

# OCTOBER 2018



For you make me glad by your  
deeds, O LORD; I sing for joy  
at the works of your hands.

- Psalm 92:4

## Outlook

**Beckenham United Reformed Church**

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## SUNDAY WORSHIP - October 2018

7th	October	Mrs Marion Moore – including Holy Communion
14th	October	Major Cliff Kent – followed by Church Meeting
21st	October	Mr. Mike Tinson
28th	October	Rev. Geoff Larcombe

### OTHER DIARY EVENTS

3rd	October	2.30pm	Bible Study
9th	October	2.30pm	Crescent Club
9th	October	7.30pm	Elders
17th	October	1.00pm	Luncheon Club

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## OUR VISION

Our vision is to glorify God and to serve God throughout our lives, always open to God working through us. We seek to share the good news of love, forgiveness and grace with all in our local community through our actions and our prayers.

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### Donors

### Arrangers

7 <sup>th</sup>	The Duncans	Monica Duncan
14 <sup>th</sup>	The Bayleys	Marion Bayley
21 <sup>st</sup>	Muriel Aldcroft	Muriel Aldcroft
28 <sup>th</sup>	Tilley Family	Jane Ball

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*“Autumn is a second spring when every leaf is a flower.”* A Camus

Dear Friends,

We are now in October with some warm autumnal bright days in prospect before the onset of winter. There are not many wild flowers left to bloom. But one looks in wonderment at all the plump birds who have relished the mild winter and have never looked so well fed. The Swifts have all disappeared but the wood pigeons, magpies, rooks, parakeets and many others are a joy to watch. Such wonders created by God bring joy into our hearts as nature all over the world parades its riches.

Our church family may be small in numbers but this is more than compensated by the friendliness and support we give each other. Everything that is good about people abounds in our congregation with people caring for and supporting each other. The happy atmosphere can be gauged by the talking and laughing and so many extending support and friendship. We must be grateful and proud to be part of such a wonderful vibrant family of God.

Be true to yourself, help others and make each day a masterpiece. Make friendship a fine art, drink deeply from good books, especially the Bible. Build a shelter against a rainy day and give thanks for your blessings as you pray for guidance every day.

Keat sums it up so well in his poem - TO AUTUMN

*Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness  
Close bosom friend of the maturing sun  
Conspiring with him how to load and bless  
With fruit the vines that round the thatch – eves run*

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## FROM THE SECRETARY

We had our first service in cafe style church two weeks ago and we all enjoyed it so much, it was decided we would take the service today in that style as well! Mostly we will always have the service in the traditional style, but sometimes it is nice to have a change!

Monica and Alan are about to have a trip to India to see their granddaughter direct a play. We wish them well on their travels and look forward to hearing about it on their return.

Some of our members and (ex-members) have been under the weather and we trust they will feel better in the coming months.

A few of us are going to the induction and ordination of Alison Smith this coming Saturday who is to become the new Minister of Hayes Free Church and Trinity Bromley. We wish her well in her new appointment.

It is hard to believe that we are now in Autumn and next week we celebrate our Harvest Festival, when hopefully we will be joined by the Rainbows, Brownies and Guides. We will of course, follow it with a Harvest Lunch!!

In the next few weeks we will see the leaves change colour on the trees. Always a wonderful experience to see as we travel around even in our area! The wonder of God is amazing!

Gill Ross

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### Lectionary

7 <sup>th</sup> October	Job 1:1, 2:1-10; Psalm 26; Genesis 2:18-24 Psalm 8; Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16
14 <sup>th</sup> October	Job 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Amos 5:6-7,10-15 Psalm 90:12-17; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31
21 <sup>st</sup> October	Job 38:1-7, (34-41); Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c; Isaiah 53:4-12; Psalm 91:9-16 Hebrews 5:1-10 Mark 10:35-45
28 <sup>th</sup> October	Job 42:1-6, 10-17; Psalm 34:1-8, (19-22); Jeremiah 31:7-9; Psalm 126; Hebrews 7:23-28 Mark 10:46-52

## PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Loving Lord God,

As we go about our responsibilities this month, fill us with a sense of awe and wonder as we think about what an amazing thing it is to have the Creator of all beside us in everything we do.

May we walk humbly but confidently with you, Lord,  
knowing that you will not cast us aside;  
knowing that we are your beloved children in whom you take  
delight.

Help us not to waste our days but to grow in our knowledge of you.

Sometimes we just need to stop everything and just sit in your  
presence

to be awed by you; to be filled by you;  
to give praise to you for who you are;  
to thank you for the things you've done,  
and the things you are going to do.

May our thoughts be centred on you and, as we gaze on you,  
may the things of the world fade away;  
our problems and needs fade away in the light of your glory and  
grace.

We realise that nothing really matters but you Lord.

Be in our midst we pray,  
and we ask that you speak to our hearts in new and glorious ways.

Please go before us now,  
and lead and guide us in all that we say and do.

In the name of Jesus we pray.

AMEN

God is the reason why  
even in pain we smile;  
even in confusion we understand;  
even in betrayal we trust and  
even in fear we fight





COFFEE money for October goes to -

**StChristopher's**  
More than just a hospice

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### LIVING WELL BROMLEY – FOOD BANK

We urgently need donations of tinned goods and other foods such as:

- Tinned meat
- Baked beans
- Soup
- Tinned vegetables (Carrots, sweetcorn, mixed veg)
- Tinned fruit
- UHT milk
- Instant mashed potatoes
- Rice/packets of microwaveable rice

We also need donations of toilet roll & toiletries - men's shower gel & deodorants, shaving foam etc. We do have an excess of some items so do not require these -

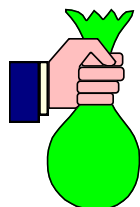
Teabags    Pasta    Pulses    Tinned fish    soap    Toothpaste

The foodbank is open on Tuesdays (3pm - 4pm), Fridays (1pm - 3pm) and Saturdays (11am - 12noon) when donations can be dropped off.

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### OFFERINGS

The offerings during August were as follows:-



August 5	£195.00
August 12	£162.50
August 19	£121.50
August 26	£133.50

The after service coffee collections during August were in aid of Hope Health Action (previously Haiti Hospital Appeal) and totalled £48.20.

Anthony Bayley

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## CRESCENT CLUB

Our first meeting of autumn was about holidays. As we have had such a wonderful summer it was very appropriate. Mary remembered a happy time in Israel. Sylvia spent a week in Margate with her sister. Monica and her husband went on a world tour stopping off in India to meet up with their son. Gill went to America and then Tuscany, where both her friend and her tried to put up a 'put you up' and failed to do it amid lots of hilarity. Marion went to India and the highlight was watching the sun rise over the Ganges, one could see the actual rays of the sun, which she found mind blowing. Jo went to Texas and was wowed by the sight of the Rio Grande. Sheila went to America and Sheila G. went on a long cruise to celebrate her husband's 70<sup>th</sup> birthday which took them to Barbados and Jamaica and then on to the Falklands. Mine was a nightmare visit to Sicily. A mix-up over the bill caused me many anxious moments until all was sorted. Not to be recommended!! Muriel went with her mother to Boston, Washington and Philadelphia on a memorable trip. It seems we are all a well-travelled lot of ladies Afterwards we had tea and cakes and a chat. A really lovely afternoon. Our October meeting will be about Beckenham Parochial Charity (Alms Houses etc.) which should be interesting. I hope you all enjoy the promised Indian Summer, winding us down towards, dare I say it, Christmas.

Patricia Power

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Details of the results of our Harvest Appeal will appear in next month's edition of the Outlook.

Anthony Bayley



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*Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds that you plant.* - Robert Louis Stevenson



## Ah, the joys of getting older ...

I have become older since I saw you last and a few changes have come into my life. Frankly, I have become a frivolous old woman. I am also seeing six gentlemen every day! As soon as I wake up Will Power helps me get out of bed. Then I go to see Jimmie Riddle, and then it's time for breakfast, with Mr Kellogg followed closely by the refreshing Mr Tetley, or my other friend who I only know by his initials, P.G.

Then comes someone I don't like at all – Arthur Itis. He knows he's not welcome but insists on being here. And what's more he stays for the rest of the day. Even so, he does not like to stay in one place, so he takes me from joint to joint, after such a busy day, I like to get in bed with Johnny Walker too. What a hectic life! Oh – and yes, I'm flirting with Al Zheimer.

The vicar called the other day and said at my age, I should be thinking of the Here After. I told him I did, all the time. For no matter where I am kitchen, bedroom, living room or garden, I ask myself “what am I here after?”

Well, I will close and hope Will Power is your constant companion too. But do make sure that his friend Emma Royd does not creep up on you from behind. And do watch out for that crafty one – Gerry Atric!

- Submitted by Monica Duncan



## CHRISTMAS FAIR

Don't forget Saturday December 1<sup>st</sup> is the day of our Christmas Craft Fair. Make sure you have it firmly in your diaries and start telling your friends about it!

Anthony Bayley

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## **International Fair Trade Charter urges action**

The United Reformed Church has joined 250 organisations from across the globe to launch an International Fair Trade Charter that sets out the fundamental values of Fair Trade and defines a common vision towards achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The SDGs are a collection of 17 global goals set in 2015.

The global Fair Trade movement is urging policy-makers, business leaders, citizens and consumers to embrace the vision of the International Fair Trade Charter – initiated by Fairtrade International and the World Fair Trade Organisation – to create a global trading system populated by supply chains and models of business that leave no one behind and that their work people can maintain a decent and dignified livelihood to develop their full human potential.

‘Fair Trade offers an alternative, Gospel-inspired vision of trading relationships, which puts power in the hands of those usually at the bottom of the pile,’ said Simeon Mitchell, the URC’s Secretary for Church and Society. ‘The United Reformed Church has been a long-standing supporter of fair trade initiatives, and it is proud to be a member of the Fairtrade Foundation through Commitment for Life. We believe that everyone should have fair pay and decent working conditions in order to have a dignified livelihood and the opportunity to fulfil their God-given potential. We therefore welcome the launch of the International Fair Trade Charter as a springboard for action to transform global trading relationships, and pray it will be a further step towards achieving justice, equity and sustainability for people and planet.’ In its news release, FATO said: ‘A recent United Nations report shows that hunger has actually risen in the past three years after a long period of decline, leaving one in nine people undernourished. While the world economy has grown, according to the World Inequality Report: “At the global level, inequality has risen sharply since 1980”.’

## Music to my ears-

The minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building. Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

"Here's a copy of the service," he said impatiently. "But, you'll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances." During the service, the minister paused and said, "Ladies and Gentlemen, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected and we need £4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge £100 or more, please stand up."

At that moment, the substitute organist played "The National Anthem." And that is how the substitute became the regular organist!

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PRESBYTERIAN: When you rearrange the letters:

BEST IN PRAYER

ASTRONOMER: When you rearrange the letters:

MOON STARER

THE MORSE CODE: When you rearrange the letters:

HERE COME DOTS

SLOT MACHINES: When you rearrange the letters:

CASH LOST IN ME

ELECTION RESULTS: When you rearrange the letters:

LIES - LET'S RECOUNT

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Pilates	Monday	19.30 – 20.45
	Tuesday	09.30 – 12.00
	Thursday	09.30 – 12.00
	Monday	14.00 – 16.00
U3A Arts Class	Monday	15.15 – 21.00
	Tuesday	16.00 – 21.00
	Thursday	16.00 – 17.45
	Friday	16.45 – 19.15
	Saturday	08.00 – 16.15
Montessori	Mon - Fri	08.30 – 12.30
	Tuesday	20.00 – 22.00
Spanish Dancing	Saturday	14.30 – 16.30
	Wednesday	14.00 – 16.30
U3A Guitars(2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> )	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Brownies	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	19.00 – 20.30
Guides	Wednesday	

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