

July-August 2018



Outlook

Beckenham United Reformed Church

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SUNDAY WORSHIP - July 2018

1st	Mrs Marion Bayley - including Holy Communion
8th	Ms. Rachel St. Clair
15th	Ms. Rachel St. Clair
22nd	Miss June Mackenzie
29th	No Service at Beckenham. To Elmers End

Rachel St. Clair is a lay leader from Crossway Church
June Mackenzie is a reader from St. George's Church

OTHER DIARY EVENTS

3rd	July 7.30pm	Elders
4th	July 2.30pm	Bible Study
18th	July 1.00pm	Luncheon Club

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.



	Donors	Arrangers
1st	Sylvia Hicks	Muriel Aldcroft
8th	available	Jane Ball
15th	The Duncans	Monica Duncan
22nd	Peter Bevan	Pat Power
29th	available	Marion Bayley

Dear Friends,

The last month or so has been marked in my memory as a period of anniversaries, most of them desperately sad memories of tragic events; the Manchester and London Bridge terrorist attacks, the Hillsborough disaster and, in some ways, the most horrific of them all, the Grenfell flats fire. Where was God in all these I ask myself? Where indeed?

It is difficult to reconcile such events with a loving God, and yet it is the basis of our faith that we have a God who preaches that Love is the most fundamental element of his creed.

“Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.” But Jesus went on to say “The second most important commandment is this: ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself’. There is no other commandment greater than these” (Mark 12:29)

This surely, is the real difference between our Christian faith and other faiths, where revenge -- and denial that there could be any interpretation of their creed other than the one they preach, seem to figure so large in their thinking.

But how does the loving of our neighbour manifest itself in the terrible events which we have been commemorating over the last few weeks? I think it does in the care and concern for others shown so clearly in the response of friends, neighbours, and the police, fire and rescue services, in the face of terrible accidents and acts of terrorism. We recall with anguish the horror of the Grenfell fire, but at the same time we are thankful that, at least to some extent, this anguish is offset by the acts of selfless devotion shown by so many “neighbours”.

Alan

SUNDAY WORSHIP - August 2018

5th Mrs Marion Bayley – including Holy Communion*
12th Mrs. Judy Davies
19th Mr. Alan Kienlan
26th Mr. Tony Russell

*Followed by Church Meeting

Judy Davies - Lay Preacher from URC Widmore Road, Bromley

Alan Kienlan - Lay Preacher from Emmanuel, West Wickham

Tony Russell - Lay Preacher from Hayes Free Church

OTHER DIARY EVENTS

14th 2.30pm Crescent Club Tea Party at 110 Hayes Way



	Donors	Arrangers
5th	available	Muriel Aldcroft
12th	available	Jane Ball
19th	The Duncans	Monica Duncan
26th	Gill Ross	Pat Power

Lectionary

1st July 2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27; Psalm 130; Wisdom of Solomon 1:13-15, 2:23-24; or Lamentations 3:22-33

Psalm 30; 2 Corinthians 8:7-15; Mark 5:21-43

8th July 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; Ezekiel 2:1-5

Psalm 123; 2 Corinthians 12:2-10; Mark 6:1-13

15th July 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19; Psalm 24; Amos 7:7-15;

Psalm 85:8-13; Ephesians 1:3-14; Mark 6:14-29

22nd July 2 Samuel 7:1-14a; Psalm 89:20-37; Jeremiah 23:1-6;
Psalm 23; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

29th July 2 Samuel 11:1-15; Psalm 14; 2 Kings 4:42-44;
Psalm 145:10-18; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

5th August 2 Samuel 11:26 - 12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12; John 6: 24-35
Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15; Psalm 78:23-29; Ephesians 4:1-16

12th August 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33; Psalm 130; 1 Kings 19:4-8
Psalm 34:1-8 Ephesians 4:25-5:2 John 6:35, 41-51

19th August 1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14; Psalm 111; Proverbs 9:1-6
Psalm 34:9-14; Ephesians 5:15-20; John 6:51-58

26th August 1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43; Psalm 84
Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18; Psalm 34:15-22; Ephesians 6:10-20
John 6:56-69

FROM THE SECRETARY

We had our Church Anniversary today and our Interim Moderator took the service which included an excellent sermon. It was of course, followed by a lunch where we very much enjoyed our fellowship together.

Sadly we lost the second round match in Top of the Pew. Our team were playing the winners from last year. Our team did well and it was a closely fought match until nearer the end.

We are looking forward to hearing Rachel St. Clair who is coming to take two services at Beckenham at the beginning of July. Rachel is a member at Crossway Church at the Elephant and Castle. I am sure she will tell you that a couple of years ago, they had very few members. They now have a thriving Church with a number of children as well!

I trust all of you have a good summer and I trust the weather is warm and sunny, especially if any of you are going away on holiday!

Gill Ross

It's no coincidence that the word 'holiday' suggests a holy day, or that the longest book in the Torah concerns the Sabbath. If you wish to advance in any sphere, the best way is to take a retreat. Pico Iyer

PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Praise be to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
He chooses us in love to be holy and blameless.
He calls us in love to hear the good news of salvation.
He blesses us in love and includes us in his most marvellous plan.

Lord God of all,
when we allow ourselves the time and space to meet with you,
we are blown away by the knowledge that,
before the creation of the world, you had a plan for us –
and even now you are working out that plan through us.
Open our hearts, Lord, to receive all you have for us.
Lord of all creation, we come humbly to you,
not puffed up with our own achievements or strength,
but ready to lay ourselves open before the supreme planner,
ready to take our part in your world.
As the stars shine brightly in the sky,
we want to light up our world for you.

Lord God, your world is full of wonderful gifts
but sometimes we do not see.
We are sorry, Lord. Help us to see with your eyes.
Sometimes we take our gifts for granted, see them as our own
property -
we boast about them
when we should be using them for the benefit of others.
We are sorry, Lord. Help us to live in your love.
Sometimes we know you are calling us to use a gift
but we hold back and someone suffers.
We are sorry, Lord. Help us to be brave in your love.
Sometimes we use our gift
when we should be giving someone else the chance to use theirs.
We are sorry, Lord. Help us not to be too proud to step back.

Lord God, there are so many people
who need the difference in their lives that only you can bring.
Sometimes we feel so useless when face with all the needs of our
world.

We forget the important part we play by just opening our lives to you,
praying to you and being your hands and feet.

We pray today for our families, our friends, our peers, our neighbours.
Help us to share, through our prayer and through our care.

We pray for everyone who has helped us grow closer to you,
for our church family and our ministers.

Help us to share, through our prayer and our care.

We prayer for our community,
the world in which we live and work and have our being.

Help us to share, through our prayer and our care.

We pray for people who feel they have nothing to share,
nothing even to live for – the homeless, prisoners,
people at the end of relationships, the sick, those who mourn.

Help us to share, through our prayer and our care.

Lord God,
for all that we have in Jesus; for all that we have in each other;
for the opportunities we have to share our gifts;
for the joy of seeing people grow in their gifts;
for our own joy when we know we are serving others;
for the camaraderie that working together brings
for those who willing use their gifts to help others;
for our church fellowship as a welcoming community
constantly being built up by our love for you =
we thank you.

We go in your name,
to live a life worthy of the calling you have given to each one of us.
May we be willing to receive, respect and reuse
the wonderful gifts you entrust to us.

Lord, I thank you that I have my part to play in the work of your
body.

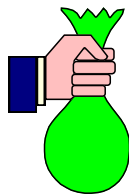
Thank you for all the people and things that support my walk with
you.

Please help me support others in turn.

AMEN

OFFERINGS

The offerings during May were as follows:-



May 6	£105.00
May 13	£120.00
May 20	£91.50
May 27	£111.50

The after service coffee collections during this month were in aid of Christian Aid Week. Please see the separate article below.

Anthony Bayley

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

Once again this year we have been able to participate in Christian Aid Week and I am glad to report that we raised more than £1,000 almost exactly the same as last year. More than half the sums raised were given under Gift Aid which will significantly increase the value of the gifts to Christian Aid. Below is a breakdown of how we arrived at this magnificent total. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who helped to make this possible, whether by giving, by collecting from houses or by collecting at Beckenham Junction station.

COLLECTOR	ROADS	No. Envs Collected	£ raised
Anthony Bayley	Wickham Road, Bograve Gdns, Kelsey Park Av.	12	30.34
The Balls	Oakwood Av/Whiteoak Drive	26	139.21
The Hunts	Overbury Avenue	15	45.23
Roger Penry	Whitcroft Way/Malmains Way	49	264.86
Stuart Almond	The Mead / Meadway	12	82.85
Gill Ross	Hayes Way	19	42.36
Church Coffee mornings			58.46
Church donations		1	150.00
Church Lunch		17	195.00
Alan Duncan	Beckenham Junction station		71.75

40 Gift Aid slips were completed covering £570.95 of donations

TOP OF THE PEW

On Sunday 10th June we played our 2nd round match in Top of the Pew against the holders, St. Joseph's. We had some interesting questions and during a lively and enjoyable evening we matched them fairly closely most of the way but they finally beat us by 76 points to 68. Thanks go to the other members of the team Marion, Monica and Julien, our scorer Alan, and Gill and Sheila who arranged our half time coffee. I am pleased to report that we raised £57.50 for this year's charity the Marjorie McClure Special School.

Anthony Bayley



COFFEE money for July goes to **Bromley Mencap** who are in needs of funds to help with their health and fitness therapies.

COFFEE money for August goes to **Hope Help Action** in support of the Haiti Hospital Appeal.



CHRISTMAS FAIR

I know we're just getting into Summer and Christmas is a long way away but we have booked a date for our annual Christmas Fair. It will be held this year on Saturday 1st December. Further details will follow in due course but please book the date at this stage.
Anthony Bayley

Welcome to Holy Trinity –

“Holiday at Home” for the Over 50s

23rd to 26th July 10:30 am - 4:00 pm

66 Lennard Road, Penge SE20 7LX

Wide range of activities to choose from.

Cost: £20 for 4 days or £5 per day (includes all refreshments, lunches and activities) Please book by 14th July.

Cheques payable to - Holy Trinity Church
For application forms and full details of activities phone
Alan Duncan on 020 8658 3309

LIVING WELL BROMLEY – FOOD BANK

Items urgently needed at our Foodbank!

After a busy start to the year, our foodbank supplies are running low as The Living Well foodbank has been giving out around 160 bags of food a week to people in need in Penge and the surrounding area.

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. Please note we cannot accept any items containing alcohol.

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.

You can find us at Holy Trinity Church, 66 Lennard Road, London, SE20 7LX and contact us on 020 8778 7258 or at hello@livingwell.life

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“The charity that is a trifle to us can be precious to others” - Homer

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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
	Saturday	14.30 – 16.30
U3A Guitars(2 nd & 4 th)	Wednesday	14.00 – 16.30
	Wednesday	18.30 – 20.00
Brownies	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
Rainbows	Wednesday	17.00 – 18.00
Guides	Wednesday	19.00 – 20.30

For lettings apply to Mr. Anthony Bayley 07983 334946

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