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As the email arrived reminding me it was time to submit the *Place Matters* Ministers' letter for September, I was on a train to Frankfurt to a meeting of the Presidents of the *Community of Protestant Churches in Europe*. I was appointed one of the three Presidents last September at the General Assembly of the CPCE. Many of you will know that for some years I've hopped off to different corners of Europe from time to time, having been a member of the Council since the previous Assembly in 2012. So, what is it all about, this CPCE thing?

In 1973 the Leuenberg Agreement was signed by the overwhelming majority of Lutheran, Reformed and United Churches across the continent of Europe (in this context, 'united' means uniting Lutheran and Reformed). For the first time since the reformation this brought all these churches into full communion with one another. Prior to this agreement, these traditions were formally not united – their ministers could not preach or preside at the sacraments in one another's churches and there were no structures through which these churches could relate, the reformation *anathemas* against one another still stood. The path towards the agreement had been a long one, the United Churches to some extent paving the way. The constructive way the different confessional strands of the German churches had worked together to resist National Socialism also played its part. The Leuenberg Church Fellowship was formed, committing the churches to 'unity in reconciled diversity' – the churches are not all called to be the same, govern themselves in the same way, or use the same formulations to express the faith. They recognise the gospel as fully proclaimed and lived out in one another, and commit to make that visible by close working together. Later, by a separate agreement the Methodist Churches of Europe joined (both the British and Irish Methodist churches, and the United Methodist Church).

We are now a Community of 94 member churches that stretch from the Russian Federation through to Portugal, from Greece to Scandinavia. We even have a small number of member churches with European origins in South America! There are a few Scandinavian Lutheran Churches who 'participate', but are not full members.

The CPCE engages in work together that member churches might well find difficult to achieve on their own. We continue to engage ecumenically on matters of doctrine that can be church dividing. We engage in high-level ecumenical

dialogue – we are about to begin a new dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church leading, all being well, to a joint declaration on the understanding of Church Communion. We seek to represent the voice of the reformation churches in the European Institutions through engagement with Brussels, and produce resource materials on ethical issues (one such recent one, “Before I formed you in the womb” is a guide to the ethical issues surrounding reproductive medicine, and has been very warmly received and translated into various different languages, the URC’s very own Revd. Prof. Neil Messer taking a leading part in this project). We also engage in studies and projects on issues ranging from sexuality and gender to migration.

At a moment when the place of the United Kingdom in Europe feels very fragile, it is an important sign that belonging to one another takes various forms, not just membership of political institutions. The CPCE contains churches from member states of the EU, and those who are not. What unites us is our Baptism in Christ and our commitment to the Gospel – and that cannot be broken. The member churches of the CPCE formed one body from either side of the Berlin wall, and have remained a uniting force in Europe through many difficult and challenging periods in European history. It is my hope and prayer that we will continue to be an institution through which God’s Spirit works bringing unity and peace, even as those qualities feel under threat across this continent in varying ways. Please hold the work of the CPCE in your prayers.

Yours in Christ,
John Bradbury

CARINA'S CREAM TEA

On a very hot summer's day at the end of June (although not, as it turned out, the hottest day of the year), over 40 of us, drawn almost equally from our two previous congregations, gathered in our garden to celebrate the end of Carina's year with us as our 'Time For God' volunteer.



Carina and Liz Barrow had baked a mountain of scones of a wide range of varieties for us to enjoy with the customary cream and jam as we chatted under the shade of our garden trees. Plentiful cold drinks were served from an ice bucket under the trees.



Lorraine and I were delighted to have been able to host such a lovely occasion. There was much talk of what Carina had achieved during her year with us, the people she had met, the things she had been involved in and the fun she had had. We will all miss her, but wish her well as she returns home to her family and her university studies.

Stephen Thornton



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry - Time for God

God is everywhere!

Thank you for additions to the Garden Room noticeboard. The globe was covered this summer!



Rebekah was baptised in Wellington.



Eva, Michael, Johann Friedrich, Julia, Barbara and Carina were here from Germany.



Penny visited us from Shanghai

Our next Invitation Breakfast
is planned for
Sunday 29th September.

Leaflets available.

THE FAIR SHARES CAFÉ



The Fair Shares Café closed at the end of July after nearly twenty years with a tea party in Emmanuel Church. Here are some thoughts about the café and its closing event.

The Story

The Fair Shares Café began as part of Emmanuel's outreach programme in the 1990's which followed from the extensive refurbishment of the Trumpington Street premises to make them more welcoming and flexible. We knew that the project was for a purpose wider than our own comfort and convenience, but we needed to explore possibilities and seek God's guidance for that purpose. An early decision was to have the Church open at lunchtimes and a rota of pairs of volunteers was formed. Names on this rota then included Jean and Jack Andrews, Daphne Shercliff and Mary Wright's mother, Monica Green.

The café began as a pilot project opening one day a week, originally named the Pilot cafe. There was also Café Studio: monthly Friday evening café style concerts. Some people were doubtful if it would work at all, but in fact it grew rapidly and became the Fair Shares Café, opening on three days a week, then five, later reduced to four.

Three things were key to its development. We appointed Jan Nicholls as Community Development Director to take charge of the whole programme, and we agreed to appoint a full-time volunteer for one year, our Time for God volunteer, and we have never looked back from that decision. Thirdly, we were approached by the Director of Cambridge Mencap, now Eddie's, who was looking for employment for some of their service users in 'a safe and friendly environment'. The success of this partnership was recognized by the award of a Community grant.

Over the nearly twenty years since we began, new activities have grown up around the café – prayers at 10.15 each day, the Knit Cafe, groups of concert goers and regular users, friendships with homeless people. Most importantly, the café has enabled us to keep the Church open to visitors and to people who want someone to talk to or pray with.

Our Time for God volunteers have been essential in our café project. They have come from all over the world – twelve from Germany (including Carina), but also from the USA, South Korea, France and the UK. Our first, Christopher, wondered why he had travelled 3000 miles to be a waiter in a café, but soon realised, as we all did, that the café was a central part of our mission. They settled down to work with enthusiasm, turning their hand to whatever was asked of them, including producing Christmas biscuits and rich cakes with unpronounceable names. They always had a smile, were caring to staff and customers, and so competent they could work the till and the coffee machine that still baffle some of us. When they have returned (and we are always delighted to see them) they have always wanted to spend at least one day working in the café.

So we say a very big THANK YOU to everyone who has worked in the Fair Shares café – in the kitchen, front of house, or in the necessary admin. They have all played a part in making the Fair Shares Café work.

Janet Bottoms, Maureen and John Kendall, Chris Wright



My Experience of the Fair Shares Café

by Chris Ord, Volunteer 2011-2019

My first experience of working at the Fair Shares Café was in 2010 when I did a short work experience at the café on front of house. Then in January 2011 I came to the café as a permanent worker. My dream had been to work as a waiter in Italy (one of my favourite holiday destinations).

I don't have a learning disability but what I do have is a speech impediment that can make speaking to people more of a challenge for me.

It wasn't easy for me at first to serve customers but through working at the café this became easier and volunteers and customers have been very good to me.

Having mild autism and a speech impediment it isn't always easy for me to get to know people but I do my best and I feel the work I do at the café has helped me become more confident speaking to people.

For eight years I did the Wednesday shift on front of house attending to the busy rush of customers heading into the concert followed by another rush afterwards for tea and cake.

In October 2018 I stepped down from my Wednesday position to work as a kitchen porter at Trinity College two days a week but I continued to work at the **Fair Shares Café on Thursdays. So here I am now and it's been well worth it.**

I would like to pay tribute to those who are no longer with us, staff and customers – Roger and Christine, Ruth, Les, the latter two I worked alongside for a number of years, and customers – Mrs Cilla Hall, Steven, Jacob who was also a good friend of mine and my family and a mention as well to Anthony who I remember as a kind hearted, well meaning man. They and anyone else no longer with us will not be forgotten.

It's been a pleasure to have been part of it for nine years, meeting and working with so many different people, serving so many different people, many customers I've got to know and I would like to thank everyone for accepting me here.

I'm an ambitious guy and am interested in working as a waiter at Trinity alongside my kitchen porter role. I would like to thank David and everyone for helping me build my foundations.

Best wishes, *Chris*

The Closing Party

On Friday 26th July, after nearly twenty years of operation, the staff of the Fair Shares Café organised a farewell party for about ninety volunteers, former volunteers and staff, and some regular customers. Among those who came were four former Time for God volunteers who had all travelled from Germany especially to attend.

We shared reminiscences while eating tea, accompanied by live music. The cakes were made by the volunteers and Liz Barrow made a beautifully decorated celebration cake.



This was followed by some speeches, the most thoughtful and moving being by Alison Wing, who has been in charge of the kitchen for the last twelve years, and David Clark of Eddie's, who has organised those people with learning difficulties. Bev Stoye, a more recent volunteer and mother of a long standing volunteer, spoke from the heart about what the café has meant to the families of volunteers with learning disabilities.

It was a celebration of all that has been achieved - but we also shared sadness at the loss of a vibrant community spirit.

Margaret Dennison



The Song (sung to the tune of *Oh I do like to be beside the seaside*, and accompanied by John Bradbury on the Emmanuel grand piano)

Oh we do like to be a part of Fair Shares,
Oh we don't want to go, but it must be,
We've so loved to serve our scones and jam, jam, jam,
And our toasted sandwiches with cheese or ham.
Every day's had its share of joy and laughter,
And we've cracked eggs and jokes with equal ease,
Baked potatoes piping hot, guaranteed to hit the spot,
And veggie options were sure to please.

We are famed for our super soups and bread rolls
Friendly workers and gen'rous volunteers
Though for L G B T week our rainbow cake
Had a colour scheme to make your eye-balls ache.
Oh thank you to all the lovely people
Who we've served and who we have got to know,
And we never will forget all the friends that we have met,
But now, dear Fair Shares, it's time to go.

Oh we do love our dear beloved Fair Shares
Oh we don't want to go, we have to say,
But although it makes us sad to say good bye to what we had,
We're glad that we had
Fair Shares Café!

Jane Bower



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

The South African theologian, The Revd. Professor John W. de Gruchy, will be preaching at Downing Place.

JOHN DE GRUCHY: A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY

John de Gruchy is an Emeritus Professor at the University of Cape Town and an Extraordinary Professor at the University of Stellenbosch. During his thirty years at UCT (1973-2003) he served several terms as Head of the Department of Religious Studies, and acting Dean of the Faculty of Social Science and Humanities. At the time of his retirement he was Director of the Graduate School in Humanities, and Deputy Dean of the Faculty, and then, from 2004-2017, a contracted Senior Scholar for the purpose of mentoring younger academics and doing research. He has lectured in many countries and authored or edited more than thirty books and many journal articles. His books have been translated into German, Korean, Japanese and Swedish. With his wife Isobel, he is now a resident member of the Volmoed Community for Reconciliation and Healing near Hermanus where he writes, gives seminars and makes furniture.

MEETING FOR PASTORAL VISITORS

There will be a meeting for Pastoral Visitors and some Elders on Sunday September 8th after worship, from 12.30pm in the Tyndale Room (upstairs in Emmanuel). The meeting will last about an hour. This will be an opportunity to ask questions, share ideas and hear from those who have visited members and adherents over many years.

Please let Pippa Jones know if you would like to come.

Thank you.



NEXT FILM NIGHT

Monday 9th September

SINGING IN THE RAIN

Doors open 6.45 for 7pm start.

Followed by ice cream and conversation.

Friends and neighbours welcome.

Rosemary Johnston

THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

We will be hosting a Macmillan Grand Coffee Morning between 10.00am and 1.00pm - see the poster on page 43 of this issue!

We will welcome offers of cakes and baked goods; and also encourage you to come along and welcome visitors. If you're interested in being involved in any way, please contact Ann or Elaine in the Church Office.

FRIDAY 27 SEPTEMBER

The Traidcraft Roadshow will be in town, and they are coming to Emmanuel at 4pm to launch their new range. Stephen and Lorraine Thornton attended a Roadshow in Norwich last year and found it a thoroughly enjoyable and worthwhile event - so it comes highly recommended!

URC NEWS UPDATE

Perhaps you read Reform on-line. Perhaps you subscribe to the URC on-line Daily Devotions. But do you know about the URC monthly News Update? You can subscribe to this by clicking on News Update on the URC website, and filling in your details. Every month you will receive in your inbox a magazine with information about what is going on in the URC throughout the country – news from the regional Synods, from local Churches and information about **national campaigns**. It's a good way of **keeping up to date**, and **noting ideas** which might work for Downing Place URC. Do give it a try.

SPECIAL CAUSE FOR SEPTEMBER

This month we invite support for Lyn's House, which is a community of people in Cambridge who are committed to offering hospitality and welcoming and building friendships with those with learning disabilities. House members, who live together as an intentional Christian community, assisted by volunteers, offer regular meals, prayer, tea parties, singing, film nights, games and other celebrations to their 'core friends'. In the spirit of the L'Arche communities inspired by Jean Vanier, they seek to create a hospitable space where people of different gifts and vulnerabilities can enjoy each others' company and friendship.

For many years they have been based in Lyn's House (named for a previous occupant), but it no longer meets required building regulations. So Lyn's House is moving to a self-contained house in the grounds of Margaret Beaufort Institute. It will require alterations to provide appropriate kitchen and community space, so any gifts we can make will be gratefully received.

They would also value our prayers at this exciting time.

Cheques should be made out to: Lyn's House Cambridge



CHRISTIAN AID WEEK 2019

The total sum raised through the Cambridge Churches' Christian Aid Committee this year was

£31,144.73

This is an increase of 5% over last year's figures.

Warmest thanks to all who gave, collected or contributed in any way to achieving this great sum.

*Ted Dennison,
Treasurer, Cambridge Committee*

SEPTEMBER DIARY

Sunday 1st	10.00am	Choir Practice	Emmanuel
	11.00am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Revd Elizabeth Caswell	Emmanuel
	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Revd Pat Heap	CHR
Monday 2nd	12.30pm	Prayers for the life and witness of our church, followed by a simple lunch	At the home of Ted and Margaret Dennison
	4.00pm	Officers' Meeting	Emmanuel
Tuesday 3rd	2.30pm	CHR Tuesday Fellowship Committee and Planning Meeting	CHR
Wednesday 4th	1.00pm	Free Lunchtime Concert: Adam Parrish (piano)	Emmanuel
Thursday 5th	12.30pm	Service of Thanksgiving for the life of Ruth McKenzie (there will be no Knit One, Give One today - formerly Knit Cafe)	Emmanuel
	7.30pm	Elders' Meeting	Emmanuel
Sunday 8th (continued on next page)	10.30am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Margaret Cooper	CHR
	10.00am	Choir Practice	Emmanuel

Sunday 8th (continued from previous page)	11.00am	Morning Worship with Communion led by Revd Dr John Bradbury Preacher: Revd Professor John W. De Gruchy (see p.16) The service will include an act of dedication for those involved in Children's Ministry, and will be followed by a picnic lunch at the home of Rosemary Johnston	Emmanuel
	12.30pm	Meeting for Pastoral Visitors	Tyndale Room
	7.00pm	Open Table Bring and Share Supper	Emmanuel
Monday 9th	6.45pm for 7.00pm	Film Night - Singing in the Rain	At the home of Rosemary Johnston
Tuesday 10th	2.30pm	CHR Tuesday Fellowship Tea Party	CHR
Wednesday 11th	1.00pm	Free Lunchtime Concert: Kyoka Sekiguchi (piano)	Emmanuel
Thursday 12th	10.30am	Ferried Friends	At the home of Deborah McVey
	11.00am	Midweek Worship led by Augur Pearce	Emmanuel
	1.30pm	Knit One, Give One (formerly Knit Café)	Emmanuel
	7.30pm	Singing Housegroup	At the home of David & Penny Flynn

Sunday 15th	10.00am	Choir Practice	Emmanuel
	11.00am	Morning Worship led by Mark Hayes followed by Church Meeting	Emmanuel
	12.15pm		
	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Richard Lewney	CHR
Monday 16th	7.30pm	Book Group: 'Lost for Words' by Stephanie Butland	At the home of Pam Arnott
Tuesday 17th	2.30pm	The Word Together Bible Study Group	Fulbourn URC
	2.30pm	CHR Tuesday Fellowship Harvest Festival	CHR
Wednesday 18th	1.00pm	Free Lunchtime Concert Peter Mallinson & Matthias Weisner (violas) DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING ARTICLES FOR OCTOBER PLACE MATTERS	Emmanuel
Thursday 19th	12.30pm	Gibson Lunch	Emmanuel
	1.30pm	Knit One, Give One (formerly Knit Café)	Emmanuel
Sunday 22nd (continued overleaf)	10.00am	Choir Practice	Emmanuel
	11.00am	Morning Worship led by Revd Dr David Cornick	Emmanuel
	3.00pm	CHR Closing Service led by Revd Lance Stone (in the St Athanasios Hall)	CHR

Sunday 22nd (continued from previous page)	6.00pm	HARVEST Evening Worship with Holy Communion led by Revd Paul Whittle	Fulbourn
	7.30pm	Open Table for LGBT+ folks and their allies. Refreshments at 7pm.	Emmanuel
Tuesday 24th	2.30pm	CHR Tuesday Fellowship Talk about Corrymeela	CHR
Wednesday 25th	1.00pm	Free Lunchtime Concert Katharina Megli (soprano) Ilga Pitkevica (piano)	Emmanuel
Thursday 26th	10.00am	World's Biggest Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan	Emmanuel
	11.00am	Midweek Worship with Communion led by Revd Nigel Uden	Emmanuel
	1.30pm	Knit One, Give One (formerly Knit Café)	Emmanuel
	7.30pm	Children's Ministry Team Meeting	At the home of Rosemary Johnston
Friday 27th	4.00pm- 9.00pm	Traidcraft Roadshow	Emmanuel
Sunday 29th	10.00am	Choir Practice	Emmanuel
	10.15am- 12.00	Invitation Breakfast (see p 44)	Emmanuel
	11.00am	Morning Worship led by Revd Dr John Bradbury	Emmanuel

BIBLE READINGS AND PRAYER TOPICS

Below are the Bible readings we will be following in worship at Downing Place during September. You are invited to read them before coming to church.

The highlighted passage may be the focus for 'Sharing Together'.

Overleaf are prayer topics for each day, suggesting church and related matters, and a reminder of regular weekly events that need our prayer support.

On the final page find the names of church members preaching elsewhere this month.

September 1st: Proverbs 25. 6-7

Psalm 112

Hebrews 13. 1-8, 15-16.

Luke 14. 1,7-14

September 8th: Deuteronomy 30. 15-20

Psalm 1

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14. 25-33

September 15th: Exodus 32. 7-14

Psalm 51. 1-10

1 Timothy 12-17

Luke 15. 1-10

September 22nd: Amos 8. 4-7

Psalm 113

1 Timothy 2.1-7

Luke 16. 1-13

September 29th: Amos 6. 1a,4-7

Psalm 146

1 Timothy 6. 6-19

Luke 16. 19-31

ARROW PRAYERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2019

1. Pray for our Ministers, Nigel and John, as the congregation returns from the summer break. May God be with us in the year to come.
2. Pray for Carina, our recent Time for God worker, back in Germany with her family, and for her father, who has been very ill.
3. Pray for countries where there is continuing conflict – for Syria and Iraq, for Kashmir and for Hong Kong and China.
4. Pray for the Wednesday Concerts in Downing Place at Emmanuel – for the performers and the audience. Thank God for music!!
5. Pray for the Elders meeting this evening – and thank God for their love and concern for all members and adherents.
6. Pray for the Street Pastors who patrol the city streets on Friday and Saturday nights, providing help and friendship to anyone in need.
7. **Pray for NightLite in Hobbs' Pavilion on Parker's Piece where they back up and support the Street Pastors and people in need.**
8. Pray for South Africa and for Revd John de Gruchy, our preacher in worship today - pray for peace, reconciliation and understanding.
9. Pray for Downing Place Film Night, and thank God for the joy of sharing times of relaxation and leisure with old and new friends.
10. Pray for those who are unwell, and thank God for the skill and support of medical staff, doctors, nurses and caring friends.
11. Pray for those who have lost loved ones recently, particularly the families and friends of Evelyn Snelson and Ruth McKenzie.
12. Pray for the Ferried Friends who meet this morning, and for the Singing House Group which meets this evening!
13. Pray for the street-life people who live on the streets of Cambridge – and **for Jimmy's Night Shelter and all who seek to help them.**
14. Pray for Lay Preachers and retired Ministers who lead worship in other churches tomorrow and remember the list each Sunday (page 26).
15. Pray for Church Meeting which follows Morning Worship – for prayerful deliberation, and for action on the decisions that are taken.
16. Pray for the Book Group, which meets this evening – and pray for libraries to stay open and enable books to be shared and enjoyed!
17. Pray for the Tuesday Fellowship at Cherry Hinton Road, and for their **Harvest Festival as they celebrate God's goodness in the harvest.**

18. **Pray for the chaplains at Addenbrooke's and the Royal Papworth** – thank God for their loving care and support for people in distress.
19. Pray for the Knit Café, their fellowship together, and for the people, at home and overseas, who receive the goods they knit, pack and send.
20. Pray for the housebound, and those who depend on caring friends and relatives – may we never forget those who are not regularly around!
21. Pray for young people today - who face difficult challenges and opportunities that were never available to the older generations!
22. Thank God for the worship and witness of the congregation at Cherry Hinton Road over 90 years – remembering past times of fellowship.
23. **Pray for Eddie's and all who worked in the Fair Shares Café.** May all enjoy new placements, where there is fulfilment in service.
24. Pray for our Office staff, Ann and Elaine, and the caretakers and cleaners who keep our buildings fresh and clean.
25. Pray for the Cambridge Christian Chinese Church at Castle End Mission – **which used to worship in St Columba's building.**
26. Pray for the Macmillan Coffee Morning at Emmanuel – thank God for the work and witness of Macmillan nurses over the years.
27. Pray for Traidcraft and the Road Show at Emmanuel today – thank God for the Thorntons who keep Traidcraft goods available for all!
28. Pray for the Cambourne Church (LEP) and their new Minister, Revd Bill Miller (Baptist) and his family – his Induction is today!
29. Pray for the Invitation Breakfast at worship today – this supports our ministry with children and their families. All are welcome!
30. Praise God for the changing seasons – for the coming of Autumn and the vibrant colours of autumn leaves and crisp frosty mornings!

A Prayer for the Season of Autumn
Lord Jesus, open our eyes to see Your glory
and to see the world as You see it;
Unstop our ears to hear Your voice
And to hear the cities of the world as You hear them;
In joys and sorrows, warm our hearts with Your joy,
That we may go into the world in Your name,
And take Your love to all in need, For Your glory's sake. Amen.
From 'Oceans of Prayer'

CHURCH MEMBERS LEADING WORSHIP IN SEPTEMBER

1st September

Chris Baker – Melbourn

Liz Caswell – DPURC

David Thompson - Haverhill

Nigel Uden – Dursley Tabernacle, Gloucestershire

8th September

Janet Bottoms – Buntingford

Liz Caswell – Whiting Street, Bury St Edmonds

David Cornick - Whittlesford

Penny Flynn - Fowlmere

Maureen Kendall – Little Abington

Janet Tollington – Stetchworth and Cheveley

Nigel Uden - Fulbourn

15th September

Chris Baker – Ely Methodist

Liz Caswell – Buntingford

Nigel Uden - Dorking

22nd September

John Proctor – Dorking, Surrey

Janet Tollington- Emmanuel, Chatteris

David Thompson – Cheveley

Nigel Uden – Port Sunlight

3.00 Closing Service for CHR – Revd Dr Lance Stone

28th & 29th Janet Tollington is leading a study weekend and preaching for the Spen & Calder Enterprise pastorate, West Yorkshire.

29th September

Janet Bottoms – Haverhill

Liz Caswell – Trinity, Burwell

Nigel Uden - Windermere

NIGHTLITE NEEDS YOU!

'I just wanted to send you an email to say thank you so much for looking after me on Saturday night. I came into your care after having slightly too much to drink on Saturday night, mixed with being in the sun all day and having no dinner - my mistake! I was sick outside of Wetherspoons when I first came into contact with you guys. I was taken great care of by a couple of your volunteers, and just wanted to pass on how grateful I am. I was really looked after that night and sat on one of your sofas chatting (or trying to) to a volunteer. The work you guys do is amazing, and a real blessing to the people of Cambridge. You truly shine the light of Jesus in and around the city. So thank you for everything that you do.'

(Letter from a recent visitor)

Messages like this don't come every week but when they do, you know why you are crazy enough to volunteer for NightLite or to train as a Street Pastor.

Our St Columba's side chapel has been the base for NightLite since it started, as a valuable complement to the work of Street Pastors in central Cambridge. It is open every Saturday night, except when the security firm has failed to supply cover. It is staffed by four or five volunteers drawn from churches across Cambridge and the surrounding villages. The refurbishment plans for the 'street-side' part of our buildings have revolved around the need to give a better base for NightLite and similar easy access activities, with toilet and kitchenette on hand. During the redevelopment the City Council has made part of Hobbs Pavilion available for NightLite but it is away from the Saturday night action and is very much a temporary solution. Our well-located premises really are needed if NightLite is to continue as *'a real blessing to the people of Cambridge.'*

But however well-located and well-appointed, the building is useless without volunteers for NightLite and Street Pastors and vital prayer support to both. In recent weeks opening on a Saturday night has been threatened by shortage of volunteers and only saved when people have done extra shifts. This is neither fair nor good stewardship. It would be great if DPURC provided more members for the team. That could mean YOU! If God is calling you, however faintly, to this ministry, speak to one of our present volunteers, Janet Bottoms or Mel Rose, or to me, to find out how you can help to *'truly shine the light of Jesus in and around the city.'*

Chris Wright

FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF OPEN TABLE CAMBRIDGE

On Sunday 28th July we celebrated the first anniversary of Open Table Cambridge with a fabulous rainbow cake made by Dorringtons Bakery.



It's wonderful to see how the **Open Table** community has grown over the past year. We now have over sixty members on our mailing list, with a core group of regular attenders and more new members arriving every month.

With members seeking to build a greater sense of community, from August we have introduced an informal bring-and-share supper on the evening of the second Sunday of each month. In the autumn, with the return of our student members, we are hoping to be able to provide a regular Bible study group as well.

Thank you so much to all the Downing Place URC members who have supported this developing community, whether through prayer or through **attendance at our services**. We're looking forward to seeing how it continues to grow and flourish over the coming months.



Recently Duxford URC held its closing act of worship, at which David Thompson preached (having supported them over many years as interim-moderator and as rural advocate for the Cambridgeshire churches). To my mind, we could all benefit from reading David's sermon, not only to help us keep abreast of our sisters and brothers within the pastorate, but also to point us towards some things we all need to hear, whether on the verge of closing or hopeful of thriving. . As ever with David, he reflects hugely helpfully on the situation the church finds itself in generally at the moment, but particularly helpful for us at Downing Place, I believe, is his reflection on the place of church buildings and our attitudes towards losing them. For St. Columba's folk, there has been a 'little loss' as we've left a much loved building for a period of time. For Emmanuel folk there is the perhaps rather "larger loss" looming, of a much loved building permanently. David has agreed that his sermon should be published in *Place Matters*, and I do commend it to you.

John Bradbury



Duxford United Reformed Church
Closing Service: Pentecost 2019

The Revd Professor David Thompson

I must begin by thanking the elders of this church for inviting me to preach today. **From my records I see that I first preached here on 31 August 1986** (it's always difficult to find preachers on a Bank Holiday Sunday), and I have always enjoyed my visits here in the last thirty or more years.

May I speak in the name of the living God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit; and to his name alone be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I have chosen two texts, though that does not mean I shall preach for twice as long:

O Lord, I love the house in which you dwell, and the place where your glory abides (Ps 26:8);

For here we have no abiding city, but we are looking for the city that is to come (Heb 13:14).

We gather here today with mixed feelings and heavy hearts for the last service in a place which has meant so much to so many for so many years; and yet we also gather in faith. For the elders deliberately planned that this day should be Pentecost, the day when we remember the coming of the Holy Spirit to those first disciples. It had been a roller coaster of feelings since the day fifty days before when their grief at the events of the crucifixion of the one in whom they **had placed their hopes had been shattered by the message of the angels, 'He is not here; he is risen'**. **God had raised Jesus of Nazareth from the dead, and then ten days earlier he had parted from them, being taken up into a cloud to be with his Father in heaven.** No longer is his message confined to Palestine; Jesus is liberated for the whole world to see and hear.

This church began at a new stage in the history of the Church in this country, what we now call the evangelical revival; it closes when we need a new movement of the Holy Spirit. I was present for the birth of each of my three sons; and I was present on the night before my father died, and said goodbye to him, confident that I would not see him alive again. Every day I look at the photographs of my grandchildren; and the photographs of my parents, and **grandfather are part of our household, just as those of Margaret's family are.** We find it easier to preserve our memories than any previous generation, but it is a

mixed blessing. For we can be governed by the past, as if trapped for ever in the situation of one particular time; and we are also obsessed by the future, which we claim to be able to predict, alternately entranced by possibilities, and terrified by fears. In all this we can lose a sense of the importance of the present moment just as quickly, and forget that it is what we are and do now that ultimately matters. This is nowhere more clearly seen than in our attitude to church buildings.

In the Reformed tradition there has been a tension between a primary emphasis on the church as a community of sanctified believers and a recognition of the importance, psychological rather than theological, of the place where the church gathers for worship. Psalm 84 is a classic location for the devotion Jews had to **God's house** – the Temple; and it has never been applied in quite the same way to the synagogues where they met for Sabbath worship, even before the Roman destruction of the Temple in AD 70. Brahms used it as one of his chorales in his German Requiem; and it became a popular anthem in its Victorian English translation **'How beauteous are thy dwellings fair'. I remember that as a boy I was entering my church for an evening service: the person in front of me expressed her surprise to the person on door duty (the recent Principal of our Theological College in Birmingham) that he should be on door duty. Quick as a flash he replied, 'I would rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my Lord...' and I have remembered that verse ever since. But although we like to see our churches kept clean and tidy, the brass (if we have it) polished and bright, and the flowers nicely arranged (about which I could say a great deal, but will not), we do not (for the most part) regard it as the 'holy of holies'; nor (sadly, in my view) do we instinctively regard it as a place for private prayer during the week, and therefore kept open for that purpose.**

Yet the moment it is suggested that we close the building, our attitudes suddenly change. The reunited Church of Scotland found this in 1929, when it was faced with a host of churches that the end of nineteenth-century divisions had rendered unnecessary to keep after union. Ninety years on it still faces a significant **problem here, as I notice from the papers for this year's General Assembly the other week. It is like losing a tooth that is particularly painful to get out (despite the advances of modern dentistry) – a wisdom tooth, perhaps; and a preacher can provide no easy words like an anaesthetic, to soften the blow.**

But rather than provide you with an analysis of the psychology of church closure, I would point you to a different strand of thinking in the early church, **represented in my other text from the Letter to the Hebrews, 'Here we have no abiding city'. It comes from part of rather a complex argument which the writer sets out in his final chapter (which is why we chose a simpler New Testament reading. But it contains several verses on which other sermons could be**

preached on a day like this. ‘Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you, consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith’ (v 7); ‘Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and for ever’ (v 8); ‘Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name’ (v 15).

Here we have no abiding city, but we seek a city that is to come’. Note the second part of that sentence. We are looking forward; not only looking forward, but looking forward in hope. As so often in the earliest Christianity, the emphasis is on a future hope in what God in Christ has still to do in this world. It is vitally important – vitally – that you do not treat today as the last day of your Christian life. Simply to suggest the idea, is to show how absurd it is. The practical things still need to be done; elders should discuss with those for whom they have pastoral responsibility where they will worship in future. For some it might be the parish church, for others it might be Whittlesford (depending on transport), for others it might be Royston, or Saffron Walden or Bassingbourn. As far as the building itself is concerned, we should remember there is a desperate need for community space in villages today. At a conference I was at in the north of Germany recently, I heard this repeatedly from England, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden. When the URC at Great Eversden closed, and it was proposed that the chapel might be converted for housing, villagers rallied round to buy the chapel and use it as a parish hall; and it is still used for that today. A similar solution was reached at Clavering in Essex, while I was Synod Ecumenical Officer. At one level these are the nuts and bolts of church and community life. But at another they embody the practical ways in which the church can continue to be a living body in the heart of this village.

One of the striking features of this history of this church, as Philip told us earlier in this service, is its long-standing involvement with the London Missionary Society, now the Council for World Mission. Its very foundation was the occasion to launch a County Association of Congregational and Baptist Churches, which later was responsible for the building of several new chapels in the county. Members from here have gone out to serve overseas, and former missionaries have been ministers here. Philip himself served the LMS in an administrative capacity for many years, and his time as Treasurer for the old URC Cambridge District saw the financing of several imaginative schemes for new chapels in the changing world of the late twentieth century. I pray that this sense of pioneering programmes of witness to Christ will remain with you, as you leave the place where you have rested for over two hundred years, and venture forth into a new future.

May God’s blessing be with each one of you as you go. Amen.

CHERRY HINTON ROAD URC



With the ending of Sunday services at Cherry Hinton Road Church planned for September 22nd, Penny Milsom, who is the Downing Place Elder with special responsibility for the Cherry Hinton Road community, has provided a history of the Church together with a more personal account of the last few years. Penny has also talked to Sheila Porrer for Place Matters about herself and her career.

Cherry Hinton Road URC began at the turn of the twentieth century when nonconformists had a vision of establishing a free church which would be on an equal footing with the Church of England. The religious group initially worshipped in a garden of one of the houses in Blinco Grove. Funds were raised to acquire a plot of land in 1901 and to erect the first church building, the hall, in 1904. It cost £1000 and accommodated both the church and the Sunday school. Between 1916 and 1919, there were 265 members of the Sunday School and the church was full for church services and crowded with children and young people on Sunday afternoons. Three of the Sunday School members became Congregational ministers. There were also concerts on weekdays.

The church was first informally called a friendly church by the Rev Solom who was a Minister from 1919 to 1925. It was formally known as the Free Church until 1922 when it became a Congregational church. The main church building

was built in 1926. After the Second World War, a second hall was built at a cost of £700 and was dedicated to members of the church and congregation who lost their lives in the Second World War.

In 1972, the church along with other Congregational and Presbyterian churches became part of the United Reformed Church. In 1986 the church became a joint pastorate with Fulbourn URC which lasted until 2003. In 2009, Cherry Hinton Road URC joined with Emmanuel URC to become Emmanuel URC. In 2018, when Emmanuel URC merged with St Columba's URC, the Cherry Hinton Road congregation then became part of Downing Place.

In past times, the church was filled to capacity. There was a Men's Fireside group which attracted a hundred men; a Women's Meeting which later became the Newcomers' Group and then the Tuesday Fellowship; a luncheon club where members of the church cooked hot meals for older people in the community; a Sunday school which later became the Young People's Church; and a playgroup in the week.

The church has always been a neighbourhood church. It began in an area which had been developed alongside the expanding railway to provide new housing for the increasing population of Cambridge. As a result the church was dependent on people in the neighbourhood attending services and becoming members. As the neighbourhood changed over the years, the membership declined as people felt themselves less strongly linked to the neighbourhood. Children who went to Sunday School moved away when they became adults. Older members passed on or moved away to be nearer their children.

There was a brief time after the merger with Emmanuel URC in 2009 when the church was temporarily revived thanks to the efforts of members of Emmanuel URC at Trumpington Street. Cherry Hinton Road accommodated Pilots, the URC organization for children which was held in the week in the church hall; and also "Holiday at home", which was held once a year for two years and was attended by a few older people in the community. There were also films shown by "Transitions" which was very prescient as they were early films about the dangers of climate change.

Penny continues:

I have been very grateful for the contribution of members of Emmanuel URC since 2009 to our services and to the Pilots Group; and since 2018 of Downing Place members both to the Tuesday Fellowship and to the services on Sunday.

Since the Greek Orthodox Church bought the church in 2015 to become St Athanasios, we have enjoyed a good relationship with the church. We have been invited to a wonderful Greek meal in the church hall and on one occasion, the Greek Orthodox bishop blessed members of our congregation.

In April 2016, we had a plaque ceremony when a plaque commemorating the history of Cherry Hinton Road URC and previously the Congregational church was unveiled at the back of the church. It was placed next to an earlier plaque commemorating former members of the Congregational church. It was a lovely occasion, and the sight of a full church packed with people including children worshipping God confirmed that all the hard work negotiating the sale of the church to the Greek Orthodox church had been worthwhile.

So it is with sadness that we have made the decision to cease the Sunday Services on September 22nd. However we also have a sense of achievement because of the ten years we have been able to keep worshipping on Sundays after the church was sold. Moreover, there will be a Downing Place URC presence in the chapel because the Tuesday Fellowship will continue. We very much hope we will be able to retain our very warm and close fellowship in the months and years ahead just as our forebears must have been sustained by their faith and vision in the early years of the church.

Penny Milsom



PENNY MILSOM - A PROFILE



Sheila – Penny, did you grow up in Cambridge?

Penny – Yes, I grew up in Newnham, in an academic family. My father was an **economist at King’s, eventually a Professor**. He was Hungarian by birth, but left Hungary before the War because of growing antisemitism – he went first to Berlin, then on to London.

Sheila – Were you very aware of Hungarian culture when you were growing up?

Penny – No, not really. My mother was English and we spoke English at home as **my father didn’t think we would ever need to speak Hungarian**. But we did have family members back in Hungary who were victims of persecution. My grandmother, uncle and aunt and cousin had to go into hiding during the war, and after the war my uncle and aunt and cousin were sent to a labour camp under the Communist regime – my cousin was just 13, and she really suffered from the experience. Now her daughter lives in Canada, and we have a very good relationship – I try to visit her over there every couple of years. My Hungarian grandmother came to England and I knew her very well, she tried to protect me from the reality of what had happened to her family by telling me **prison was just like a hotel, except that you couldn’t leave**.

Sheila – So your family was Jewish?

Penny – Yes, but not practising. I suppose you would say they were humanists. We always knew that our background was Jewish, but we never observed any of the festivals or went to a synagogue.

Sheila – So after school?

Penny – I went to University College London to read history, with an art history option which I enjoyed very much. Then straight to LSE to do a postgraduate diploma in social administration. I had been interested in social work ever since I had become conscious at school that not everyone enjoyed the comfortable lifestyle that we had in our family, and I wanted to do something about it. I worked for three years for the Family Service Unit in Islington, that was brilliant!,

Sheila – You were already married?

Penny – Yes, Robert and I got married after I finished my degree. We first met on an Aldermaston march. Robert had read history here in Cambridge, and was then working for the TUC in London. I did voluntary work for the Child Poverty Action Group, in North London, then in Birmingham where we moved when Robert started teaching history in an Adult Education College. By this time we had three sons, Tom, Paul and Ben.

Sheila – What brought you back to Cambridge?

Penny – After five years in Birmingham Robert took a law conversion course, and was taken on to do his articles in a Cambridge law firm. He then practised as a solicitor in Cambridge until he retired. Our children went to Morley Memorial primary school, and I was active helping to run an after-school club and a holiday club. I made some good friends there. I also helped in the CHR playgroup once a week.

Sheila – Did you return to social work?

Penny – Yes, when my youngest son was six I did a professional qualification, and started to work part time, though often “part time” meant cramming a week’s work into four days. My first post was in Hertfordshire, and in winter the travelling could be difficult, so I was glad to join the team at Sawston, where I stayed for seven years. I was becoming interested in mental health, and I went to work in Histon with older people with mental health problems, and then joined the mental health team based in Fulbourn. This was very

interesting, and I learned a lot from the doctors and nurses there. I also worked in Ely, where I set up a mothers' group, which I found very rewarding. By now I was a qualified mental health practitioner and trainer. After my retirement I did one locum job and continued to do mental health act assessments on a rota basis.

Sheila – A hugely rewarding career. You grew up in a humanist family, from a Jewish background. What made you become a Christian?

Penny – We had a Nanny who was a Christian, and sometimes took us to Church and of course there were Christian assemblies in school. I had a period of serious illness after one of my sons was born, and I felt helped and supported through this by my faith, in fact I've always found this – it's a relief to know you are not facing pressures alone. So I was baptised and confirmed, originally in the Methodist Church in Birmingham, but when we moved to Cambridge we went to the local Church round the corner, which was Cherry Hinton Road. We did go to an Anglican Church for a while, but I really missed CHR and was glad when we decided to return there.

CHR was such a friendly Church, and it has supported me through difficult times as well as happy times. There were a number of characters there who made an impression on me. I have made life-long friends, and have very happy memories of the people I met, particularly during my time as a leader of the Young People's Church. We always loved the Carol services when the church was lit by candles, the Harvest Festival, Mothering Sunday services when all the ladies were given daffodils, the Easter services as well as the Bible Study and prayer groups. I now value the Tuesday Fellowship and have particularly appreciated worshipping in the chapel on Sundays.

Sheila – What are you doing in retirement?

Penny - I enjoy music, playing the piano and going to concerts with Robert, especially the Wednesday concerts at Emmanuel. I do some painting and take part in U3A classes. I still do a little voluntary work too – I'm on the committee of Cambridge Aid, an organisation which allocates grants to families and individuals in need.

Sheila - And finally, how do you feel about the new Downing Place?

Penny – I think it was a good decision to unite. Of course both former Churches have lost something, and I shall miss the Emmanuel building, but there are great possibilities ahead, and I look forward to them.

TRIBUTE TO EVELYN SNELSON



Friends at Downing Place URC were saddened to hear the news of Evelyn's passing away peacefully in the early hours of July 26th 2019, in her nursing home in Sussex. Although she was a great supporter of the congregation at Cherry Hinton Road (for many years accompanying the Sunday service on the piano) she was also well known at Trumpington Street. When I first met her she was a Chaplain at Addenbrookes; and on hearing of my impending hip replacement she became my mentor, and later my friend. Robert and I spent many happy times at her flat while I played the piano with her and we both then sampled her shortbread which she made herself.

Evelyn had a very interesting life as she had been a missionary in East Africa. She met her husband in Africa who was working at the time in educational administration. When she and her husband retired they both became volunteers overseas, and spent a couple of years in Egypt teaching. They made many friends there. They came to live in Cambridge and attended Christchurch on Sundays. Evelyn was also the host for a Bible Study group in her home. She then started attending at Cherry Hinton Road and we were so grateful for her piano playing. Latterly she stopped playing regularly, but would always step in to help us out if the pianist booked could not play for us.

We shall miss her kindness, her hospitality and above all the inspiration she gave us of her enduring Christian faith. When I last saw her in her nursing home, she was able to respond to prayers and to give her blessing. It was a privilege to know her.

Penny Milsom

LETTER FROM THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE

Date: August 2019

To: The members and friends of each local URC congregation

‘THANK YOU’ for what you help us achieve together in God’s name

The purpose of this letter is to say ‘Thank you’ to each and every one of you for all that you do for the Church and, especially, for your help in raising over £19 million in 2018 for the URC Ministry and Mission Fund. For Christians, any giving of ours is in response to the amazing generosity of God in pouring out his love through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus and through his risen life in the world and the church today, through the Holy Spirit. Nevertheless, it is important to say ‘thank you’.

The United Reformed Church is like a big family – about 46,000 members in 1,400 churches served by just under 400 ministers. In any thriving family, the members support each other and want the best for each other. In the URC, we are all seeking to *‘Walk the way: live the life of Jesus today’* – and to enable others to do so as well.

For most of us, this idea of the church as family is most easily seen in the life of our own local church. That is where we regularly worship God and also seek to serve our own community and share God’s love with them. There are 1,400 different ways in which this is happening and a colossal amount of worshipping and witnessing and working for the kingdom happening in URC congregations across our three nations. **‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom in your local churches.**

A crucial part of what your local church does, like any family, is support you in all that you do in your daily lives. That is where we all *‘Walk the way’*.

‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom in your daily discipleship.

But the wider family of the United Reformed Church is more than the sum of its parts. We belong to each other under God and through our sharing of resources as well as burdens, opportunities as well as challenges, we achieve more together. You can get a flavour of this from the reports of the last Mission Council on the URC website – from new resources for Pilots and children to disinvesting in fossil fuels; from the challenge to be better at safeguarding, to the need for a new General Secretary. **‘THANK YOU’ for all you do for the kingdom through the wider Church, including your giving**

which enables your church to give to the Ministry and Mission Fund.

You might ask ‘how much should I give?’ That is a matter for you. The Church has sometimes suggested 5% of after tax income, but that is only a guide. If your church is looking at ‘Holy habits’ then one of those covers giving. If not, there are other resources on the stewardship pages of the URC website.

The URC Finance Committee is responsible for the oversight of the finances of the central United Reformed Church. Each year, our local churches raise more than £19 million for the Ministry and Mission Fund. Over 80% of this money is used to pay for stipendiary ministers and church related community workers and their training.

For a long time, the number of ministers in the United Reformed Church has been falling at roughly the same rate as the number of church members. What has fallen more dramatically over the years has been the average size of URC congregations – now around 35. So, the challenge which is exercising people across the Church is not so much a shortage of ministers, but how to make the best use of the ministers we have got in the context of small, often widely dispersed, congregations.

It is an extraordinary demonstration of commitment and generosity that the average giving per member to the Ministry and Mission Fund continues to go up each year. Although the number of URC members has been going down by a few percent each year, the total amount raised has been going down much more slowly. The total raised in 2018 was less than 0.5% lower than the total for 2017. These contributions are voluntary but they are not optional. They are an expression of our commitment to each other. The United Reformed Church could not function without them. **‘THANK YOU’ for your church’s** contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund.

NB: the contribution to the Ministry and Mission Fund requested from each local church is a matter for its Synod. The central Church is not directly involved.

If you have any questions or comments arising from this letter then please speak to your church treasurer, who has been provided with more detailed information. If they are not able to help then they will get in touch with the finance team at Church House.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Hardie
Treasurer

John Piper
Deputy Treasurer



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YPSEG Reunion

You are invited to come along to a reunion for anyone who was a member or leader of YPSEG & their other halves (no children unfortunately). This will be an informal occasion to catch up and reminisce! There will be tea and cakes in the afternoon, and a buffet in the evening. As we do not have a drinks licence, please bring a bottle or two!

Date: Saturday 19th October 2019

Time: 3pm – 10pm ish

Venue: Emmanuel Church, Trumpington Street

Tickets: tbc

To stay in touch with updates, please join the Facebook group 'YPSEG Reunion' (this is a closed Group) or email Julia Fuell (nee Wright) at gandjfuell@sky.com

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