

NOVEMBER 2011

**LETTER FROM YOUR INTERIM
MODERATOR:**

Greetings Friends

May the grace and peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

It was a real privilege to attend your Church Meeting on 22nd October and also the Elders Meeting on 21st. I now know so many more of you by name that I already feel part of your caring fellowship.

You are a busy church with lots going on and I encourage you in all you are doing, but care must be taken to ensure that you are sharing the load and not putting too much onto a few willing shoulders.

The next important job, we have to do, is to prepare a special document called the 'Pastoral Profile' and I am meeting with the Elders on 1st November to work on this document. The Elders are already looking at the various sections and we hope to put it all together, as a first draft, when we meet.

It is United Reformed Church policy that there should be a gap between a Minister moving on and another Minister being introduced so that the congregation can re-assess itself recognising its strengths and weaknesses and to come to a consensus of what is needed for the future.



Do not despair, other congregations have been through this, some of you will remember previous vacancies at The Hyde and I am confident that, with a lot of guidance from above, we will come through successfully to begin a new chapter in the life of The Hyde.

Meantime take heart – love and support one another in all that you do and most especially with your prayers.

***Douglas Hogge*
Interim Moderator**



SPECIAL ELDERS METING

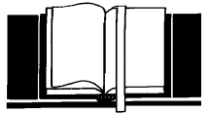
Please pray for our Elders as they have already met and will meet again, in order to prepare our Church Profile which will be key to our prospect of future ministry here at The Hyde.

I can assure you that with your prayers and our Elders diligent work we will produce a document which will fully reflect the life of The Hyde.

**Chris Mortimore
Church Secretary.**



"WE'LL GO IN THE STRENGTH OF THE LORD"



**PREACHING PLANS for -
NOVEMBER 2011**

NOVEMBER

- 6th Nov. – 10.00 a.m. - Mr. C.Mortimore
and Jews for Jesus
- 13th Nov. - 10.00 a.m. **Remembrance
Sunday**
Mr. Tony Alderman
6.30 p.m. - Communion
Rev. P. Stewart
- 20th Nov. - 10.00 a.m. - Communion
Mr. Paul Mortimore
- 27th Nov. - 10.00 a.m. - Mr. C. Mortimore
and “Impact”

DECEMBER

**4th December - 10.00 a.m. – Elders Led
Service**

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**PREACHING ENGAGEMENTS FOR
CHRIS MORTIMORE**

Please pray for Chris as he leads
worship at the following venues
during **NOVEMBER**

- 6th Nov. - 10.00 a.m. - The Hyde
- 13th Nov. - 11.00 a.m. -
Chersterfield Road
- 27th Nov. - 10.00 a.m. - The Hyde

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"Christmas Lunch"

**SATURDAY 17TH
DECEMBER**

12 noon in the
Community room



Make a note in your Diary



DIARY FOR NOVEMBER 2011

NOVEMBER

- Tues. 1st - 7.30 p.m. - Elders Meeting
- Wed. 2nd - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service
7.00 p.m. - Contemplative Prayer
- Thurs. 3rd - 2.00 p.m. - Hyde De Hi
- Fri. 4th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Club
- Sat. 5th - 11.00 a.m. - Coffee Morning
and Lunches
- Sun. 6th - 10.00 a.m. - Jews for Jesus
Autumn Festivals
- Wed. 9th - 11.00 a.m. - Housegroup
1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service
7.15 p.m. - Housegroup
- Fri. 11th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Club
- Wed. 16th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service
7.30 p.m. - Elders Meeting
- Thurs. 17th - 2.00 p.m. - Hyde De Hi
- Fri. 18th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Club
- Sat. 19th - 9.00 a.m. - Mens Breakfast
10.00 a.m. - Joint Church Council
- Wed. 23rd - 11.00 a.m. - Housegroup
1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service
7.15 p.m. - Housegroup
- Fri. 25th - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Club
- Sun. 27th - 10.00 a.m. - “Impact”
- Wed. 30th - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service

DECEMBER

- Thurs 1st - 12 noon - Hyde-De-Hi Lunch
- Fri. 2nd - 9.30 a.m. - Toddler Club
- Sat. 3rd - 3.00 p.m. - Community
Christmas ‘Sing Along’
followed by Tea.

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MENS BREAKFAST



Our next Mens Breakfast will be on
Saturday 19th November at 9 a.m.
If any men would like to join us,
please speak to me and I will add
you to the list.

Chris Mortimore



NEWS AND NOTICES FROM THE CHURCH

CHRISTMAS APPEAL

As is usual at this time of year, I am once again asking you to dig into your “Christmas Pockets” so that we can donate various items to World Vision.

It would be lovely to donate a bicycle for a vet to enable the vet to get to more farms quicker and, therefore, to treat more animals which are vital as a main source of income.

Also we would like to donate tools for a farmer so that the land can be worked to enable them to feed themselves and sell any excess to provide for other much needed items.

Please remember I always say – any amount of money is VERY welcome, anything from 50 pence to £50 or anything in between.

We may all be aware of the “financial pinch” but not as severely as the people World Vision aim to help.

Many, many thanks.

Sheila Mortimore.



CHRISTMAS DATES

Below is a list of our Christmas Celebrations and Services to which we invite you, your families and friends.

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER – 3.00 p.m. –
Community Christmas ‘Sings Along’ and Tea.

SUNDAY 11TH DECEMBER – 10.00 a.m. –
Service of Lessons and Carols

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER – 12 noon –
Christmas Lunches.

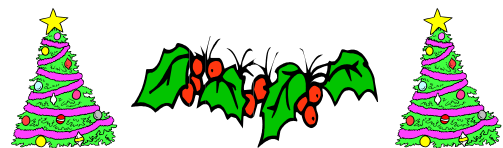
SUNDAY 18TH DECEMBER – 3.00 p.m. –
Candlelight Carol Service

SUNDAY 24TH DECEMBER – 11.30 p.m. –
Christmas Eve Communion

SUNDAY 25TH DECEMBER – 10.30 a.m. –
Christmas Morning Celebration.

SATURDAY 31ST DECEMBER – 11.30 p.m. –
New Year’s Eve Communion.

Chris Mortimore

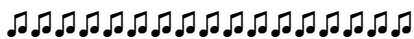




COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS 'SING ALONG'

On Saturday 3rd December at 3 p.m. there will be a Community Christmas Sing along in the Community Hall, followed by Tea.

Please come along and start Christmas with a sing and something to eat.



HYDE DE HI

THURSDAY 17TH NOVEMBER
2 P.M.
CHAT AND FELLOWSHIP



THURSDAY 1ST DECEMBER
12 NOON
CHRISTMAS LUNCH
AT THE HARVESTER



News from the Pews

Stella Field is now out of hospital and back home after having a replacement pacemaker fitted and we hope she will continue to improve.



Gladys Mmireku is also back home after undergoing a by-pass operation and is now waiting for her strength to improve before having a further operation to remove her gall bladder.



Pam Maycock has had a successful cataract operation and is now back driving. She will have a further cataract procedure in the New Year and all is well with Pam and Ted's daughter, Joyce, in her pregnancy. The baby is also expected in the New Year.



Susan and Roger will be attending the wedding of their son David to Leafy on the 11th day of the 11th month at 4.30 p.m. The wedding will take place down in Rowledge Parish Church, Surrey and we trust this will be a happy event for the whole family.



Beth Theuri is making good progress after breaking her ankle. She is back at work although still has some pain when walking and feels quite tired. Beth hopes to be back with us at church very soon.



Lena is back with us after a wonderful holiday in San Francisco, despite contracting meningitis whilst there. We are very pleased to see she has made a good recovery and is so much better now.



Clayton Thompson seems to be much better after having his kidney stones removed and we hope he will continue to improve.

Our prayers and thoughts are with all who are mentioned above.

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MRS. LYN ALFORD

It is with sadness that we record the sudden death of Mrs. Lyn Alford who died on Friday, 21st October in The QE2 Hospital, Birmingham.

Lyn grew up in The Hyde and married Richard, also a former member of The Hyde.

Richard was called to the Ministry and in September this year he retired and both he and Lyn moved to Birmingham.

We give thanks to God for a life well lived in His service and acknowledge the pleasure it was to have known Lyn.

We remember Richard and his daughter, Jacquie, her husband Martin and their children and his son, Robert, and his wife as they mourn their loss.

May God bless all of you at this sad time.

Chris Mortimore.



PUTTING OUT THE LAMP

Death is not extinguishing the light -
Blank darkness when the spark of life is gone;
It, rather, is an ending of the night,
a putting out the lamp at break of dawn.

Just softly putting out the little lamp
that burns within this life to light our way,
a lamp no longer needed when the dawn has come to usher in that brighter day.

No, death is not extinguishing the light -
No settling down of dark when life is gone;
Death is only putting out the lamp -
a lifting of the shade to greet the dawn.



OUR SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH

This month's SPOTLIGHT falls on one of our youngsters.

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It was too good to be true. After being treated to the delicious feast at the restaurant when interviewing Lena, I had to make my own cup of tea (and no biscuits in the house) for this next one. But then, I was interviewing my three year old daughter... Sarah Wardrop-Day - this is her story so far.....



I was born on the 1st of May, 2008 at Barnet Hospital. My big sister Natalie bought me a little hedgehog which was the first present I got. I used to cry a lot!
I like sausages. I like presents. But I don't like peas.

When mummy and daddy went to work, Kathy looked after me. She was my childminder. We did puzzles and I played with Ryan and Abigail. I liked it there. But then I got bigger and went to Joel Nursery. Cathy and Jim lived opposite my nursery- I sometimes saw them out of the window.

I like nursery. It is good. Mummy asked me what I did today at nursery and I said 'sitting down!' I eat carrots there and I play in the home corner which has a table, chairs, a sink and an ironing board. My key-worker is Agnieszka: she's from Poland, but sometimes I say 'polar bear' by accident. My best friend is Kayanne, we play together.

Sarah continued.....

I see my Granny and Grandpa a lot. I go to their house, and play with Barbie dolls. I play with Natalie there. We go for sleepovers too. They come to our house too.

I like our house on Townsend Lane. I have a nice bedroom I share with Natalie. We play together. I like my pink duvet cover with hearts on it.

Our friends come and visit, too. They are Auntie Helen, Uncle Glenn, Phoebe, Toby, Edward and Henry. We go to museums and out for dinner together.

I go to church. Charles is there. He is a black man and he is my friend. I like crèche with Julian. We play with jigsaws and cars. It's good Granny and Grandpa are there too. We sing. We say prayers. I help Natalie with the blue bag and give it to people and they put money and some letters in it.

SARAH

Thanks for your story, Sarah. I hope we hear more from you when you get a little older.

Please let me know if there's someone who you'd like me to ask for a profile. You can contact on e-mail given below.

Maria682639@yahoo.com

Maria Wardrop-Day

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"Let the little children to come to me and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these - anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it."

Luke 18 - v 16- 17 NIV

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"THE MESSENGER"

Each month The Messenger is produced giving news and views from in and around the church. Celebrations and events are printed to let you know in advance what is happening. Dates are given, all of which can be entered into your diaries.

Producing and printing The Messenger costs money, so to help, a contribution would be very much appreciated.

We are trying to offset some of the expense by asking for a small donation - 20p or 50p would be helpful. There is a small box located at the rear of the Church above the hymn book rack for this purpose.

Please help in whatever way you can. Anything would be good. On occasions donations are given for which the church is very grateful.

(I forget where it comes from but - 'times is 'ard' - as we all know and to keep us in print we need a little help.)

Thank you.

Vivien Crispe - Editor



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REMEMBRANCE

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ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL -
GROUND ZERO, NEW YORK CITY

**AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE
SUN AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM**



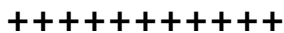
During the Second World War, parts of Birmingham suffered severe bombing. One morning after a particularly bad night only a few teachers and children gathered in the school assembly hall. The headmaster asked if anyone had a favourite hymn. A small boy's hand shot up. "Please can we have -

"GLAD THAT I LIVE AM I!"



*No matter what befalls us,
no matter what we face,
He will be there with us.*

*So much of life is fleeting
but God never changes,
He is the same Yesterday,
Today and Tomorrow.*



"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

Jeremiah 29:11



It Stood. Not a window broken.
Not a stone dislodged.
It stood when nothing else did.
It stood when terrorists brought
September down.
It stood among myths.
It stood among ruins.

To stand was its purpose,
long lines prove that.
It stands and around it now, a shrine of letters, poems,
acrostics, litter of the heart.
It is the standing people want:
To grieve, serve and tend to celebrate the lasting stone of St.
Paul's Chapel.

And deep into it's thick breath, the largest banner fittingly
from Oklahoma climbs heavenward with hands as stars,
hands as stripes,
hands as a flag;
and a rescuer reaches for a stuffed toy to collect
a touch;
and George Washington's pew doesn't go unused.

Charity fills a hole or two.

It stood in place of other sorts.
It stood when nothing else could
The great had fallen,
as the brute hardware came down.

IT STOOD!

(A poem by J. Chester Johnson)

On September 11, 2001, St. Paul's Chapel escaped destruction when the World Trade Center buildings collapsed across the street. Although the churchyard and church were filled with debris and dust, there was no physical damage to the building. Today St. Paul's Chapel continues to serve as an active Episcopal worship place.

