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10:30am The Revd Julia Wiktorska
Holy Habit Making new disciples 5
Holy Communion

Payer

Lord of the
hosts of
heaven, our
salvation and
our strength,
without you
we are lost:

guard us from
all that harms
or hurts and
raise us when
we fall;
through Jesus
Christ our
Lord. Amen.

Hymns: (StF) 8 689 687 571 409

Scripture: Acts 17:16-31 (GNB NT pages 171-2)

John 10:7-10 (GNB NT page 131)

◆ **C**hurch stewards on duty today

Stella Sarkodieh and Felix Amankwa



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Visitors

We welcome all visitors today and ask them to sign the visitors' book which is on the table in the Welcome Area. All are welcome to stay for a cup of coffee or tea after the service.

Circuit Prayers



We are asked to pray for Goffs Oak Methodist Church and their minister the Revd Papa Owusu Churches Together in Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters have asked us to pray for Christ Church, Southgate.

ANNUAL REPORTS

Do you lead a church group?

It is now time to produce a report about that group's activities during the past year, ready for distribution ahead of the Annual Church Meeting.

Wearing my new new Church Council Secretary hat, I would be grateful to receive all reports by **29 February**, either via email to katharinefd@aol.com or handwritten.

If you have any queries, please let me know.

Katharine Farnham-Dear

REGULAR GIVING, ENVELOPES, STANDING ORDERS & GIFT AID

Welcome to our new friends from Winchmore Hill!

Julia mentioned in church on Sunday 5th January that I am the member responsible for some of the church finance matters.

If anyone would like to organize their regular giving through use of envelopes, please see Mary Barratt. We've ordered extra supplies!

If anyone would like to organize their regular giving through a bank standing order, I have slips available with our bank sort code and account number.

I also have a supply of Gift Aid declaration forms for those who are UK tax payers and are happy for the church to benefit from an extra 25% on top of their gifts at no cost to themselves.

Please note that you don't have to be a church member or a tax payer to give via the church envelope scheme or by standing order.

I shall be in church on Sunday and I am also happy to be contacted by email on: mariannash30@gmail.com.

Many thanks.

Marian Nash

Assistant Church Treasurer

The Space Half Term Activities

Volunteers required

The Space at St John will, once again, be running a lunch and activities programme during the February half term, 17th-21st and they are looking for volunteers who would be available and willing to help at The Space during that week.

Also, volunteers are needed to pick up donated food from Greggs the evening before.

If you are able to help in any way or for more information, please contact Rebekah Gaylard on 07580 240048

Saturday Coffee Bar

Our regular Saturday morning coffee bar is now open again from 10.00 to 12.30. It is very popular with the ballet and tap children and their parents, but is open to all to come and enjoy a friendly cup of tea or coffee and cake.

We would also welcome volunteers to help us serving our customers, or washing up. If you can help for an hour or so on a Saturday morning this term, please sign your name on the list in the Welcome Area, or just turn up on the day. Either as a customer, or helper, you can be sure of a warm welcome!

Ginny

SOUTHGATE LOOKING FORWARD:

Dreams, hopes, and wishes

Please do have a look at the silver noticeboard at the back of the church and you'll see 3 large sheets of the responses made by congregation members during November and December 2019. Some A4 copies are also available at the back of church.

It's not too late to add a suggestion or make a comment. We would particularly welcome any thoughts by those who've joined us from Winchmore Hill. What can we learn from your experience?

The deadline for these additional suggestions/ thoughts/ reflections is Sunday 16th February.

Anyone and everyone interested in discussing and planning our way ahead is welcome to attend the open meeting of the Church Council on Wednesday 19th February, 7.30pm, in the Welcome Area.

Date for your diary

The next Church Council is an open meeting will be held on Wed 19th February 7:30pm in the Welcome Area. Papers will be available and sent out shortly.

If you have any items for any other business, please email Julia at juliawiktorska@btinternet.com

A cup of coffee with Annette Clift

My name is Annette Clift, I am mother, grandmother and I am semi-retired, however still teaching at a secondary school in North London.

Cup of Coffee – with anyone really!

Not anyone in particular, maybe the Queen, as I feel her dotage, especially what with the recent events and seeing her getting older. People may say “Why would you feel for the Queen?” but at the end of the day, she too is a Christian, I think she may



appreciate it as one day we will both face the Lord and both will be called to give account of our lives here on earth

Biscuit for dunking – I think the Queen may dunk a Rich Tea because its soft on the outside and still crunchy on the inside. My personal preference now is a Ginger Nut.

Why Southgate Methodist Church? – I was part of Winchmore Hill Methodist church since the summer only to be told they were closing. I found the people at Winchmore Hill Methodist Church to be friendly, accommodating and non-judgmental, who welcomed me, no questions asked, so it was not difficult decision to come to Southgate and I was happy to join Southgate and received the reception as at Winchmore and am happy to attend.

Person who has inspired me – My grandmother who brought me up in the Caribbean, she was a staunch Christian. Her eyesight was very bad, I can't remember why she could not read or write – but I do remember she would always be singing all the older

hymns and they stuck with me. She insisted we went to Sunday school on Sunday's and the seeds were planted.

Most treasured possession – the relationship I have with my grandchildren and children. That is something that is precious and want to maintain.

Event change – Coming from the Caribbean as a little girl aged about 10 or 11 years. I often think of what my life would have been like if I lived in the Caribbean – would I have gone to university and got the education I have here today – perhaps England offered more opportunity? The biggest event change for me however, was becoming a Christian around 1990-91! I really met the Lord when I reached the crossroads when my marriage ended in divorce. Having my son, I turned to God for support – this is the testimony from my adult baptism in the Baptist Church at the time.

Temptation – I overeat sometimes, so I have decided to do the 16/8 hour fast, where I only eat during an 8 hour period in the day, to help me control my urges.

Happiest moment – when you know you've been saved!!!

Worst job ever – at 15 I had a holiday job in a laundry!!! My job was to grab the sheets at the corners so that the ladies on the other end could feed into the mangle!!! That was difficult.

What do you do to relax – I like watching TV, BBC4 documentaries and Channel 5 movies. I also relax by doing gardening in the summer months!

Wisdom to give to a child – As a teacher my greatest wisdom, you can give to any child is to know Jesus. Proverbs –fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom.

Margaret Carr and Kathleen Young have transferred from Kathleen's maisonette to Margaret's house nearby. Currently neither their telephone land-line nor Kathleen's computer are connected, so please use Kathleen's mobile phone to contact them.

For further information please contact Diana and Colin Williams on 020 8360 2036.

Church Holiday 2020

This year's Church holiday will take place from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th of September at Ashburnham Place, a Retreat Conference Centre set in 200 Acres of stunning ground and garden in East Sussex.



Travel will be by coach.

Further details and booking forms can be found at the back of church or from Betty Venus who can be contacted on 01707653456.

A Cup of Coffee with ...

Last year we started asking members of the congregation to share something about themselves with us. We haven't done this for a while and would like to resume doing this. Perhaps some of our more recent friend might volunteer to participate.

Here are some of the questions you might be asked:

Who would you like to have a cup of coffee with?

The best biscuit to dunk in tea/coffee?

What made you join Southgate Methodist Church?

What person has inspired you?

What is your most treasured possession?

Has any event changed or altered your life?

The temptation you wish you could resist?

The happiest moment you will cherish forever?

The worse job you have every done?

How do you relax?

The piece of wisdom you would pass on to a child?

Please see me, if you are interested. If no one offers I will choose someone.

Merline Grizzle

A mystery - Jam in the cupboard!

Does anyone know about the box of home-made jams which have been put into a cupboard in the Raikes Kitchen?

If you do know where or from whom they have come, and what or who they are for, would you please see Ginny or give her a call on 020 8882 8688.

FAITH STUDIES GROUP

We hope to restart in February on Thursdays at 7:30pm, meeting in the church office.

We are looking to choose a programme for the next month or so on matters of faith and action, guided by bible insights, and look for interesting material to help us share in open and down to earth conversation. There is room for you round the table.

Group '78

Group '78 is a ladies group who have met since 1978.

We would like to warmly invite our new friends from Winchmore Hill Church to join us, and of course, anyone else who has not yet been able to come along.

We usually meet at 7.45pm on the third Monday of the month in the Raikes Room.

17th February Beetle Drive

16th March Ed and John Ukulele Duo

20th April Jewish Festivals and Customs

18th May Frank Bayford "Chase Farm part 2"

15th June Outing to St Albans

20th July AGM and more

Activities this week

Monday	10:00am	Table Tennis Club
Tuesday	6:30pm	Girls Brigade
Wednesday	9:30am	Toddlers Group
	2.30pm	Table Tennis Club
	5:00pm	Rainbows
	6:30pm	Brownies
	7:45pm	Guides
Thursday	10.00am	Coffee Morning
	2:00pm	Tea Dance
	8:00pm	Badminton
Saturday	10:00	Coffee Morning
Sunday	10:30am	Sunday Club

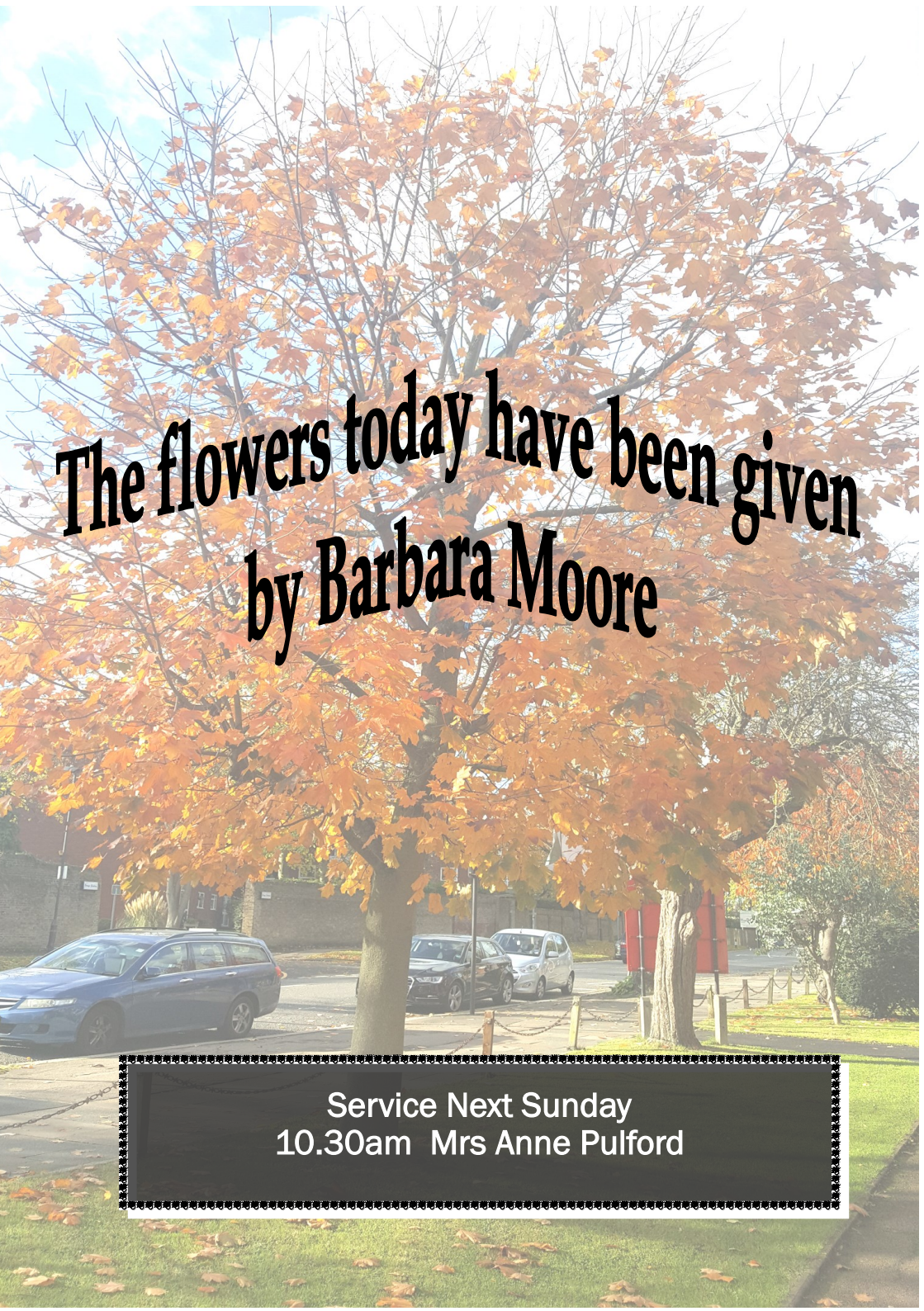
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**The flowers today have been given
by Barbara Moore**

**Service Next Sunday
10.30am Mrs Anne Pulford**