

Martin Way Methodist Church

serving the communities of

Morden & Merton Park



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MINISTER'S LETTER

As Paul is away on a Sabbatical, a number of others have offered to write in Paul's place for the Newsletter.

Our third contributor is Tony Loft.



It seems like only yesterday a group of us travelled to Butlins Minehead for what's now for me anyway the annual Spring Harvest top up of my Spiritual growth. This year I definitely was not disappointed.

The theme was 'Only the Brave' [Determined Disciples]. The Bible teaching over our time there was from James (whom some scholars claim was one of Jesus' brothers). The five chapters of James is not often read in our churches and that may be due to the forthright writing at times very blunt and to the point, and dare I say too blunt for some 'church goers' who may be put off. Not that would happen here at Martin Way.

Each day I attended the session entitled 'Encounter the Bible' lead by Mark Madavan Minister at Locks Heath Free Church, Fareham, and oh boy what a teacher, He held everyone's attention as he brought to life the words of James and in doing so challenged each of us to step out of the comfort zones we find in our churches to be 'Brave Determined Disciples' for Jesus.

We also had many other speakers and seminars we could attend and of course each evening we had worship – for those who could take the high noise levels in the Main Worship where 3600 people would be or for those like myself who like the more quiet reflective time there was the Alternative Worship service.

For myself; the best parts were the Bible teaching in the morning – having had a great time first thing [9am] - but proved too early for many of our group - in what is called the Big Start (½hr of fun and games for all the family introducing the sub theme for the day). The evening Alternative Worship came in as a very close second.

I have to say that this year was one of the best Spring Harvest's I have

attended in many years and I can't thank enough all those in our group who joined in our times of fellowship, where we all got to chat to and know each other better.

On Wednesday the 13th June we will be booking for Minehead S.H. and I would love for you to experience for yourself the teaching and fellowship that is on offer. I'm sure you would not be disappointed, and please don't think you are too old or young - the age range of this year's group was 8 to 75+. Please have a think and if your interested let Emily Bacon or myself know by Sunday 10th June and for your information the dates are Saturday 13th to Thursday 18th April 2019.

The Theme for 2019 is 'Unlimited (When you PRAY).' Which brings me onto a subject very close to my heart – PRAYER; I understand that many of us pray at home on our own, and we pray together in worship on Sundays. But have you ever thought about praying in a group (Jesus said that when 2 or more are gathered He is there with them).

I'm sorry to say but I feel that we [I put myself in this category as well] don't give PRAYER the important place in our lives.

Surely we should always talk to God before we do anything. We should be asking Him for help, guidance, protection and courage to do what is right and worthy as His people.

Every week on Tuesdays there is 'Time for Prayer' where everyone is welcome – you don't have to pray aloud, but you are able to spend time with and in God's presence. Please think about joining us.

I find this quote from the Spring Harvest Leaflet for 2019 very fitting in regard to what I truly believe.

JESUS SAID TO THEM, "WHEN YOU PRAY..."

Jesus encouraged and taught us to pray as part of His family. We have unlimited access to an unlimited God. Prayer connects us with Him, His people and His world.

In 2019 we will explore the exciting power and potential of prayer.

Digging into the Bible, hearing testimonies and getting extremely practical, we'll engage with something that is simultaneously simple and beyond our comprehension.

Prayer is being with God, alone, with others and for others. It is different motivations, different times, places and personalities. It is turning hearts and ears and faces. There is no right or wrong way to pray. Prayer is peace and warfare. Prayer is being present, listening, waiting, persisting. Prayer is uninhabited but inhabited. Prayer is unpredictable.

Prayer is UNLIMITED.

I finish with a prayer.

*May God grant you time to rest in His presence
A place to hear His voice,
And His peace in your daily lives.
Amen*

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A greatly deserved printed ‘Thank You’

Have you noticed over the past nine months the movement of ‘Chairs’ in our church?

Our church have been involved in some massive attendances at a number of funerals, wonderful weddings, christenings and concerts. For all of these happenings our chairs and stage have to be moved. I wish we had a magic wand to wave to enable these movements, but such a thing is not available. What is, and this is typical with church history, is the usual active few, and as one gets older these chairs and stage get heavier!

So to the guys that do these movements a very big ‘Thank You’. It would be great that if some of you who are reading this could be able to offer that much needed help on occasions.

The same must be said for our wonderful coffee and tea service which happens after our church services, and once again the same on offer

during those special occasions when required. In this service we see a great variation of age which is lovely, but don't forget it is not just the serving of the beverages, it is also the preparing, setting up, cleaning and putting away of everything. As with everything that comes out all must be put away again.

You must have noticed that I have not mentioned any names as we all know who does all these jobs - so when you see them, smile, say 'thank you'. Maybe you already do this and that is great but this is the chance to say in print to all those lads and lasses who do all this hard work that we appreciate all that you do and offer our 'Grateful Thanks'.

Derek Heaton

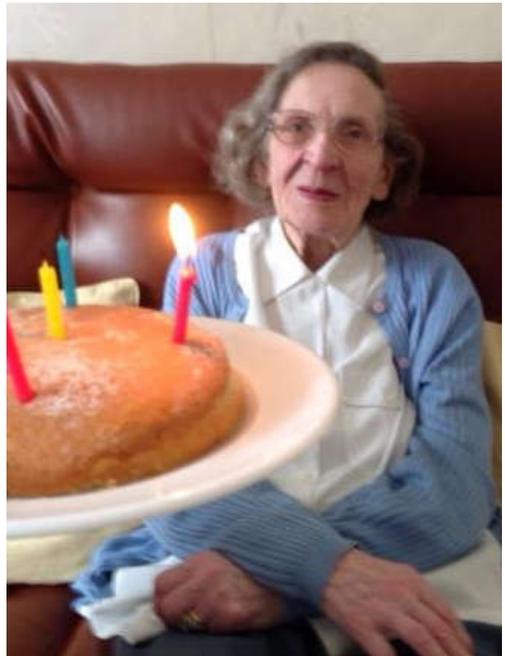
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Church Family News

Birthday celebrations at *The Afternoon House Group*



Moira's birthday on the 1st May



Gwen's birthday on 24th May (Wesley day)

Extreme Endurance

Taken from: Extreme devotion, the voice of the martyrs from the co-authors of Jesus freaks. Serious followers of Jesus pay a price, and extreme followers often pay the ultimate price. Each story is true.

THE ROMAN EMPIRE: BLANDINA

Blandina was a servant who was so filled with God's power that those who took turns torturing her day and night finally gave up. In fact, her torturer seemed to make Blandina's faith stronger. She boldly proclaimed her faith, saying, "I am a Christian; we will not be ashamed."

Blandina was persecuted during the reign of Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius Antoninus (A.D. 161-170). It was during this time that the Christians kept strict records of their sufferings. They hoped to encourage other believers who would follow with the true stories of endurance.

Blandina was hung on a post, yet she endured, serving to encourage those who witnessed her torture. Having survived this scenario, she was then put into an arena with lions along with a fifteen-year-old Christian boy named Ponticus, who was encouraged by her example. Blandina did not show despair before the animals but was "rejoicing and exulting at her departure as if to a wedding supper."

Twice Blandina was thrown before starving lions that would not touch her. Thus, she returned to prison unharmed. She was eventually "torn by the lions, scourged, put into a net and tossed about by a wild bull, and placed naked into a red-hot metal chair." Yet she lived and encouraged all near her to remain steadfast in their faith. Blandina was eventually killed with a sword after her torturers were unable to make her deny her faith.

Although unrelated to Christian witness, there are situations we can't seem to escape that are painfully challenging. Raising a difficult child at home. Labouring beside a difficult co-worker. Enduring a difficult living arrangement. There are times when we think we can no longer bear the strain and we are tempted to give up. No matter what the circumstances, God gives us the endurance and the strength to do whatever he calls us to do. God asked Blandina to endure torture. He may prod us to seek help in our parenting, confront our co-worker, or undertake some other seemingly impossible task. Injecting the name of Jesus, we can be his witness. Regardless of our scenario, God is with us, giving us patience and even joy. In what areas do you need this extreme endurance that comes only from our gracious God?

So that you may have great endurance and patience,...giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. (Colossians 1:11-12)

In my distress I called to the Lord; I cried to my God for help. From his temple he heard my voice; my cry came before him, into his ears. (Psalm 18:6)

Many of you will already know the story of Leah Sharibu, a 15-year-old girl who in February was taken from her school in Nigeria by the Islamist terror group Boko Haram. Of the 110 girls seized that night, only Leah remains in captivity: because she refuses to renounce her faith.

Leah's father, Nathan, said to Nigerian media, "I am very sad... but I'm also jubilating too because my daughter did not denounce Christ." Her mother, who is still in deep shock, later added: "Even if they shoot Leah there, we believe that she will be with Christ Jesus."

BREAKING NEWS: We've just heard that Donald Trump has cancelled his meeting with Kim Jong-Un, the North Korean leader, which was due to take place next month. Last week we asked you to pray that human rights would be prioritised during this meeting; the cancellation is really disappointing news. Please pray that this would not derail the steps that have been made so far towards peace on the Korean peninsula, and that God would continue to work in his sovereign power for the people of North Korea.

Vietnam

Over the past year CSW has been one of a coalition of organisations working for the release of prisoners of conscience in Vietnam, many of whom have been working against the repeated violations of freedom of religion or belief: harassment, forced evictions, beatings, torture, pressure to recant and detention or imprisonment. For this, they receive excessively harsh treatment by the government.

Pray: Father God we thank you for the courage of human rights defenders in Vietnam. Thank you that despite the risks they take up the cause of freedom. We ask that you would strengthen their efforts today and equip them with every resource they need as they pursue justice for the oppressed. Amen

Egypt

Since the revolutions of January 2011 the human rights situation in Egypt has

worsened progressively. Special measures introduced in response to the threat of terrorism have caused a grave deterioration in the human rights climate, including restrictions on freedom of association, freedom of expression, and freedom of religion or belief.

Pray: Father God, as the number of terror attacks in Egypt grows, we ask you to bring your peace to the troubled country and make it somewhere where everyone can worship freely and without fear. Amen

Nepal

Since the introduction of Nepal's constitution in 2015, and a new Criminal Code Bill in October 2017, Nepal's religious minorities face new levels of uncertainty. Many activists and experts believe that the constitution fails to protect the rights of marginalised communities, including religious minorities.

One of the most concerning aspects of Nepal's constitution is one particular clause, under which talking about one's faith to a person of another faith could be construed as an act that may 'jeopardise other's religion', and as an attempt to 'convert another person from one religion to another'. This action is punishable by law.

Pray: Father God, you are above all earthly powers and governments: we ask that you would work to change the legislation introduced in Nepal over recent years and lift the restrictions being placed on religious freedom. Amen

Refugees

Wednesday the 20th June is UN Refugee Day, so set aside to pray for refugees. Religious intolerance is one of the root causes of the refugee crisis in a number of the countries that CSW work with. Many vulnerable Christians and other religious minorities are forced to flee because their religion makes them a target for imprisonment, persecution or violent attacks.

Pray: Lord God, this week we remember that Jesus started his life as a refugee when his family fled into Egypt to escape the threat of death. We ask you to watch over refugees around the world and protect them as they journey to a place where they can live freely. Amen

Faith and a Future

At the start of the year CSW launched Faith and a Future, a campaign to ensure no child is denied a fair education because of their faith. In February CSW launched a report on this issue in Parliament, and were delighted to see so many people pledged their support to the campaign.

Aloe Vera

Aloe Vera, a plant known as ‘medicinal’, ‘miracle’, or ‘silent healer’ has many medicinal properties. It has been around for over two thousand years. It’s reported that Cleopatra used the plant, Alexander the great was known to have used it to heal the wounds of his soldiers. It is mentioned in the Bible in five different locations; Number 24:6, Psalm45:8, Proverbs 7:17, Songs of Solomon 4:14 and in John 19:39 aloe was mixed with myrrh to embalm Jesus.

Ghandi said “You ask me what were the secret forces which sustained me during my long fasts. Well, it was my unshakeable faith in God, my simple and frugal lifestyle and the Aloe, whose benefits I discovered upon my arrival in South Africa at the end of the nineteenth century.”

Mahatma Ghandi (1869-1948)

Aloe Vera is considered to be a miracle plant because of its too many curative and healing benefits. The leaf of the Aloe Vera is filled with a gel containing vitamins like A, B1, B2, B6, B12, C and E, Folic Acid and Niacin. Minerals found in Aloe Vera plant juice are copper, iron, sodium, calcium, zinc, potassium, chromium and magnesium. All these nutrients have tremendous health benefits when used externally and internally.

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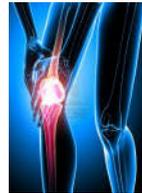
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Rock Choir Returns to Martin Way

On Saturday 13th May the Rock Choir came back to Martin Way Methodist Church. This time there joined by students from The Purcell School for young Musicians and The Guildhall School of Music and Drama.



It was probably one of the wettest nights of the week and the leader of the choir, Elliot Sutcliffe, was running late which meant the choir was still putting in a final rehearsal as the audience started arriving. Carefully directed to the hall, the audience had a chance to catch up with old friends before being allowed into the church for an evening of music and fun.

Despite the poor weather, there was a great audience who were entertained with a variety of songs from the choir including some old favourites as well as some new ones. In addition to the choir, Andrew Garrido (pianist), Hannah Pearson (Vocalist) and Amy Deakin (Poet) also returned to perform for us again. They were joined by Esther Bogere (Vocalist), Tayfun Bomoz (Violinist), Emma Beach (Oboist) and Rowena Taylor (Cellist).

At the end of the evening the young performers were once again persuaded to join the choir and the amazing evening's entertainment was rounded off with the Queen classic *'Don't Stop Me Now'* complete with actions.

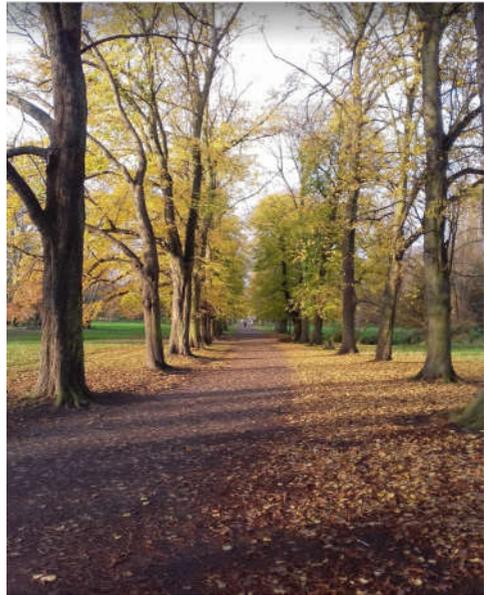
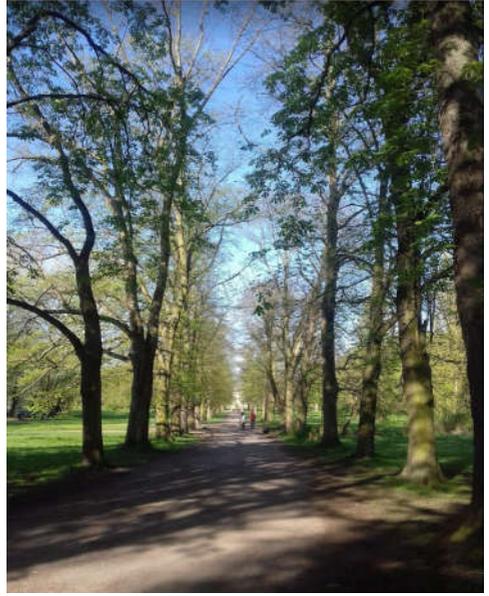
All in all a great evening was had by all and the event raised over £360 for the Coffee Lounge Floor Fund.

Not only do we thank the choir and the youngsters from coming along to perform but also some members of the church, who not only looked after the lighting and sound but also arranged refreshments in hall during the interval and helped direct cars and the audience in the rain.

Andrew Fox

EYES WIDE OPEN

Sharing moments all around us in pictures.
Morden Hall Park through the seasons



Please submit your images, digital photographs or scanned artwork to Andrew (Newsletter Editor) at roife@hotmail.co.uk. Every picture tells a story (or so they say) but if you want to add just a few words to accompany your image, please do.



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IN AID OF COFFEE LOUNGE FLOOR

GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)

Like me you have probably had letters through the post and/or emails in your Inbox where an organisation has asked you to continue to receive their emails, letters, phone calls, etc. They would have all asked you to view their Privacy Policy and quoted the new data protection regulations (GDPR) that came into effect from 25th May 2018.

So what is GDPR all about?

It is an overhaul of data privacy laws in Europe to give greater protection and rights to individuals, especially those who allow companies to use their personal information in exchange for 'free' services.

Why is it being introduced?

There are two main reasons. First, the EU wants to give us more control over how our personal data is used, bearing in mind how companies like Facebook and Google grant third party access to our personal data - remember the Cambridge Analytica fiasco?

Secondly, the EU wants to give businesses a simpler, clearer legal environment in which to operate throughout the single market.

What about Brexit?

The UK must comply with the new rules for the time being. If we eventually come out of the EU single market then those rules would not apply to the UK unless it chooses to adopt them for itself, which it probably will.

What protection does GDPR give me?

GDPR is very explicit about the fact that organisations should be able and ready to demonstrate compliance to the requirements of the law. If someone contacts an organisation to make sure it is compliant with GDPR, it should be able to demonstrate on the spot that its organisation is following the six principles of GDPR, namely all data ...

- Should be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent way
- Should be collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purpose
- Should be kept up to date
- Should be limited to what is necessary
- Should not allow identification of people for longer than necessary

- Should be processed in a way that ensures appropriate security

When translated, these principles can be boiled down into the following idea:

Data should be collected with explicit consent, and all users should know exactly what their data will be used for. Data collection and retention should be limited only to what an organisation absolutely needs to know about a user. An organisation should be able to demonstrate that a request for consent was presented clearly, and that that data isn't being sold, modified, or otherwise misused. Systems shouldn't rely on outdated or years-old data for marketing purposes, and if users wish to update their data or withdraw consent, they should be able to do so easily.

And above all, the data needs to be kept in a safe place and processed in a way that safeguards the people to whom the data belongs.

An organisation has to publish exactly how it is storing, retaining and processing your details in a document called *The Privacy Notice* which has to be made readily available for people to read.

So you have my data - is that it?

No the GDPR gives you certain rights.

Right to be informed

This is a key requirement under GDPR that means companies must tell you their purpose in processing your personal data, how long they will hold it for and who, if any, it will be shared with.

Right of access

Entitles you to confirmation that your data is being processed and, on request, to give you a copy of that information.

Right to rectification

You can now request in writing or verbally that your details will be corrected if they are incorrect or misleading

Right to erasure

Allows you to request that your personal details be erased if there is no legitimate reason for the company to hold on to it.

Right to restrict processing

Allows you to stop companies continuing to collect and use your data although they still store it

Right to data portability

Allows you to obtain and use your personal data for your own purposes, and copy it from one service to another.

Right to object

Allows to force a company to stop using your data as you object to the way they are using it.

Does it affect Martin Way Methodist Church (MWMC)?

Yes it does. As a church we are bound by the new regulations. Where applicable, we hold the following member and friend's data on file: name, address, home and mobile phone numbers, email address and the name of your pastoral leader.

Members

If you are a member of MWMC then the details you gave at the time of becoming a member will be on file for the purposes of contacting you, sending you information and for your pastoral care. On this basis we do not have to ask you again. This technically known as a 'legitimate interest'.

However, if we wanted to use your details to, say, publish in a directory then we would have to contact you to ask for your consent to do so and you are entitled to refuse. If you don't give that consent then your details would not appear in that publication although they will still be on file.

Friends

If you are a friend of MWMC but not yet a member, then we have to ask you for your consent to hold your contact details on file. Just because we may have held them in the past, we were, after 25th May 2018, obliged to remove those details from our files until we contact you to ask for your consent to hold them on file again. This we will be doing very shortly by sending you a letter with that request. Again, you are entitled to refuse.

Does Martin Way have a Privacy Notice?

Yes it does and it may be seen and a copy downloaded from our website at www.martinway.org.uk or you may request a copy by emailing admin@martinway.org.uk.

Summary

GDPR affects everyone and every organisation. It is a big update of our data protection regulations with the aim of giving people the protection that their personal details deserve. If an organisation infringes those regulations then it is in for a hefty fine if found to be negligent.

The whole implementation and monitoring operation is being overseen by the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) who can be contacted via their website at <https://ico.org.uk> where a much fuller description of GDPR may be found.

Mike Mortley

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Tribute to Fred Plant

For as long as we remembered Joyce Plant, we will have known Fred, for they were a team. Probably since we've been members of this church. Fred would be the one transporting Joyce to and from church and all activities relating to the church. Always accompanying Joyce to our house group but never staying. He was very much part of our house group and ever ready to offer lifts home. We would often suggest that he join us in our discussions but he preferred, when he came to collect Joyce after the meeting, to continue the chat, be it in the house, garden or on the street.

Fred was also very much a part of Martin Way church family and being a Ham Radio enthusiast had many like minded friends who met on these premises. He was extremely proud of his family and always supported Simon and Joanne when they were taking part in church services here.

Although Fred had numerous gifts, to us he was a reliable handy man, putting his skills to the fore with electrical jobs, carpentry putting up curtain rails and gardening work. He liked nothing more than pottering around in his shed and enjoying his garden. During the past few months when his health was failing and he would be passing Gwen's house on the way to the Health centre for tests, and knowing that her garden gate needed re-hanging, he would comment to Ian checking to see if the job had been done to his satisfaction! Such was his attention to detail. Poignant too, as he was loosing his sight and he realised with frustration that he could no longer do the jobs he once loved.

He loved nature. Eileen recalled times when Fred accompanied herself and Joyce together with their mobility scooters to Mostyn gardens and he would be in his element talking to everyone and their dogs. Following Joyce's death we kept in touch with Fred who preferred to chat on the phone -in the afternoons as he was not an early riser. It was one of the ways he coped with his grief.

We assumed that one of his favourite shops was Lidl's as he would invariably find the latest innovative gadgets that he wanted to test out. Once he had Googled the reviews he would be on the phone almost selling us the item! He was a convincing salesman.

Some of us were privileged to attend Fred and Joyce's diamond wedding garden party in 2015 at Ian and Linda's home. It was a special, sunny and happy day in beautiful surroundings and as ever Fred was the quick-witted story teller regaling us with his jokes. (some of us didn't get the punch line until much later). Both Fred and Joyce were delighted to receive a card from the Queen and Fred expressed his gratitude for the sixty years of a happy marriage, in his own inimitable but heart-felt words.

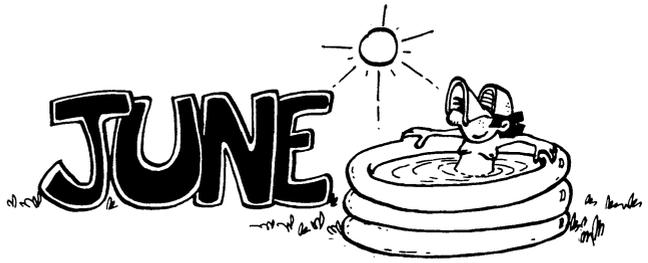
Fred was a caring man, possessing many of the qualities mentioned in the chapter on Love. We're not so sure of the bit about being patient, but, as all members of our house group can attest, Fred was kind and caring. The hands of Fred and Joyce shown in the picture on the wall shows the warmth and tenderness of hands that have worked hard and have loved. (Can you just imagine Fred bursting into song at this stage with a jingle"now hands that do dishes can feel soft on your face like mild green fairy liquid"?) He often quoted songs from the past.

Moira and Gwen often visited Fred sometimes unannounced, and although he would sometimes say that he wasn't up to having visitors, they would invariably have a great chat and feel enriched by the visit. His sense of humour was a real tonic. Often after these visits he would be on the phone either to finish the conversation or to recall a joke. During his last days when Gwen and Moira visited Fred in the hospital, Moira commented on his smooth complexion. He certainly did not look his age. Maybe his vegan lifestyle paid off! We can imagine him having the last laugh...."now hands that do dishes can feel soft as your face....."

We'll miss you Fred. Rest in Peace

The Afternoon House Group

CHURCH DIARY



Sun	3	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Margaret Adams
Tue	5	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	8	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	10	10.30 am	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	12	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		1.00 pm	LCH Steering
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Sun	17	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Brenda Cannon
Tue	19	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		7.00 pm	Men's Supper Club - <i>What happened next?</i> - Peter Thompson, Barrister
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	22	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	24	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
		12 noon	Church General Meeting
		6.30 pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	26	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer

*Please refer to the Website (www.martinway.org.uk)
or Weekly Notice Sheet for any additional information*



We wish all of those who celebrate a birthday this month a very

Happy Birthday

and especially to:

Alice Day on 27th June

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Would you like to come to **Spring Harvest 2019**? This year will be something very special as it is also their 40th anniversary.

Each year, Spring Harvest has a theme which runs right through the event. The Bible is central to it all and, from toddlers to adults, everyone learns from the same passages, in a way to suit them.

We are going 13th (Saturday) - 18th (Maundy Thursday) of April 2019 and are planning to use the Gold Accommodation which will cost £269pp, if you feel you require help in affording this please speak to me or Tony Loft.

We need to know numbers by the 10th June!

Emily Bacon

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MyRaynesPark Festival

MyRaynesPark is a community arts festival, run by the local churches. Every summer they organise a Raynes Park festival for the residents of SW20, helping to celebrate arts and culture within our community.

This summer the Festival will run from 29th June to 8th July 2018.

For more information visit their website: www.myraynespark.co.uk

A lifelong 'ideal'

In 1949 I was 15 years old and a Girl Guide/Ranger at my Anglican Church called St Matthias in Upper Tulse Hill, just off Brixton Hill. Our Guide Captain was married to the 'Skipper' of the Boy Scouts and consequently much of our time (whether Church Parade carrying the flags, Church Services leading Junior Church prayers every Sunday afternoon, camping or watching Holy Week 'lantern' slides, etc) found us firmly grounded in the Christian faith which meant attending three services every Sunday!!

You may wonder why I'm set the above 'scene', but I wanted to share the following poem by Mary Edgan which 'Skipper' wrote on the 10th November 1949 in my autograph book all those years ago. (I wonder how many 15 year olds still have such a book!) It is this poem that I base my life, thoughts and principles upon.

It invokes fond memories of yesteryear for me but it is just as relevant even now and so I offer it's 'ideals' for you to share now.

Mary Heaton

God, who touchest earth with beauty,
Make my heart anew;
With thy Spirit re-create me,
Pure and strong and true.

Like the dancing waves in sunlight,
Make me glad and free;
Like the straightness of the pine trees,
Let me upright be.

Like the arching of thy heavens,
Lift my thoughts above;
Turn my dreams to noble action -
Ministries of love.

Mary Edgan - 10/11/1949

Items for the **July Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox,
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- The unemployed looking for FULL-TIME employment.
- Retired/looking into retirement with no hope of enough retirement income.
- Mothers at home who want to look after their children and want a steady income.
- Graduates/undergraduates with no employment and no work experience.
- Students who fear huge students loan debts after graduation.



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Church Activities

SUNDAY	Morning Worship	10.30 am
	Morning Communion (once a month)	10.30 am
	Evening Communion (once a month)	6.30 pm
	Sunday Club	10.30 am
	SIGMA—the Circuit Choir (occasional)	4.00 - 5.30 pm
	Platform 10¾ YPF (1st & 3rd Sundays)	8.00 - 9.30 pm
TUESDAY	Coffee & Chat	10.30 - noon
	Men's Supper Club (3rd Tuesday in month)	7.00 pm
	Time for Prayer	8.00 pm
WEDNESDAY	Frogs Club (for Carers & Toddlers)	10.00 – 12.00
	Rainbows (1st Merton Park)	5.30 - 6.30 pm
	Guides (2nd Merton Park)	7.30 - 9.00 pm
THURSDAY	Brownies (2nd Merton Park)	6.00 - 7.30 pm
FRIDAY	Luncheon Club (Fortnightly)	12.30 pm

House Groups, Coffee Mornings, Concerts, etc. (as advertised)