

Southgate Methodist Church

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9th February 2020
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
10:30am Mrs Anne Pulford

Payer

Eternal God,
whose Son went
among the crowds
and brought
healing with his
touch: help us to
show his love, in
your Church as we

gather together,
and by our lives
as they are
transformed into
the image of
Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymns: (StF) 384 370 424 372 395 398

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-9a (OT pg 721)

1Corinthians 2:1-16 (NT pg 206/7)

◆ **C** Church stewards on duty today
Marjorie Ferguson and Anne Dennison



V isitors

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 Ordnance Road Methodist Church and their minister the Revd Papa Owusu Churches Together in Southgate, Oakwood and Cockfosters have asked us to pray for the Welsh Presbyterian Church..

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 **29th 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

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

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.

Palm crosses and Ash Wednesday

I wonder whether, like me, you have a number of palm crosses from previous years stuck behind pictures or lying around various places in your home. Well, I need them so that they can be burnt and reduced to ash. Those ashes will then be used in our Circuit Ash Wednesday Service here at Southgate on 26th February at 7.30pm.

During this service we acknowledge before God and one another our own mixed motives and confused lives and in true humility, repentance, and vulnerability cast ourselves on the mercy of God as we are marked on our foreheads with the sign of the cross in ash – a sign of our repentance and a symbol of our mortality.



So please bring your palm crosses to church any Sunday up to and including 23rd February and leave them in the envelope marked PALM CROSSES near the Visitors' Book at the back of the church. And then join with friends from across the circuit to mark the start of our Lenten journey with Christ on Wednesday 26th February at 7.30pm.

Thank you.

Julia

Trinity Church, Enfield Walking Group

For many years, Trinity Church, Enfield has organised a variety of walks from March to October.

Details of the first walk of the year – Saturday 14th March are as follows:

Bushey to Rickmansworth 6 miles

The walk follows a disused railway line with scenic views and includes two nature reserves which can be explored along the way. Meet at Enfield Chase station at 9.30am to catch the 9.52 train to Moorgate and then via underground to Euston to catch a train to Bushey. The return journey will be from Rickmansworth. All travel is covered by the freedom pass. Be aware that there are no places to eat en route, so a packed lunch is necessary.

The dates of the walks for the remainder of the year are:

Bank Holiday Monday 13th April

Saturday 2nd May

Saturday 20th June

Wednesday evening 22nd July

Saturday 8th August

Saturday 12th September

Saturday 10th October

If you/and or any members of your churches would be interested in receiving details of the Trinity Walks for 2020, please contact Sally Mate-Kole (email louismk@blueyonder.co.uk) and she will add your names to the circulation list.

Margaret Carr and Kathleen Young have transferred from Kathleen's maisonette to Margaret's house nearby. Margaret's telephone has now been re-connected and Kathleen's computer is now operational. For further information please contact Diana or Colin W.

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 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.

A Cup of Coffee with ...

Last year we started asking members of the congregation to share something about themselves with us. Last Sunday we resumed with **Annette Clift**. Perhaps you would like to share with us, some of your treasured moments or something you are passionate about, then why not have a cup of coffee with Merline.

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 ever 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

Ash Wednesday Communion.

Services are being held in the Circuit on 26th February

They will be held at **Edmonton**

at 10.00am and **Southgate** at 7.30pm.



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
	7.30pm	Circuit Meeting at Trinity
Wednesday	9:30am	Toddlers Group
	2.30pm	Table Tennis Club
	2.30pm	Wednesday Club
	Anne and John Wallington - Northern Vietnam and Beyond	
	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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Services Next Sunday
10.30am Mrs Barbara Ward
Holy Habit (Making new Disciples) 6
4.00pm Circuit Service at Edmonton