE CHURCH MEETING THAT THE SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE WILL BE CANCELLED FOR THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE.

FLOWERS IN CHURCH

Some of you may have noticed that we do not always have a pedestal flower arrangement in Church on a Sunday but instead place flowers in a vase, which can make things easier, as it is not always convenient to provide a big arrangement.

It may be that there are people in the congregation who would also enjoy just placing some flowers in a vase, especially if you are someone who contributes to providing these on a particular date. Of course, if you are able a full arrangement would also still be great.

This entry in The Messenger is to say that we really need more people to help with the flowers and if you are interested in putting your name on the rota, then please speak to either Sheila, Vivien, Pam, or Susan.



'THANK YOU'



Our thanks go to Chris Mortimore on his Retirement as Church Secretary. He has served The Hyde Church for nearly 43 years in various capacities. As Secretary he represented The Hyde at many of the committees within the United Reformed Church, giving up the Treasurers job to take on the Secretary position.

Chris is a qualified Lay Preacher and has led the church during those times when we had no Minister at The Hyde. He has also preached throughout the area in other churches wherever he was needed.

Chris's service to The Hyde Church has been exemplary and our thanks are expressed from all who have come into contact with him over the years.

Thanks again Chris.



MENS BREAKFAST

Following the summer break, the next Mens Breakfast will be held on **SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER AT 9 A.M.**

Any man who would like to join us please contact John Eddisford on 020-8205-5448.



(Come on all you men and join in a time of good food and fellowship.)

BIRTHDAYS



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DURING NOVEMBER

- LEONA
- ANDREW
- ELIZABETH
- JOHN
- TOSIN
- LOREEN

CONGRATULATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR



November is the time of year when we remember. A few days ago I was in Covent Garden and as I walked around I came to St. Paul's Church – the Church known as the “Actor's Church”. Inside there were memorial plaques to the many actors who had given entertainment over the years but not just actors. Their lives played a great part in history through theatre, cinema, opera, through drama, film, singing. They have all been acknowledged for whatever they have achieved and will be remembered for many years to come. It was a very interesting and enlightening visit and I would recommend taking time to go and see this fascinating church which is open daily and continues to hold services throughout the year.



May I please have all material for the next issue of The Messenger for December 2014/January 2015 by Sunday 23rd November. Thank you.

Vivien Crispe

NAMES YOU KNOW?

G. Apps – Aged 29
George Butler - Aged 18
V.J.P. Ling
George Albert Osman – Aged 25
George Pratte – Aged 32
Joseph Slade
Thomas Edward Vick – Aged 29
R. Woodford – Aged 21

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Do these names mean anything to you? They should do, every Sunday you worship at The Hyde you worship alongside these names.

These are the names of the young men who gave their lives in the First World War and the names are on our War Memorial at the doorway into church; the young men who attended our church, belonged to our Boys Brigade, came to Bible Class and were part of The Hyde Church family.

Please, at this special time, 100 years since the commencement of World War 1, take a few moments as you leave church to read the names on our War Memorial and reflect on the sacrifice of these young men who were part of our Church Family, many, many years ago.

Sheila Mortimore.



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Advance notices

Please make a note of the following dates in your diary.



On Wednesday, 17th December Colindale School will be coming to The Hyde for a Christmas Carol Service. This will start at 10 a.m. and there will be at least 90 pupils in the church to sing. So, come along and support the children who give us a very good time of carols and verse.



Christmas Lunch

This year we are trying something new. We will be holding a bring and share Christmas Lunch. This will take place immediately after the morning service on Sunday, 7th December. The idea is to bring along food that will make up an informal Christmas celebration together. There are plenty of things to bring along – Mince Pies, Sausage Rolls, Christmas cake, cold meats, etc., etc.

This will be a time of fellowship together, so please get your thinking caps on and try and bring something along to make this our Church Family Lunch to start off our Christmas Celebrations.



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REMEMBRANCE



The poppy is an instantly recognisable symbol of respect for those who've made the ultimate sacrifice in conflicts past and present.

Remembrance Day is observed on 11 November - at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month,"

The red remembrance poppy has become a familiar emblem of Remembrance Day due to the poem "[In Flanders Fields](#)". These poppies bloomed across some of the worst battlefields of [Flanders](#) in World War I.



They shall grow not old, as we
that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them,
nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun
and in the morning
We will remember them.

From Laurence Binyon's poem



**On Tuesday, 11th November
The Hyde Church will be open
for prayer from 10 a.m. to 12 noon
for Remembrance.**

**This is a national initiative
allowing churches to be
available for a time of
Prayer for Peace.**



***Remembrance Day*, when millions of
people stop what they are doing and
observe a Two Minute Silence at
11am on 11th November each year.**



Prayer for Remembrance Day

For those who were killed in battle,
For those who gave up their lives to
save others,
For those who fought because
they were forced to,
For those who died standing up
for a just cause,
For those who said war was wrong,
For those who tried to make the
peace,
For those who prayed when others
had no time to pray,
For those creatures who needlessly
die.
For those that needlessly
are slaughtered for all of mankind.

Amen