

## MINISTER'S LETTER

November is a month of remembering. There's All Saints' Day, when the church remembers and gives thanks for the lives of those people considered to be saints, whether formally recognised as such or not. There's All Souls Day, when the church remembers all those who've died. There's Guy Fawkes Day, when we in the UK 'remember remember the 5th of November, gunpowder, treason and plot' and all that. And, of course there's, Armistice Day when we remember the end of WW1 and all those who lost their lives in the Great War and Remembrance Sunday itself when we remember all those who've lost their lives in war. So November is a month of remembering.



When we remember something we call something to mind, we recall something, we think of something again. Sometimes it's possible to sit, and, with effort, think and remember things. At other times we need something else to help to jog our memories or we need something to remind us to remember something. That's what diaries or personal organisers in all their current forms are for, of course. But it's also why we buy mementos of the places we visit. And it's why we take photographs. These things help us to recall a particular time and place and they help us to remember who we were with and what we were doing. And this is all important because our memories define who we are as people. So it's important that we remember and it's why it's so painful when our memories begin to let us down.

When we remember something we're calling something to mind. And that in itself is important. But often, calling something to mind isn't enough and remembering something only makes sense if it then leads us to doing something. So, for example, remembering that you promised to give someone a lift to hospital for an appointment is no good unless you actually turn up on time and give the person in question a lift. And remembering that you've promised to buy some sparklers for bonfire night is no good unless you actually buy the sparklers.

Remembering something, calling something to mind, is often only any

good if we do something, if we act on that knowledge. Well in the same way, remembering Jesus' words, Jesus' instructions, is no good unless we act on them and allow them to change both us and the way we live. The gospel is only good news for us and for other people if we allow it to transform how we see the world and how we act in it.

This November then, let us take some time to remember some of Jesus' words and instructions and ask ourselves whether or not we're acting on them as Jesus intended. And if we need the gospels to jog our memories, perhaps let's pick up the gospel of Mark and start reading ahead for it's this gospel that we'll turn our attention to in Advent and beyond.

With every blessing

*Paul*

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### **Methodists 'enjoy longer lives'**

Methodists live more than seven years longer than the rest of the population, according to a recent study.

Men belonging to the Methodist denomination live to be 83.9, researchers working for British Religion in Numbers found, compared with a national average of 77.

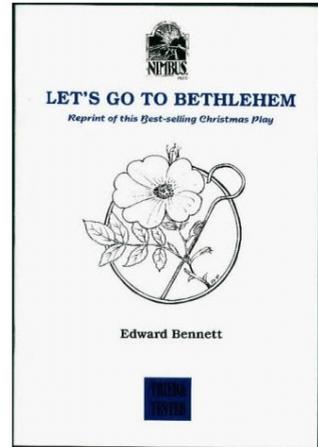


Female Methodists live to be 91.1 on average, nine years longer than the 82 years enjoyed by most British women.

So now you know this, thank God for your extra time and go out and make the most of your extra years!

## **SIGMA CHRISTMAS PRODUCTION**

This years SIGMA Christmas production is called 'Lets Go To Bethlehem' by Edward Bennett. It is a production of three short plays. It will be on for one night only, which will be on Sunday 18th December at 8pm. This hopefully will give people in the circuit time to get across to Martin Way if they have their carol service that day.



We will be adding our own favourite Christmas songs and new ones to the production, so please book that date in your diaries now and join us on the 18th.

If you would like to take part in any way, either in the singing, acting, music or backstage we are rehearsing now every Sunday afternoon at Martin Way from 4pm until 5.30pm, you would be more than welcome to join us.

For more information please contact Anne Conquest.  
Tel no: (020) 8942 7147 or Email [aconquest@btinternet.com](mailto:aconquest@btinternet.com)

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### **Mr John Butland**

In last months Newsletter it was indicated that John Butland always sat at the rear of the church. I would like to point out that John did not always sit at the back of the church.

When I first came to Martin Way he sat half way down on the right (as you enter from the front door) in an aisle seat next to Jean's mother. She was by this time getting a bit forgetful and John very solicitously attended to her needs.

*Joyce Plant*

Monday, 21 November 2011  
7:30 pm, Royal Albert Hall

**Barts Choir**

# Mahler

# Symphony No 8

## 'Symphony of a thousand'

**Wimbledon Choral Society**  
**Royal Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Berkshire Young Voices**

Conductor **Ivor Setterfield**

**Anna Leese** Soprano  
**Iwona Sobotka** Soprano  
**Máire Flavin** Mezzo Soprano  
**Jacques Imbrailo** Baritone

**Grace Davidson** Soprano  
**Jennifer Johnston** Mezzo Soprano  
**Andrew Staples** Tenor  
**David Soar** Bass

**Tickets: £38, £34, £27.50, £25, £22.50, £20, £16.50, £13, £7.50**

[www.royalalberthall.com](http://www.royalalberthall.com)

Box office: **020 7589 8212**

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Society**

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**WIMBLEDON  
CHORAL SOCIETY**

[www.Wimbledon-choral.org.uk](http://www.Wimbledon-choral.org.uk)  
charity no. 263150

St Bartholomew's Hospital Choral Society  
[www.bartschoir.com](http://www.bartschoir.com)





## FAIRTRADE RECIPES

### Nutty Chocolate & Coffee Brownies

Makes about 12 brownies

*An ideal treat for those  
November Firework displays!*

- 110g butter
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 50g plain flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- pinch of salt
- 100g hazelnuts (chopped in half)
- 225g unrefined (golden) Fairtrade sugar
- 50g dark Fairtrade chocolate, roughly broken up



#### *For the frosting:*

- 100g butter, softened to room temperature
- 100g icing sugar
- 1 tablespoon strong black Fairtrade coffee
- 100g cream cheese

Pre-heat oven to 180°C/350°F/gas mark 4. Grease a tin measuring approximately 27cm x 18cm and line with baking parchment, allowing paper to rise 3cm above the tin. Toast hazelnuts in oven for 10 minutes (maximum) until lightly browned. Melt chocolate and butter in a bowl over a pan of simmering water. Sieve flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Stir in sugar. Beat in eggs and chocolate mixture until well-mixed. Stir in hazelnuts. Pour mixture into the tin and bake for 30-40 minutes until centre springs back when lightly pressed.

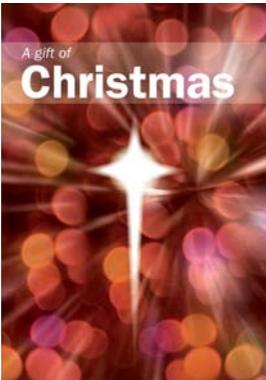
Remove from oven and allow to cool completely in tin.

To make frosting, beat butter and icing sugar together until pale and fluffy. Beat in cream cheese and coffee. Spread frosting on the cooled Brownies. Chill in fridge for 30 minutes, then cut into squares before serving.

## WAYSIDE PULPIT

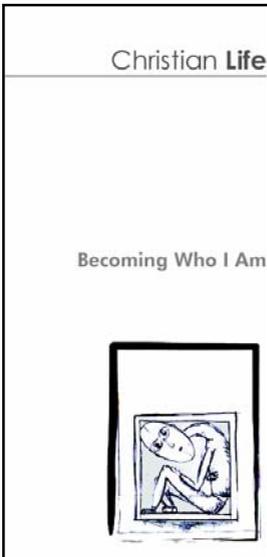
In both vestibules there are leaflet holders which, you may or may not have noticed, have been refreshed with new literature that you may find helpful.

Apart from the current Notices and Newsletter, they contain the following leaflets:



### **Pocket series:**

- A gift of Christmas
- A gift of Remembrance
- Hope in your pocket
- Prayer in your pocket



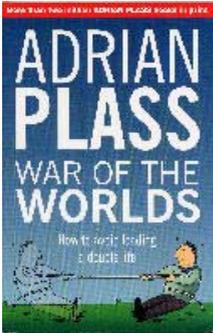
### **Gospel Imprint series:**

- Becoming who I am
- The Trinity, Three Persons – One God
- The Kingdom of God – the Good News
- Who is Jesus?
- How can I Pray?

Please help yourself to any that you might feel useful to you or a friend. They are free and will be varied according to the time of year so keep checking back for new ones.

*Mike Mortley*

## REVIEWS from RE:FRESH BOOKS

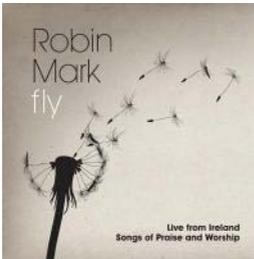


### *War of the Worlds* *How to avoid leading a double life*

by Adrian Plass

192 pages paperback, RRP£8.99

A book about the tension between the Spirit and the flesh - how we often live compartmentalised lives, keeping God out of some areas. Adrian Plass challenges readers to honesty in their lives.

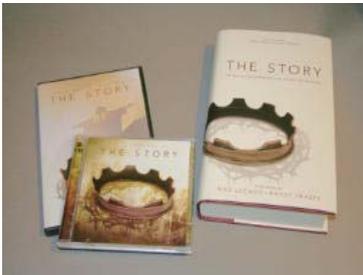


### *Fly*

by Robin Mark

CD

Eleven new songs by Northern Ireland worship leader and songwriter, Robin Mark and guest writers, including Paul Baloche. Robin Mark songs incorporate a Celtic flavour.



### *The Story*

Five linked resources with the message of the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, in 31 Chapters.

*The Story* uses the text of the Bible, from the New International Version, with short linking passages.

- *The Story* - 496-page hardback for adults
- *The Story: Teen Edition*
- *The Story for Kids* - Using a version for early readers
- *The Story DVD* - a dramatisation of 18 passages
- *The Story CD* - music inspired by *The Story*

*All of these items are available from re:fresh books & christian resources, 23 The Broadway, Tolworth, Surbiton KT6 7DJ*



## Christmas Shoebox Appeal

Platform 10<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub> are organising the shoebox appeal for the Samaritan's Purse this year. This is an organisation that sends shoe boxes full of toys to children all over the world who will not receive a present for Christmas. This year we are asking for presents such as:

- Small Toys; bears, soft toys, tennis ball, finger puppets, small jigsaws, yo-yo's, building blocks, small musical instrument, trucks or cars, dolls, etc.
- Educational Supplies; felt pens, pens, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, colouring book, notepad, picture or puzzle books, chalk, pencil case, stickers, etc
- Hygiene Items; toothpaste, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, hair clips, bar of soap, flannel, etc
- Other Items; sweets (sell by date to be at least March 2012), gloves, scarf, sunglasses, cap, hat, bangles, necklace, clip-on earrings, etc.
- Knitted Items; hats, scarves, hand puppets (Unfortunately, hand knitted stuffed toys can not be exported)

If there are any keen knitters out there please have a look at the website at [www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/knitting-patterns](http://www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk/knitting-patterns), where patterns can be downloaded and pick a pattern or two. These include a Purse, a Bag, Hats, Wrist Warmers, Finger Puppets and other items as well.

The clowns were so popular last winter and playing with a glove puppet has been found to be very therapeutic for a child suffering from trauma or isolation – the puppet becomes a little friend to talk to.

We need to have everything by early November, but if this is too soon for you we will be taking part in this appeal next year - so feel free to knit though the year!

***Please do not put in;***

Food - especially chocolate

Liquids

Medicine or Vitamins of any kind  
Any books with writing in  
Clothing (other than listed above)  
Fragile items - such as glass containers, mirrors  
Hand knitted stuffed toys without the CE mark

Dangerous Items  
War related items  
Anything of a political nature

There will be two large boxes situated in the Church vestibule or the store, please could you contribute anything that's new or nearly new. We plan to put the boxes together on Sunday 6th November, so please act quickly.

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## **ST.RAPHAEL'S HOSPICE SANTA DASH**



The first Santa Dash was held in 2009, there were 120 "Santas" taking part, in the grounds of Nonsuch Park, Cheam and it raised approx £10,000 for the hospice.

We will be holding TWO Santa Dash events this year!

The first Santa Dash will be on Wimbledon Common on **Saturday 3rd December 2011**

The second Santa Dash is at Nonsuch Park, Cheam, on **Saturday 10th December 2011**

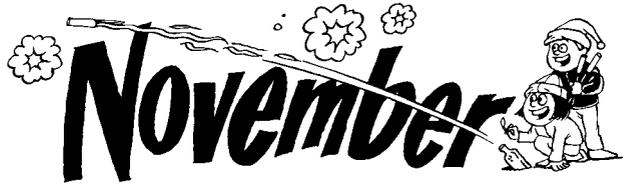
Registration details for both events are the same.

Santa suits will be provided. Registration £10 adults, £5 under 16s, £20 for a family group of two adults and two children, or £30 for a corporate team of four adults or friends

Contact Suzi Forland on 020 8644 3857 for an application form.

**Please note that the closing date for registrations for either event is Friday 25th November 2011.**

# CHURCH DIARY



Tue	1	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Sat	5	10am-1pm	Big Brunch
Sun	6	10.30 am	All Age Worship led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	8	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Weds	9	7.00 pm	Midways Group - <i>My Life at the BBC</i> – Valerie Feltham
Fri	11	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	13	10.00 am	Remembrance Sunday Service with Communion led by Rev Paul Timmis
		6.30 pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	15	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
		7.30 pm	Men's Supper Club - <i>Witnessing Reality on the West Bank</i> - Audrey Grey
Sun	20	10.30am	Morning Service led by Brenda Cannon
Tue	22	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
		8.00 pm	Finance & Property Committee Meeting
Fri	25	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	27	10.30am	Morning Service led by David Eagle
Tue	29	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer

*Please refer to the Website ([www.martinway.org.uk](http://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:



**Jennifer & Rosemary Fernando**  
on **6th November**  
**Megan Sweby** on **7th November**  
**Jack Pallister** on **9th November**  
**Jacob Passfield** on **27th November**

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### **BIG BRUNCH**

The Big Brunch is Back on Saturday 5th November 10am till 1pm - full English breakfast for only £4. All the money raised will go towards us taking some of the Platform 10¾ to Spring Harvest in April 2012.

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### **CLOTHING APPEAL**

One of the families I have befriended at Christian Care has asked if we can help by supplying clothes for adults. They are looking for ladies clothes size 10/12 for a 30 year old.

If anyone is thinking of clearing out their wardrobe ready for Christmas have clothes of that size please let me know so I can pass them on to Christian Care.

*Sylvia Baxter (Tel 020 8540 3429)*

# Advanced Christmas Notices

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## MORDEN CAROL SINGING



It's that time of the year that we serenade the commuters of Morden. Once again we will be raising money for the National Children's Home and would welcome as many people to come along and join in the singing of carols at Morden Underground Station. We will be meeting at the

Station on Monday 19th and Wednesday 21st December and plan to start singing at 5.00pm and finish about 7.00pm both of these days.

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## CHRISTMAS POST BOX AND CARDS



The church Christmas post box will be outside the vestry from Sunday 4th December until Friday 16th December for those sending Christmas cards to members of the church community. Cards will be ready for collection on Sunday 18th December.

As in previous years, you are invited to make a donation which will go to Methodist Homes for the Aged. (In doing so you may wish to remember that you are saving 32p for each card posted in the church post box!)

Please address all cards clearly using surnames and initials or forenames to avoid confusion. (We have several Smiths and several Gwens!)

If you prefer, you are welcome to post a single card addressed to the whole church family. Such cards will be placed on display panels in the vestibule on Sunday 18th December.

Items for the **December Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox, (email: [roife@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:roife@hotmail.co.uk)) by **Sunday 20th November** at the latest