

# **Martin Way Methodist Church**

serving the communities of

**Morden & Merton Park**



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## **Newsletter**

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## MINISTER'S LETTER



In a recent newsletter article, I suggested that we should talk about ageing more. This month I'm going to go a step further and say that we should also talk about death. I mention this because November begins with All Saints Day. This special day in the church year is an invitation to confront the reality of death that, accepting its reality, we might more fully appreciate not only life itself but also our place in the life of the world. It does this by encouraging us to remember and give thanks for those saints who've gone before us, those women and men in whom God has been revealed to us but who now are dead.

We are, in fact, entering a season of remembering in which the ancient feasts of All Saints and All Souls are placed alongside the more recent addition of Remembrance Sunday. Death is central to our understanding of all of these.

As a general rule and certainly in our own culture, we don't like to think about death too much. We don't like to contemplate our own mortality. More often than not we seek to distract ourselves from thinking about such matters and/or we seek to protect ourselves from death. We might buy and surround ourselves with more and more things in the vain hope that this will somehow shield us from death. We might worry endlessly about our bodies, taking all sorts of measures to hold back the inevitability of growing old and dying. We might do our utmost not to talk about death in real terms - not mentioning that someone has died and is dead but rather speaking of someone passing away or of loved ones who've lost someone.

And perhaps, when someone whom we love dies, we might comfort ourselves by pretending that this isn't really death. Here Henry Scott Holland's *'Death is nothing at all: I have only slipped away into the next room'* springs to mind for this and other poems like it are frequently requested at funerals. But, as Dave Tomlinson points out in his reflection on the communion of saints\*, '...that's not really true is it? Death is something; it's something devastating. And our loved ones

aren't really in the next room. In the end we have got to get beyond the sentiment and face the fact that a hole now exists in our life.'

Dave goes on to quote Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Christian theologian executed by the Nazis, who had plenty of time to contemplate death in his prison cell and who in one of his famous letters from prison wrote:

'Nothing can make up for the absence of someone we love...it is a nonsense to say that God fills the gap; God doesn't fill it, but on the contrary, God keeps it empty and so helps us keep alive our former communion with each other, even at the cost of pain...the dearer and richer the memories, the more difficult the separation. But gratitude changes the pangs of memory into tranquil joy. The beauties of the past are borne, not as a thorn in the flesh, but as a precious gift in themselves.'

Dave reflects, 'We don't have to recover from the death of a loved one. There is a gap in our lives that may never be filled. The Christian hope is not asking us to pretend that death hasn't happened - it is reminding us that the pain we carry will some day turn into gratitude, joy and wonder.'

All Saints Day is an invitation to face head-on the reality of death. It's also an opportunity to celebrate the lives of people now dead - but who served God faithfully in life - with a deep sense of gratitude, joy and wonder that we might draw strength and inspiration from them. In doing this, we might then - in life and death - be a source of strength and inspiration for others.

With every blessing

*Paul*

\* Dave Tomlinson, 'The communion of saints' in *Running into God: Reflections for Ordinary Days*, (SPCK, 2004) p101-106

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We understand death for the first time when he puts his  
hand upon one whom we love.

*Anne L DeStael*

## **A Tribute to Gill Davies**

I have known Gill for many years whenever she came to MWMC on regular visits from Birmingham. It was only in latter years when she moved down south that I got to know this fresh-faced lass with a brummie accent proper. She had a freshness and openness about her, was caring, considerate and witty and we quickly became friends. There was always a welcome at Gwen and Gill's home, whether by appointment or just in passing with Gwen saying 'find yourself a seat' and Gill's offering her own seat! Whenever I visited it was an open house, both would give of their time and hospitality and I came away receiving more than I had given.

There were good times with Gill and I enjoying nature walks in Cannon hill common, trips to garden centres and coffee shops - black coffee and creamed scone usually and, depending on the mood, some great chats. She loved nature and the freedom of being outdoors and spent many hours pottering in her garden. During our walks in the park I think she knew every dog we met and delighted in making a fuss of them. Likewise, she loved watching the geese and ducks and listen to the birdsong.

Having lots in common, there would invariably be discussions about our nursing days, how the nursing care was so much better in our day before the age of technology. How, i.e. patients would open up during a bed bath and one could find out more about their background than they would ever disclose in a consulting room interview. I can envision her as the matron who wanted only the best for her patients and expected the highest standards of care from her staff. Indeed she more recently demonstrated her skills in the Care home when one of the residents collapsed and Gill remained with that person until help arrived. She was a nurse to the end.

As Gill's cruel illness took hold and she got progressively worse with vision impairment and hearing loss, there was less conversation on the walks but she could still pat the dogs. Instead of conversing we would often sing especially hymns to the Creator of the Universe. I got to know and share Gill's favourite hymns - 'Great is thy faithfulness' and 'How great thou Art'. It seemed rightly appropriate, in this setting, to sing and 'join with all nature in manifold witness, to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love' with Gill knowing all the words. These walks became times of

praise and worship as we prayed the hymns and, music, especially, was the therapy that Gill benefitted from.

Music played a large part in Gill's life as did her faith. Being a staunch Methodist, she worshipped for many years at Wesley's Chapel. I gather also that she was 'born in song' as her grandfather was the choir master and organist of the church where she grew up. No wonder she was familiar with the hymns particularly those of Charles Wesley's. It was through Gill that a group of us started singing sessions at the Care home, as a way to communicate with her and it was such a joy to see her responding positively. Gill was one of the first to echo a resounding 'Amen' to the prayers that were said and to order a 'shush' if we became too noisy.

An abiding memory is that at least on two occasions when I took Gill to our evening communion services here. She was often agitated and confused when I went to pick her up but with gentle persuasion she would eventually get in the car. It seemed that as soon as she entered the church building it has a calming effect on her, it was familiar territory and she was at peace. Likewise when we attended coffee & chat, though it took a little time to realise where she was, owing to her poor sight and hearing, she soon sensed a friendly atmosphere, became relaxed and would often join in the conversations.

Another memory, just a year ago on her birthday stays in my mind. Sue and I were visiting Gill and Gwen and joined them for cake and a glass of bubbly., (as you do). Gill was having a conversation with Annette and Gwen remarked that she sounded like the old Gill, giggling and joking. When Gwen started to tease her (probably a brummie joke that was lost on me)! she promptly turned her back on us and continued the conversation. (this I have it on video). Hard to believe this was only a year ago and since then her health had deteriorated rapidly with many hospital admission before going into the care home. Despite her failing health, at her last communion service at the Care home, I'm told that she radiated peace and was transformed for that period of time.

It was heartbreaking to see the breakdown of her physical and mental health and the toll this was taking on Gwen. This is an opportunity to

thank Moira and Sue for supporting Gwen and Gill throughout this difficult time. They lavished care and attention not only as pastoral visitors but as a labour of love.

Stuart K. Hind who wrote the other of Gill's favourite hymns 'How great thou art' was purported to have said "When we have reached that heavenly home, we will fully understand the greatness of God and will bow in humble adoration, saying to him, O Lord, my God, how great thou art". May we all, like Gill, live in such a way that we will be ready when Jesus Christ appears to receive the saints. Gill was one of those saints who knew where her destiny lay. I've been so privileged to have known her.

*Gwen Wildman*

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**CHRISTIAN  
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VOICE FOR THE VOICELESS

**October Press Releases  
from CSW**

*“And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly.” Luke 18:6-8*

Jesus’ words, from the parable of the persistent widow, remind us that God has promised to bring about justice for his people and will not ‘keep putting them off’. We have a faithful God who answers prayers: though it sometimes feels as if the answers are slow in coming, Jesus reminds us he’s the opposite of the unjust judge in the story. All we need to do is ‘keep praying and not give up’.

With that in mind, please keep praying fervently for Leah Sharibu.

We received reports that the al Barnawi faction of Boko Haram had executed the second of three female aid workers it captured in March. 25-year-old Hauwa Liman was working as a midwife for the International Red Cross when she was taken by the group in March this year. She was also studying Health Education at Maiduguri University in Borno State.

Boko Haram stated that the remaining healthcare worker and mother of two, Alice Ngaddah, and 15-year-old Leah will be their slaves for the rest of their lives.

Words cannot express the pain Hauwa’s family and friends must be feeling, and we stand with them at this time. We’re redoubling our efforts to urge the Nigerian government to negotiate the release of Leah and Alice, in confidence that God is a god of justice, even when it seems a breakthrough is slow in coming.

In summary, please pray:

- For the immediate release of Leah and Alice
- That the international community quickly take action on their behalf
- For God to comfort Hauwa’s family in their grief
- That the government of Nigeria would do everything in its power to secure the release of Leah, Alice and other remaining hostages.

Attacks on farming communities in central Nigeria continue as Fulani militia act with impunity, Kidnappers have made the Abuja to Kaduna road unsafe for travellers; armed gangs have wreaked havoc on Hausa communities in northern Kaduna and Zamfara states; and Boko Haram appears resurgent. Please pray for Nigeria’s deliverance from every source of violence.

Leah Sharibu was the only Christian among 110 girls abducted from their school in Dapchi, Yobe State by Boko Haram in February. At the time of writing she is the only one still in captivity, and is facing a direct threat to her life. Please join us in fervent prayer for her.

A resurgent Boko Haram is inflicting casualties on the military. In July the army lost many soldiers in attacks in Jilli in Yobe State, and Bama in Borno State. In August 17 soldiers were killed in an attack on a military base in Borno. Pray for comfort and provision for bereaved families; for an effective well-resourced counter-insurgency strategy, and for an end to all sources of terrorism, including Boko Haram.

In July armed kidnappers killed several travellers on the Abuja to Kaduna highway, and abducted scores more for ransom. Meanwhile the army is beginning to make headway against armed bandits in Zamfara who have killed or kidnapped thousands of Hausa farmers, in violence that has been ongoing since 2012. Pray that efforts to secure both areas are successful.

Fulani herder militia continue to attack villages in central states, and are occupying some of them. In Plateau State, where 238 people were killed over a two-day period, 54 communities have been occupied and renamed and 11,833 people are living in 17 camps – most of them women, children and the elderly. Pray urgently for an end to this appalling violence and for the government to act decisively to punish the perpetrators and return seized land.

Central Nigeria is the nation's bread basket. Many farmers can no longer return to their fields, either because they have been occupied or out of fear of attacks from Fulani militia, leading to risk of food shortages or famine. They desperately need the protection of their government. Please pray that it would be extended to them soon.

Give thanks for the return of 16-year-old Zainab Boulus Bawa from Kaduna State, who regained her freedom four months after being abducted, forcibly converted and forced to marry her abductor. Keep praying for the release of Habiba Isiyaku, still held captive at time of writing; and for other Christian girls still in the hands of their abductors; and for this practice to cease.

*Father God, we lift Nigeria to you. We ask you to bind the nation's wounds and bring restoration; to heal those whose hearts are broken by the loss of loved ones; to protect and deliver endangered communities; and to set every captive free. Amen.*

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

*The CSW team*

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# THE LANTERN CENTRE

## LANTERN CHRISTMAS MARKET

### BOOK YOUR TABLE!

**The Christmas Market will be part of the Lantern Christmas Celebrations, taking place on Saturday 1st December from 10-4pm in the Lantern Centre Raynes Park (195-205 Worple Road, SW20 8RA).**

**There will a variety of events and activities on-site, including crafts, performances, children's storytime and Father Christmas has agreed to visit!**

Limited stalls are available, so book today.

The cost of renting a table is just £12, which includes a Friday night set up if preferred in the secured building.

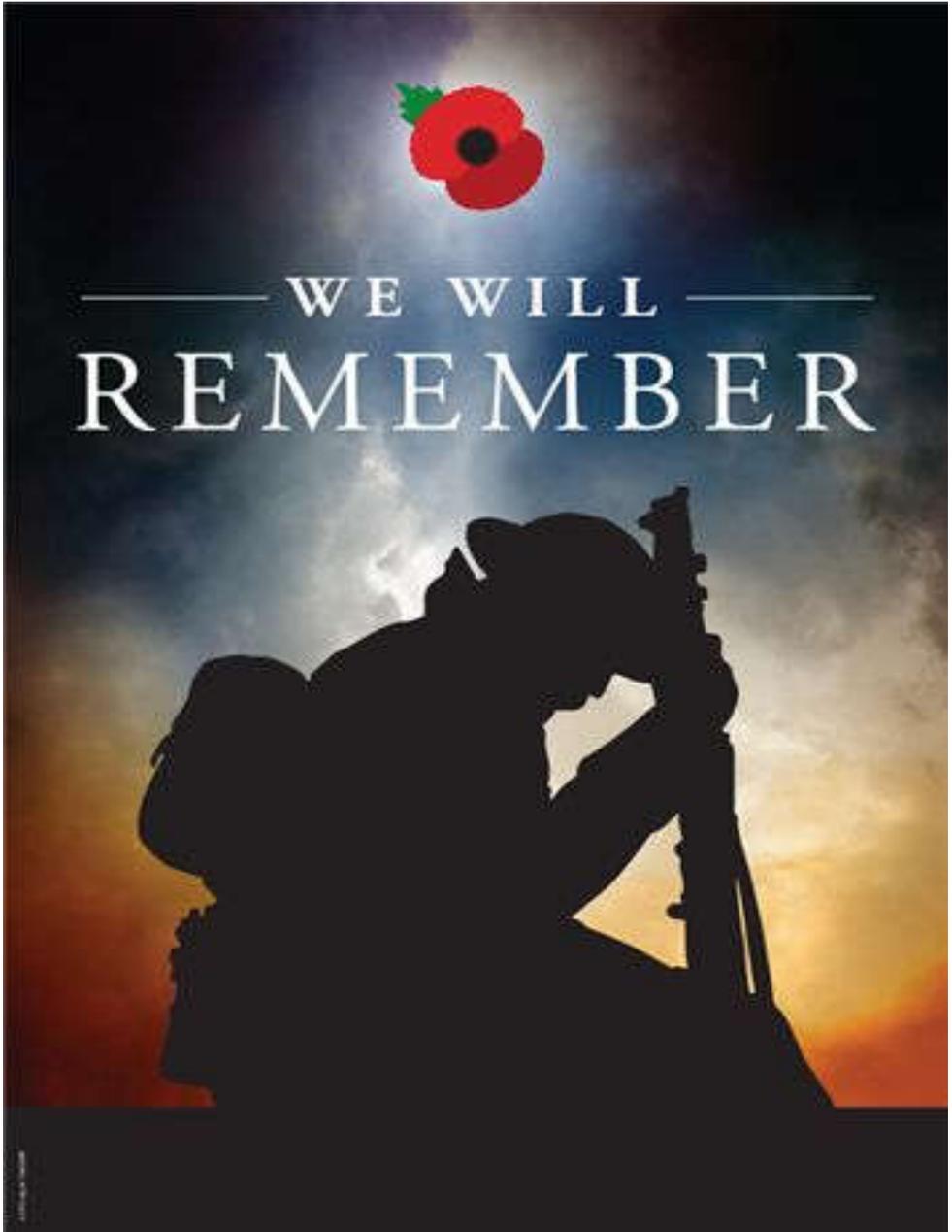
To book a table, please call Rosemary on:  
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THE LANTERN  
METHODIST CHURCH



## EYES WIDE OPEN



*Please submit your images, digital photographs or scanned artwork to Andrew (Newsletter Editor) at [roife@hotmail.co.uk](mailto: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.*

Concert in aid of

# **'Gift Bags for the Homeless'**

Come and enjoy a fantastic evening of music and help make Christmas a little bit better for homeless people this year. All donations will go to **Gift Bags for the Homeless** and will be distributed in the run up to Christmas 2018

**Saturday 17 November 2018**

**7:30–9:30pm**

**MARTIN WAY METHODIST CHURCH**

**Buckleigh Avenue, SW20 9JZ**



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***(There will be a retiring collection for you to show your appreciation of the concert)***

**On the night, if you can, please donate any of the following:**

- Gloves
- Hats
- Scarves
- New Socks
- New Underwear (female and male)
- Pocket Tissues
- Shampoo
- Toothbrushes and toothpaste
- Shower gel
- Soaps
- Deodorants
- Wet wipes
- Face cloths
- Ladies sanitary products
- Small bottles of water/soft drinks
- Small cartons of juice
- Tins of fruit
- Crisps
- Sweets, treats, chocolate bars, etc.
- Money, to buy more items!
- Anything else you may like to donate

## Rock Choir



**Rock Choir** is described as being the United Kingdom's original, and the world's largest, contemporary choir. It holds three Guinness World Records – 'biggest hit act in the UK', 'largest musical act to release an album (signed)' and 'largest song and dance routine held at multiple locations'.

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To find out more visit [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com)

Caroline Redman Lusher  
Founder & Musical Director  
of Rock Choir



Platform 10 ¾ will be taking part in Operation Christmas Child 2018.

They will be packing the Shoeboxes on **Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November** and invite you to join in by either donating gifts, or money or even doing a shoe box yourself.

Choosing gifts to put in your shoebox is a really fun part of getting involved in Operation Christmas Child. There is something very rewarding about giving to a child you will probably never meet in this world – especially when you know your simple act of kindness will be felt and appreciated in more ways than you can ever imagine.

Once you have decided whether to give your shoebox to a boy or girl, you need to think carefully about gifts that would be most appropriate for the age group you have selected (either 2-4 or 5-9 or 10-14 years old).

Please see the list opposite of what we can and can't accept. There is also a board at Church with more details of what items are suggested for each age group. In addition there are knitting patterns if anyone would like to make something for the shoeboxes (please ask Abby Herring about this).

There will be a box in the store cupboard to place your items into between **1<sup>st</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> November**.

Platform 10 ¾ will put the shoeboxes together on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November. If you are unsure of what to get, but would like to make a monetary donation towards the shoebox appeal please do as we are asked to send £5 per box made if possible. There will be a donation plate in which to put your donation after the morning service on **18<sup>th</sup> November**.

## ***Gift Suggestions***

*Please fill your box with a selection from the following or similar items. All gifts should be new.*

### **TOYS**

Include items that children will immediately embrace such as dolls or stuffed toys (with CE label), toy trucks, harmonica, yo-yo, skipping rope, ball, small puzzles etc.

### **SCHOOL SUPPLIES**

Pens, pencils & sharpeners, crayons or felt pens, stamps & ink pad sets, writing pads or notebooks & paper, solar calculators, colouring & picture books etc.

### **HYGIENE ITEMS**

Toothbrush and toothpaste, bars of wrapped soap, comb or hairbrush, flannel.

*Please note: 2018 will be the last year that toothpaste can be included, due to increasing customs regulations.*

### **OTHER ITEMS**

Hat, cap, gloves or scarf, sunglasses, hair accessories, jewellery set, wind up torch, wrapped sweets (best-before-date must be at least March of the following year).

*Please note: 2018 will be the last year that sweets can be included, due to increasing customs regulations.*

### **DO NOT INCLUDE**

Used or damaged items, war related items such as toy guns, play soldiers or knives; chocolate or other food items; liquids or lotions of any type including bubbles; medicines; hand-made or knitted stuffed toys; anything of a political, racial or religious nature; sharp objects; glass containers, mirrors or fragile items; playing cards of the 4-suit variety; clothing other than as listed above.

Thank you for your support  
From all in Platform 10 <sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>

Epsom and Ewell Friends of Shooting Star Chase

# Christmas and Craft Fayre

Bourne Hall, Spring Street, Ewell



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Christmas



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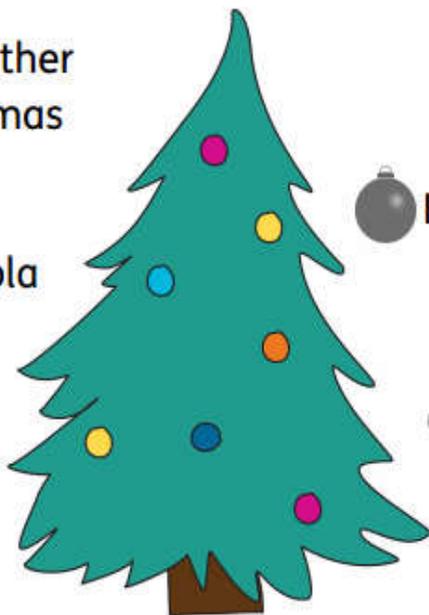
Gifts



Crafts



Cakes



## Saturday 24th November 2018

10.30am - 3pm

Admission: Adults £1 Children FREE

An ideal opportunity to buy your Christmas  
presents and stocking fillers

Sponsored by Paul Killoughery

In aid of

**Shooting Star Chase**  
Children's Hospice Care



## **SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**

Thank you to everyone for responding so generously for the Christian Aid and All We Can emergency appeal collections.

Overall we raised the following for the appeals:

- Kerala Floods £157
- Typhoon Mangkhut £134
- Indonesia Tsunami £220

## **GASTRONOMIC FOOD WEEKEND**

Forget the winter blues, come along to Martin Way Methodist Church for their Gastronomic Food Weekend of the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

There will be the usual fantastic Big Brunch on the Saturday but also on the Sunday you can spoil yourself with a gourmet French Themed lunch served after the service. There will be no charge for the lunch but we ask for donations towards the cost of the coffee lounge floor. Please put your name on the sign-up sheet on the notice board if you would like to have lunch.

Please contact Sylvia on 07803724989 or [sylvia.baxter1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sylvia.baxter1@tiscali.co.uk) if you would like any further information.

## **BIG BRUNCH**

Big Brunch happens on **Saturday** between 10.30am and 1pm on the following dates:

- 17th November 2018,
- 19th January 2019,
- 16th February 2019,
- 16th March 2019

It will only cost you £4 for the full English breakfast but other options are available. We look forward to seeing you there.

## **CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAYRE**

We have over 40 stalls with unique and unusual crafts and gifts at the Bourne Hall Christmas Craft Fayre. If you are looking for an extraordinary Christmas Gift this is the place to be. Not only will you be delighted with what you see you will also be supporting a very worthwhile charity.

If anyone is interested in having a stall please contact Sylvia on 0780 372 4989 or email at [sylvia.baxter1@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:sylvia.baxter1@tiscali.co.uk).



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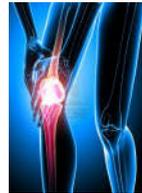
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## **Extreme Letters - part I**

*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 : MARIA**

Dear Mum and Dad,

I greet you with the love of Christ. I am doing well and feel very blessed. One of my schoolmates, Varia, is a member of the Communist Youth Organisation. I have been witnessing to her, and I think I am finally starting to get through to her. Recently she said, "I cannot understand you at all. So many of the students insult you and hurt you, and you love them anyway."

I told her that God has taught us all to love, not only those who are kind to us, but especially those who are unkind - that they might see God within us. Varia has been one of the ones to join in the mocking and insults, but that has only made me pray for her even more.

Today she asked me if I could really love her too! We embraced and both began to weep. I believe she is very close to receiving Christ. Please pray for her.

When you listen to those who loudly deny God, it seems like they mean it. But life shows that many of them really have a great longing in their hearts. And you can hear the groaning of the heart, they seek something and try to cover their inner emptiness with their godlessness.

I will write soon. Please send my love to everyone at home.

Maria

*God created human beings with a spiritual space within them that can only be completely filled by him. When we run across someone who is hostile to Christianity, we can remind ourselves of the tremendous needs in that person's life. Imagine a cavernous space in the chest cavity of your enemy - a body without a heart. This inner emptiness is what drives many people to a spiritual search. They either respond in faith, wanting to accept Christ's offer to fill the void, or they respond with bitterness, rejecting Christ altogether. Often, a Christian's presence simply reminds those who reject Christ what they are missing in their own lives. They are not resenting you personally. They resent what you represent.*

For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ. (Philippians 3:18)

# CHURCH DIARY



Fri	2	2.30 pm	Coffee and Chat Extra
Sun	4	10.00 am	Morning Service led by Tony Loft
Tue	6	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	9	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	11	10.30 am	Holy Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
		12.30 pm	Remembrance Day Lunch
Tue	13	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
		8.00 pm	Pastoral Meeting
Fri	16	2.30 pm	Coffee and Chat Extra
Sat	17	10.30am-1.00pm	Big Brunch
		7.30 pm	Rock Choir Concert
Sun	18	10.30am	Morning Service led by Brenda Cannon
		6.30 pm	Communion Service led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	20	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
		7.00 pm	Men's Supper Club - <i>Seasonal Thoughts</i> - Rev Paul Timmis
Fri	23	12.30 pm	Luncheon Club
Sun	25	10.00 am	Café Worship led by Rev Paul Timmis
Tue	27	10.30am-noon	Coffee and Chat
		8.00 pm	Time for Prayer
Fri	30	2.30 pm	Coffee and Chat Extra

*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:

**Megan Sweby on 7th November**

**Jack Pallister on 9th November**

**Amy Chilcott on 15th November**

**Jacob Passfield on 26th November**

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### **11th NOVEMBER 2018 - REMEMBRANCE LUNCH**

Following the Remembrance service on **Sunday 11th November** there will be a lunch. Whilst coffee and tea are being served a film showing the building of our church will be shown. There will be no charge for the lunch but provision for donations will be available. It would be useful if we knew approximate numbers so if you are coming, please give your name to Anne, Sue or Sylvia.

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### **CHRISTMAS POST BOX AND CARDS**

The church Christmas post box will be outside the vestry from Sunday 2nd December to Sunday 16th December for those wishing to send cards to members of the church family.

As in previous years, you are invited to make a donation which will go to Methodist Homes for the Aged.

Please address all cards clearly using surnames and initials or forenames to avoid confusion. 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.

The cards will be available for collection on **Sunday 23rd December**.



ST MARY'S  
CHURCH  
MERTON

# Trumpet **AND** organ

**Trumpet:** Ellie Lovegrove  
**Organ:** Richard Moore

**PROGRAMME INCLUDES:**

**Music for the Royal Fireworks**  
G.F Handel

**Prelude from Te Deum**  
Charpentier

**Voluntary on Old 100th**  
Purcell

**Hornpipe from Water Music**  
G.F Handel

**BWV 654**  
J.S.Bach

**Five Poems**  
Paul Burke

**Phoenix Processional**  
Dan Locklair

**Pipe Dreams**  
(2nd performance)  
Roderick Elms

**Thursday 15 November at 7.30pm**

St Mary's Church Merton, Church Path, Merton Park, London SW19 3HJ

Entry by donation. Refreshments in interval.

ST MARY'S CHURCH MERTON,  
CHURCH PATH, MERTON PARK,  
LONDON SW19 3HJ

Items for the **December Newsletter** should be with Andrew Fox,  
(email: roife@hotmail.co.uk) by **Sunday 18th November** 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.
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## **Church Activities**

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

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