

Martin Way Methodist Church

serving the communities of
Morden & Merton Park



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MINISTER'S LETTER

One of the things that struck me most when, during my sabbatical, we visited both House for All Sinners and Saints in Denver and St Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, was each church's intentional and explicit openness and inclusivity.



In each church the invitation to communion includes the words, 'Everyone without exception is invited to receive the bread and wine at communion which for us is the body and blood of Christ.' Such an approach wasn't new to me. Indeed, I have always sought to convey the same message whenever I've invited people to gather around the Lord's table - but the words 'without exception' were nonetheless powerful ones to hear. Since the sharing of bread and wine is placed at the very heart of each act of worship ("Liturgy") in these churches, these words - without exception - somehow served to underline the fact that absolutely everyone is genuinely welcome and equal in these churches.

To be made to feel so welcome, to know that a place is a safe place in which to be and belong is an incredible gift for anyone. For some it can be and is transformational. And so it has proved. In each congregation there are people faithfully worshipping and serving God - and flourishing as a result - but who, sadly, tragically even, would not even be welcome in some churches because of their sexual orientation or their gender identity or expression.

At this year's Greenbelt Festival, I listened to Vicky Beeching tell her story. It was heartbreaking, moving and challenging. I've shared something of Vicky's story in church before now but, to re-cap, Vicky is a talented musician, writer and broadcaster. As a writer of countless worship songs and worship leader at Spring Harvest for a while, she became something of a pin-up in Evangelical church circles - until she came out as gay just over three years ago and became a prominent campaigner on LGBTQ+ equality issues. Since then the backlash against her from some within the church has been horrendous. Her music career is over and on social media she still receives a steady

torrent of horrible, venomous abuse - as well as some death threats - from Christians.

Most church communities would want to be seen as being welcoming places. Many put up signs carrying the message that ‘All are welcome here’ but what that can sometimes mean is that all will be welcomed providing they look the same, behave the same and believe the same things that they (the existing church members) do. This isn’t good enough. Either a church is genuinely welcoming or it isn’t and, if it isn’t, can it really be considered to be the Church?

A vital and urgent task for each church community has to be to determine how open and inclusive it wants to be and then communicate that intentionally and explicitly. There are far too many people today who believe that the Church simply cannot be for them because of the louder voices that claim to speak on behalf of all Christians.

We are the Church - Christ’s body - in this place and we have a voice. The question is, how do we want to use it? What do we want to communicate? Do we want to say that we welcome everyone, without exception? If we don’t or can’t, what does that say about our efforts to follow the Jesus who always could and absolutely does? But if we can and do want to, how do we best do that?

Having shared in life at House for All Sinners and Saints, St Gregory of Nyssa and being a Greenbelt Festival regular for many years, I know how I would answer these questions but this isn’t about me. It’s about all of us. But we need to talk.

With every blessing

Paul

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God never intended his Church to be a refrigerator in which to preserve perishable piety. He intended it to be an incubator in which to hatch converts.

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God loves us so much

Colours in creation say to us each day
God loves us so much
Rainbows high above us are another way
God loves us so much

God loves us so much
A rainbow up above
The promise of His love
God loves us so much
His promises are true
God loves you

Green it fills the forest over countries wide
God loves us so much

Purple is the thistle on a mountainside
God loves us so much

Pink it is the blossom on a springtime tree
God loves us so much

Blue it is the colour of the sky
God loves us so much

Orange is the colour at the break of dawn
God loves us so much

Yellow is the sun that keeps us nice and warm
God loves us so much

Red is the reminder that Jesus died for me
God loves us so much

All these rainbow colours are for us to see
God loves us so much

God sent a rainbow in the sky so every girl and boy
Knows that water never more will totally destroy
Purple, orange, pink and green, yellow, red and blue
Reminds us all, shows everyone
God loves you



OPEN HOUSE LONDON

22ND - 23RD SEPTEMBER 2018

Every year in September a number of London's splendid buildings are opened to the general public. In previous years St Mary's Church, Merton Park was open as part of this project.

This year there are five very different places of worship taking part in Open House London in Merton and Kingston

BAITUL FUTUH MOSQUE,

181 London Road, Morden, SM4
5PT

A purpose-built mosque and the largest in Western Europe, with 15m diameter dome and minarets 36m and 23m high, accommodating 13,000

worshippers. The building is a blend of Islamic and modern British architecture and incorporates much of the structure of an old dairy site. Voted one of top 50 buildings in the world by Independent Magazine.



BUDDHAPADIPA TEMPLE,

14 Calonne Road, Wimbledon, SW19
5HJ

A complex of buildings on 4 acres of land with Buddhist Theravada Temple in Thai style - one of only two outside Asia. Interior walls with excellent mural paintings by Thai artists, depicting aspects of the Buddha's life.



**MERTON ABBEY
MILLS,**
Merantun Way, SW19 2RD

Fascinating excavated foundations of the Chapter House of Merton Priory c1100-1200, one of the most important of all Augustinian monasteries prior to its destruction in 1538 by Henry VIII. The remains now lie under Merantun Way (A24).



**ALL SAINTS'
CHURCH**
Market Place, Kingston, KT1
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Large church on site dating back 1000 years, where the first 7 Kings of England were crowned.



ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
Grove Lane, Kingston, KT1 2SU

The church is a large Victorian building with an interesting beautiful interior. The foundation stone was laid in 1871 by Bishop Samuel Wilberforce, son of the anti-slavery campaigner, William Wilberforce.



For full information of all the other buildings that are open during Open House London 2018 visit their website <https://openhouselondon.open-city.org.uk/>



**CHRISTIAN
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VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

August Press Releases from CSW

Yet the Lord longs to be gracious to you; therefore he will rise up to show you compassion. For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all who wait for him!’ Isaiah 30:18

Sometimes it seems as if all we do is wait for God. Many of the cases CSW is working on take months or even years to resolve, leaving the survivors in limbo as they wait for justice to be done. However, we know that our God longs to show us compassion and promises to bless those who wait for him, however long he takes. After all, God’s timing is perfect, even if we don’t always fully understand it.

Ten years ago this month, the Christians of Kandhamal District in Odisha State, India, became the centre of the worst anti-Christian violence in the country’s history. Over 100 people were killed, with 56,000 more forced to flee their homes. By the end, 5,600 homes and 300 churches had been destroyed.

Yet despite the staggering scale of the violence, almost a decade later we’re still praying to see justice done for the survivors of Kandhamal. Recently we talked to Father Ajaya Kumar Singh, who survived the tragedy and now advocates for compensation and justice for his fellow survivors:

“There have been hardly any convictions; presently not a single person has been put behind bars. The perpetrators do not have remorse as they were not convicted, and the political parties, and indeed the state, are with them. There is an eerie silence and an uncertain future.”

In May this year, lawyers were told that compensation totalling about £1.7m will be disbursed to 14 survivors of the violence. This is a small step in the right direction: let’s pray that all the survivors will receive the justice they need to heal and move on.

In summary, please pray:

- For justice and adequate compensation for the survivors of the Kandhamal violence.

- For God to bless Father Ajay with protection and courage as he continues to advocate for justice.
- That all the survivors would know the peace and healing of God's presence with them.
- That the perpetrators of this terrible violence would, at last, be convicted.

A Prayer for China:

Lord, we lift the churches of Henan Province to you. Protect their congregation from further harassment, we pray, and guide them to safer places to worship you in peace. We pray for China's new, tighter controls on religion to be lifted and for children to be allowed to attend church again.

Amen

For India:

Lord God, we give thanks for all the human rights defenders and religious community leaders in India who carry out their work despite very real dangers. We ask for your divine protection over them, and for you to grant them encouragement, endurance, and strength for their vital work. *Amen*

For Sudan:

Lord God, today we pray for the nation of Sudan, especially for the many Sudanese women like Noura who face layers of discrimination. Bring about change, we pray: deliver heavenly justice for them. *Amen*

For Egypt:

Father God, we lift the nation of Egypt to you. We thank you for the Christian community that has endured there since ancient times, and pray that you would continue to protect them and uphold them in the face of severe pressure and persecution. *Amen*

For Mexico:

Heavenly Father, we ask you to watch over families in Mexico who have been forced out of their homes and communities because of their faith. Please give them protection and somewhere safe to stay and, we pray, make a way for them to be able to return to their homes. *Amen*

For Iran:

Lord, you are indeed the God who sets prisoners free and upholds the cause of the oppressed. We continue to lift up to you those in Iran who received long prison sentences for taking part in normal church activities. Grant them protection, provision and, ultimately, freedom. *Amen*

Extreme Composer

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.

RUSSIA : NICOLAIE MOLDOVAE

Drunken Russian guards entered the cold cell one harsh winter afternoon. One prisoner, Nicolaie Moldovae, was a poet and composer as well as a devout believer and leader of an evangelical movement in the Orthodox church. He received a five year sentence in the brutal Russian prison for his ministry work.

"Lie on your belly!" a guard yelled to Nicolaie. In his thin shirt and shorts, he lay on the freezing floor. The guards then stepped on his back, legs, and feet with their heavy boots for an hour.

When the guards left, fellow prisoners knelt beside Nicolaie to see how badly he was hurt. To their amazement, Nicolaie said, "I have written a new hymn while I was being walked upon." He began to sing, "May I not only speak about future heavens, but let me have heaven and a holy feast here."

After Nicolaie was released from prison, the Communist police searched his home and confiscated a unique book of manuscripts that Nicolaie had worked on for several years. Hundreds of hours of precious work, writing, and devotion were immediately taken. After this, Nicolaie composed another hymn. "I worship you with gratitude for all you ever gave me, but also for everything beloved you took from me. You do all things well, and I will trust in you."

Today, Nicolaie Moldovae's songs are celebrated throughout his nation.

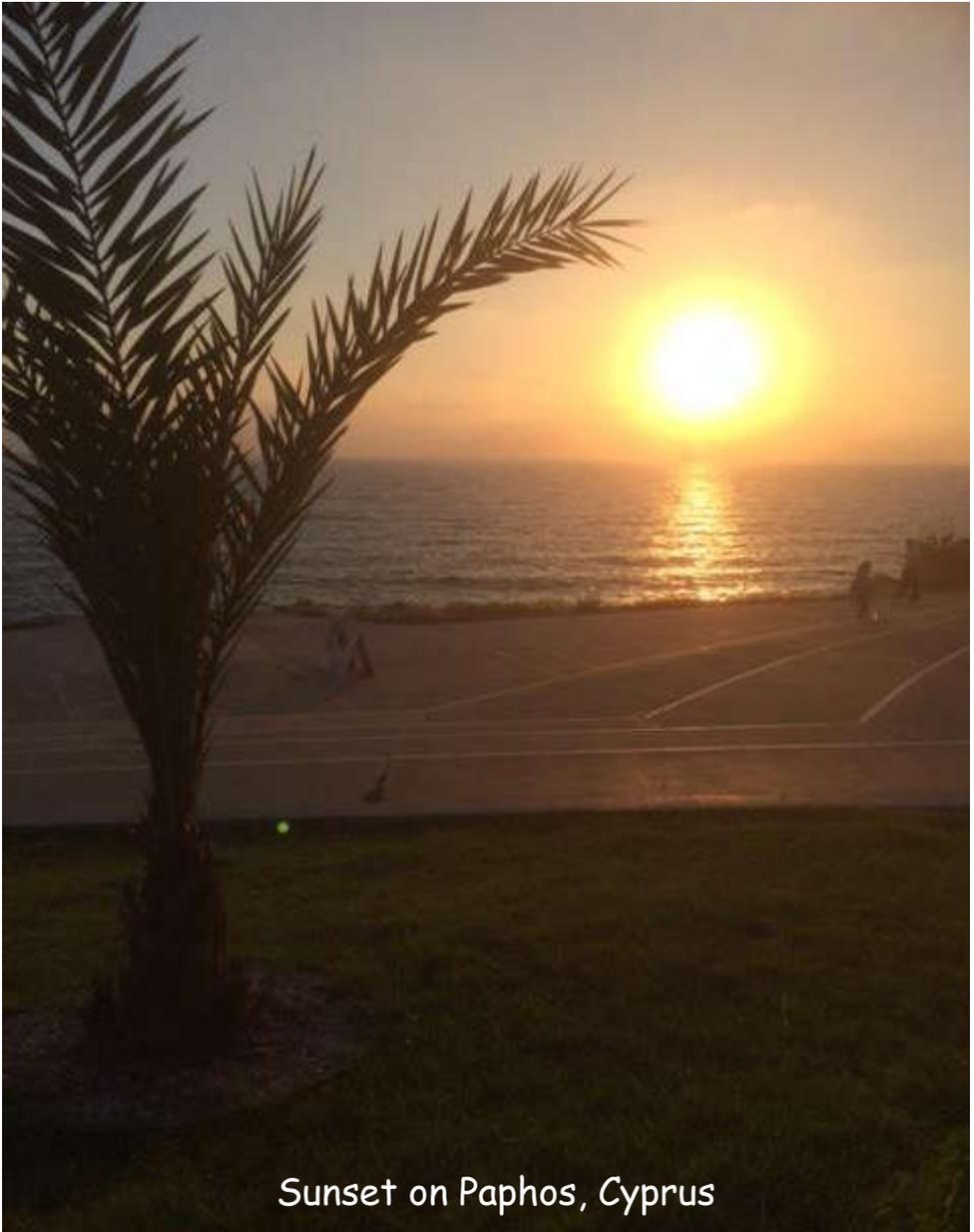
It has been said that life is ten percent what happens and ninety percent how one responds to what happens. In that light, the actual circumstances of life do not matter as much as a person's attitude toward them.

Circumstances are beyond anyone's control. But an attitude or response is a choice. Life may bring us a disharmonious jumble of notes and melodies in a minor key. With God's help, however, we can choose to arrange the notes to produce a song of worship and victory. We can choose to hear melody in the madness of our lives. How would you describe the current circumstances in your life? What is your attitude toward your situation? What do you need to do to change your tune?

Hear this, you kings! Listen, you rulers! I will sing to the Lord, I will sing; I will make music to the Lord, the God of Israel. (Judges 5:3)

EYES WIDE OPEN

Sharing moments all around us in pictures.



Sunset on Paphos, Cyprus

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.

Three Peaks in Three Days

I suggested this challenge to Rachael Conquest and somehow she agreed to join me! Rather than organising this challenge all ourselves, we chose to join an organised group, our group consisted of 14 and 2 guides who would join us on each mountain Mark & Sam and then our Mini bus drivers and ground team to assist us if needed at each mountain Lee, Gary and Steve

We started out on Friday 3rd August which was a full day of travel. We met our group at Glasgow airport at 3.30pm and continued to Roy Bridge just past Fort William where we would stay in a bunkhouse before we start on our first mountain Ben Nevis.

Saturday 4th August - Ben Nevis in Fort William, Scotland - at an elevation of 1,345 metres above sea level.

After a poor night sleep in the bunkhouse (could be due to the excitement/nerves of our challenge ahead or the bunk beds....or both) we were up early and started on our climb up at 6am and had reached the summit in 3 and ½ hours. The climb was a mixture of gravel and rocky paths and also a mixture of weather – by the time we were half way up we had to put on our waterproofs and entered the cloud where it then continued to rain. We were on Ben Nevis for just over 7 hours and would say 4 of those hours we were in cloud and rain. This had to be the mountain I least liked mainly to do with the weather making it feel worst but maybe because I knew I still had 2 more mountains to go.....

Once completed we had time to visit the rest room and a welcomed cuppa before off in the mini bus to Gretna Green to stay in a hotel (with a promise of a whirlpool bath...) for the night. The journey went fast as the movement and the rest made



my head nod all the way. This hotel was amazing (especially after the previous bunkhouse...) and to my happiness there was a whirlpool bath. After turning the heating up full to get all our cloths, boots and backpacks dry I indulged in a whirlpool bath which I have to say was AMAZING and I was thankfuly for it after our first day of climbing!

Sunday 5th August - Scafell Pike in Lake District National park, Cumbria – at an elevation of 978 metres above sea level.

We were up and out early again, and after an hour and half we were out of the minibus - ready to start our climb up the second mountain of our challenge. Today appeared a lot warmer although cloudy. The paths much rockier, with lots of boulders to clamber over and was pleased to have walking poles to aid me. The scenery though 100% made up for the paths – it was breath taking! Today our group split into 2 groups as the previous day we all tried to stay together but the slower people (including myself) were trailing behind – bonus of this split, meant we had lots of time to take in the views and take lots of great photo's, as well going at more acceptable speed. We reached the summit in 2 hours 45 minutes and again we were in the clouds so no views up the top but thankfully no rain today. Pleased we had completed the 2nd mountain we got back down and in the mini bus – off to stay on the boarders of England and Wales for the night before we would take on the last of the 3 mountains.



Monday 6th August – Snowdon in Snowdonia National park – at an elevation of 1,085 metres above sea level.

Up Early and headed to our third and final mountain of the challenge – starting out at 7am on the Pyg track which is the shortest track up Snowdon but by far not the easiest. This track was a mixture of terrain – steps, boulders, scrambling up rocky paths and at times flat paths. Again, the scenery around us was beautiful and in our small group we

could take in everything around us! This was helped by a very pleasant day and when we got to the summit (in 2 hours 55minutes) there were some rolling cloud but otherwise great views and a sunny day! We descended on the Llanberis Path (known as the tourist Path) and today going down seemed harder but think this was mainly to do with it being the last of the 3 mountains and my energy was failing me but also seeing the train that goes down by the walking trail was a complete tease to me..... Once completing we all celebrated as a group with a small glass of bubbles and then onto our last Mini bus ride together to Chester where we would go our own way and head home!



Wow what a challenge – after climbing 3 mountains in 3 days we have walked nearly on 26 miles in 3 days in all types of weather, it was amazing but tough! Would I do it all again – No but so pleased and proud of myself I completed it!

I want to say a very heartfelt Thank you to each and everyone who supported and sponsored us to complete this challenge – we have raised just over £800 both online and sponsorship forms for South West Thames Kidney fund (now known as The Kidney Fund) at St Helier Hospital. The just giving page is still open if anyone would like to donate via this link.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/abby-herring2>

Thank you again everyone.

Abby Herring



United with new and old friends
Nice time in our hotel's games yard
Ice creams in the log cabin and at Little Man Ice Cream
Terrific views from the High Line (NYC)
Exhilarating time on the cable car
Dino Dan's incredible facts at Dinosaur Ridge

Star-gazing from the hot tub in Estes Park
Times Square with its twinkling lights
Aladdin and Hello Dolly on Broadway!
Tornado, clouds and hailstone facts at the Center for Atmospheric Research
Enjoying the snow at Bear Lake
Spectacular scenery from the California Zephyr

On a little boat watching humpback whales
Flatirons, coyote and a red-tailed hawk in Boulder

Alcatraz spooked us all
Munching on yummy burgers from Park Burger
Exotic colours on the Stellar's jay and hummingbirds
Rocky Mountain Arsenal where we saw a golden eagle
International Orange Golden Gate Bridge
Cinamon buns the size of your face in Georgetown
Amazing experience all-round

Matilda Timmis

Our American trip

Almost everyone who I talked to about America has asked me what the highlights were, or what my three favourites things were, or what I most enjoyed doing.

The truth is, I didn't have a favourite part, I couldn't choose three things, and I certainly couldn't decide what I most enjoyed doing. Because I loved it all. Which is why it is very hard for me to sum up what I have to call some of the best weeks of my life into one little piece of writing and it is also very difficult to decide what part to write about. I loved the food, but I thought that it would be a bit boring for you to read, so I couldn't write about that. (However, if you ever go to Denver, I recommend Park Burger and The Little Man Ice Cream Parlour, if you ever go to San Francisco, I recommend ihop - international house of pancakes (this is all over America, but still) and also Ghiradelli Chocolate, and if you ever go to New York, I recommend The Westway Diner and Shake Shack (which there are a few of in England). All of these are extremely good and serve A-MAZ-ING food).

I think that one of my favourite things was all of the people we met while we were away. However, Mummy has written all about that so I am back to being stuck about what to write.

I really enjoyed seeing how all of the culture, nature and scenery was different to it is in England. When we were in Denver, we visited the church called House for All Sinners and Saints. Their services are very different from ours. For example, at any time during the service (apart from the prayers) you could go to either side to help yourself to Oreos, pretzels



and drinks. Personally, I think that we should introduce this to Martin Way. In one of the communions, we sat at large tables and one person went to get the bread and wine and everyone in our section of the table took turns to serve one another.

I loved the fact that the nature is so completely different from over here and I loved taking photos of all of the plants, animals and birds. I also loved a lot of the scenery that we viewed during our trip, such as the views from the Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco and Estes Park, Colorado. I think that this trip was a very educational one. We visited Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco which was fascinating. We learnt all about the weather in the Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder which was extremely fun and we got to stand in a tornado and touch a cloud.

Also when we were in Colorado, we went to Dinosaur Ridge, which is a place where you can see dinosaur bones and footprints. We also visited Georgetown, which is an old mining town, and the whole experience was like we were



back in time, because it does not look like it has

changed at all (Thankfully, it had changed a little bit and there was an excellent cake shop where we bought some cinnamon buns that were bigger than my head and also delicious) We also visited the 9/11 memorials and the Freedom Tower when we were in New York.

Overall, it was an absolutely amazing experience and I really loved it, so thank you.

Amélie Timmis

From sea to shining sea (and back again) 2018

It is a hard task to sum up our four week adventure across America, so whilst I will gladly talk at length to anyone who'd like to listen about the things we saw and did, here is my reflection on it through some of the people we met.

Valerie

We know several people in Denver - Nadia of course; fabulous Amy whom we love, despite being complicit in the girls' pranks; Dave and Darci, bakers of delicious cranberry and walnut bread, whose apartment we are renting - but where are they now when we have a problem? It is 7.45P (no need for the M in America it seems) in a downtown Denver parking lot. It *says* church members can park but the enormous implications of having a hire car towed away sit uncomfortably with us. Two women approach and reassure us that it's fine. We chat as we walk to Lenten Vespers. Valerie asks us, "What part of Australia are you from then?"

The welcome at ecumenical Lenten Vespers is warm, the soup elk (amongst others), the service beautiful and we talk with many people but returning to the car we find ourselves again with Valerie. She is very funny, instantly warm and happy to recommend her top places to visit - The Rocky Mountain National Arsenal, Georgetown, the Molly Brown House (we manage two of the three) - and even offers her Jim as chauffeur.

As our time in Denver moves along, we find ourselves looking out for Valerie and Jim. The girls adore



them - it's mutual. These people truly listen to what we each have to say and we feel like we've known them for always. They give us 'a ride' to and from church, fighting over whose turn it is, share moments of liturgy with us and invite us to dinner at their home in Arvada. Even for us, that's a long walk and another 'ride' is arranged.

It is a privilege and a solace to be in a home, Valerie perfectly adapted to cooking chicken at altitude (yes, it's a thing), Jim amusing us with his stories, the girls dueting 'Heart and Soul' on the piano. How appropriate. These people have embraced us as their own. Good-bye is hard.

Harper

Amtrak carries us away from two unforgettable weeks based in Denver towards California, through landscapes so vast and breathtaking that we need no activity other than gazing out of the window and intermittently (or not so intermittently) pressing the camera button. We do, however, get drawn into the number one passenger pastime - talking.

We meet (amongst others): a couple on a retirement holiday and discuss literature and theology; a family about to move back to Ireland; an interviewee turning the business trip into an adventure.

And then there's Harper. After 33 hours on the train, we only begin chatting as we stand to gather our bags but then there's no stopping her. With only the coach transfer to make up for lost time



and using a turn of phrase beyond her ten years, she tells us about her life, recommends places to visit and at the last minute, with her dad's blessing, presses a crumpled phone number into our hands. As they leave the bus before we do to catch their connection home to south San Francisco, we watch Harper and Matt walk away, aware of a friendly connection and all sorry it had to end so soon.

It turns out that it doesn't. Harper is persistent. So it is that we are 5351 miles from home, in a city we've never visited, with friends to meet up with on a Sunday evening for beachside burgers, the Golden Gate Bridge as a backdrop and games and fire pit conversations in the hotel yard. With so much in common, this is a beginning, not an end.

Jeannie

The Pineapple Express storm comes in once a year from Hawaii and it decides to do so the day we pick up the hire car for our drive south to whale watch. Not exactly Steve McQueen style, our journey is fraught for several reasons, not least the lashing, squally rain and terrible visibility. "California, where the weather is either magnificent or unusual". You're not wrong.

When we do finally arrive at our airbnb, having passed acres and acres of strawberry and brussel sprout fields and a not insignificant number of vineyards, I am ragged, as if the storm actually got hold of me. I fold myself out of the car defeated, with the cloud so low in the sky that the (apparently) adjacent sea is undetectable and it feels like the end of the world. Well, I suppose the Pacific is, sort of and we are, after all, at the epicentre of the devastating 1989 earthquake - a fact I keep close to my chest despite the tangible sense of a fault line beneath us.

Jeannie, our host, approaches despite the rain. She smiles, says, 'Hello Rebecca', and then holds me in the longest embrace as if we are long lost relatives. It is restorative and comforting. Someone understands the storm.



Once inside, one daughter sets about helping in the kitchen as if she has loved this woman forever, the other slips into her humorous story sharing with unusual ease. It takes two minutes to establish we are on the same page politically and

over dinner we cover many topics and retire reluctantly, wishing the evening could go on forever.

After a night lying in the most comfortable bed listening to a storm that sounds like a dishwasher, our whale-watching trip is postponed. Jeannie welcomes us back. She makes coffee and breakfast rice and we relax in her company, reading her books, playing with her granddaughter and watching turkey vultures over the field whilst the whales rehearse for our afternoon excursion. We are not disappointed.

Bruce

Admittedly less qualified than my husband to talk about this man, there is a mesmerising charisma about him. We all get to see him, we all get to meet him, we get to hear him (thank goodness) and we all get to see where he grew up. That about covers it. Anguish abated, mission accomplished, although I could never describe the life-enhancing effect his autobiographical show had on those who experienced it. I do however know someone who can...



Stephan

Before our trip, the girls believed the bit I was most looking forward to was New York as I would get to spend time with Stephan. Hard to say but it was definitely up there - seven years without seeing someone is a long time.

As good friends do, we slip back into being around one another with no difficulty whatsoever, his ability to make me smile or feel special undiminished. We all sit up drinking fruit teas until 2am, fitting seven years worth of conversation and company - the funny and the poignant - into the precious stillness of the early hours, the insomniac city continuing outside.

As a family, we walk the High Line, we take in Greenwich Village, we pay our respects at the 9/11 Memorial but we constantly revise our schedule as it becomes blatantly obvious that what is most important here is the people (and, of course, the cats. The girls adore the cats).



From sitting side by side in a Broadway theatre (he upgraded the tickets from Upper Circle to Orchestra Stalls as a surprise), to loading the washing machine in the basement, to chatting over waffles in the Westway Diner, to shopping for bagels,

fruit and take-away pizza, every moment is a treasure. When you live so far away from your friends, there is something very grounding and cathartic about sharing their everyday life and for four days, we feel less like tourists and more like residents of Washington Heights. Dreams can come true.

Rebecca Timmis



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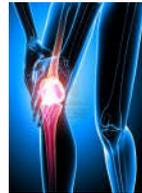
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CHURCH DIARY



Sun	2	10.30 am	Café Worship led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	4	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Sun	9	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Viv Newitt
		3.00 pm	Circuit Welcome Service at Wimbledon Church
Tue	11	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	14	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sat	15	10.30 am	Big Brunch
Sun	16	10.30 am	Morning Service led by David Eagle
		6.30 pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	18	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		7.00 pm	Men's Supper Club - <i>Travels in Boreo (Photos)</i> - Arthur and Marion Strange (Shooting Star Charity)
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	21	2.30 pm	Coffee and Chat Extra
Sat	22	3pm-5pm	Charity Mad Hatter Afternoon Tea
Sun	23	10.30 am	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	25	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	28	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	30	10.30 am	Morning Service led by Tony Loft

*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:

Abigail Fuwa on 15th September



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Charity Mad Hatter Afternoon Tea

Join us at the Mad Hatters tea party - in aid of coffee lounge floor.
There will be afternoon tea or cream teas on offer

Afternoon tea £8 adult - Which includes
Bottomless tea or coffee or soft drink
Finger sandwiches
4 Mini cakes/tarts or biscuits
Scone with jam and cream

or

£5 under 12's

Which includes

Bottomless soft drink
Finger sandwiches
2 mini cakes/tarts or biscuits
Scone with Jam and cream

or

Cream tea is £4 per person

Which includes

Bottomless tea, coffee or soft drink
1 scone with Jam and cream

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US TO OUR

Charity Mad Hatter Afternoon Tea

On Saturday 22nd September from 3pm until 5pm
At Martin Way Methodist Church

SEE POSTERS FOR MORE DETAILS





Big Brunch returns!

On Saturday 15th September
The Big Brunch restarts.
Running from 10.30am until 1pm,
come along and enjoy the food
and the company.

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Coffee and Chat Extra

Anyone who fancies a cup of tea or coffee, a slice of cake and a chat is welcome to come along. If you or someone you know is lonely, at a loose end, just passing the church or simply wanting a chat, you are welcome to pop in and join us - the more the merrier!



We are meeting from 2.30 to 4pm on Friday, 21st September.

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Summer Fair

The final total raised from the Summer Fair was £834.83 all of which is in the Floor Fund within the Property Fund.
Well done everyone! Roy Ellis

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Circuit Welcome Service

Circuit Welcome Service, Saturday 9th September, 3pm
at

Lantern Wimbledon Methodist Church, Griffiths Road, SW19 1SP

We will be welcoming Deacon Dawn Canham to the Lantern Church and Circuit and also welcoming Rev Paul Timmis as Superintendent

Angela Linton-Smith

Items for the **October Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox, (email: roife@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 23rd September** at the latest

Are you looking for a part-time or full-time income?



We are Recruiting

We are looking for:

- The employed looking for additional PART-TIME income
- 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)