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MINISTER'S LETTER

It is perhaps inevitable that our thinking can be influenced by what we were most recently reading. Indeed, one preacher I know talks of deciding what to say each Sunday by going for a **long walk to ruminate upon the books he's just read**. Accordingly, I gather, his sermons are a script-less drawing together of varying strands of **different authors' thoughts**.



My most recent reading came about when a friend pointed me to M. Craig Barnes' latest volume, *Diary of a Pastor's Soul* (Brazos 2020). He is President of Princeton Theological Seminary, and, essentially, it's a reflection upon forty-three years of ordained ministry. In the preface he observes: '... attentive parishioners are grateful for glimpses they received into their pastor's soul. That's the only important thing a servant of the church brings to ministry.'

In truth, I am not sure that I am persuaded by that if it means the preacher saying so much about themselves that God is side-lined, and God's mission to the world is in any way obscured. That said, I do know that when I am listening to a preacher, there are times when hearing of their philosophical questions, their theological discoveries or their life-shaping experiences really can assist me in my own spiritual pilgrimage.

There is something unrelenting and uncontainable about the coronavirus Covid-19. Perhaps, then, this is one of those moments when ministers can be most effective by sharing something of how they are finding it personally. After all, as the saying goes, 'we're all in it together', and pastors are no more immune to its impact than the people they serve and transparency about that might be appropriate. So to three things I have found myself ruminating upon.

First, as a normally purposeful person, I have found myself subject to periods of **misty unclarity**. It's a sort of wondering when and how it will all end. That can remove the sense of where we are headed and of what sort of ministry to offer. In turn, I find that periodically leaves me feeling everything is painted in shades of mushy grey instead of the more vibrant colours of focus and decisiveness. Having an interest in music, I am intrigued that sometimes I respond by listening to something quiet and reflective that somehow echoes the grey, and at other times to something arresting and rhythmic that lifts the spirit. It certainly makes me realise that one's preaching should be informed by awareness of how this

greyness can be on the palette of others' lives, and is not sensibly ignored. How frequently one then turns to the psalms – those poems beaten out on the anvil of human experience in all its beauty and bitterness. *'The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life— of whom shall I be afraid? Psalm 27.1*

Secondly, I have found myself becoming frustrated by feeling incapable of doing anything that makes a difference. It's been important for me to analyse that a bit, because ministers with a Messiah-complex are pretty useless. I profoundly hope that is not the problem, though I am not naïve enough to dismiss the need for people in roles like mine to be alert to such a danger. Rather, in speaking with others - some of you included – I sense that there are those who are punishingly over-busy with the demands of their key worker posts or their significant volunteering roles, whilst others are stuck at home. As I write, the talk is of the long anticipated 'second wave' and of the stricter safe distancing that is required. Looked at superficially, playing our part in preventing the disease's spread by isolating or mask-wearing is not very impressive. Actually, though, the super-human efforts of those with more obvious difference-making roles need the rest of us not to compromise what they are doing by incautious and unnecessary mixing that leads to ever more cases. Maybe resolutely sticking to the guidelines is the loaves and fishes that we each can bring to society's combined efforts.

And thirdly, I find myself drawing deeply upon the well of faith in God. My faith starts from the simple conviction that there is something behind all that is – its 'source, guide and goal'. (Romans 11.36) Although the person and word of Jesus Christ then define and refine that faith, it starts from the basic premise that that God is. My confidence in God's being doesn't depend upon the state of my personal life, nor of the world, nor the sophistication of my doctrine. There is something because of which we live and move and have our being, and I will honour that something as God. When things happen that are good, I will look to that God gratefully. When things happen that are not good, I will look to that God, as I see God in Jesus, for strength, inspiration and hope. And so it has been in the pandemic. I do not find this a time to turn away from the ground of our being, but rather to re-double my openness to God's grace and truth as Christ exposes me to them, for I believe they are what will bring us through, individually and in community, enabling us to 'chase the rainbow through the rain'.

I offer this glimpse into your pastor's soul, hoping that Dr Barnes is right in his perception that at such a time it is an important thing to do.

And if it isn't, I still assure you of my attentive love and prayers.

Nigel

SERVICES AT WESTMINSTER

We have now had two “live” services at Westminster College, suitably masked and spaced. We are grateful to the College for their hospitality and the care taken to keep us safe. Thanks are due to all who have made this possible – to Nigel of course, but also to Margaret, our Church Secretary, and others who have made things go so smoothly, especially the Westminster Bursar, Magalie Cooper.



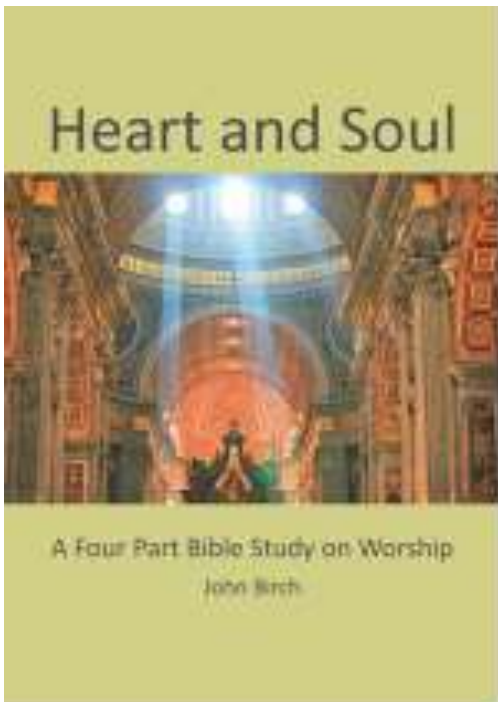
The photograph, taken, I confess, in haste, and without much expertise, gives an impression of the Hall at Westminster where we worship, chairs carefully positioned in ones and twos, doors and windows open to give plenty of fresh air. The grand piano open ready for Nigel to play the prelude music.

We couldn't sing of course, but listened to hymns sung by Wells Cathedral choir, and joined together in saying the Lord's Prayer.

We shall wait to see just how our worship continues over the autumn and winter, but those of us who have been able to gather together have found it a valuable experience.

Sheila Porrer

HOUSE GROUPS: STARTING THIS MONTH



This month sees the start of our new house groups, which will start on Monday evenings on 12 October and on Tuesday afternoons on 13 October, all via Zoom.

Both groups will use the same material, 'Heart and Soul', which looks at the theme of Christian worship.

The discussion material will be sent out by e-mail, as will the instructions for joining the meetings by Zoom. Some printed copies of the material are also available

If you haven't yet signed up, or would like to know more, please contact Elizabeth Whitehorn.

PROFILE: WILL CLEARY

I found Downing Place URC through last year's Cambridge Pride event, held on Jesus Green. There was an Open Table stall and I spoke to Alison Binney and John Bradbury. I was very impressed by this. I am bisexual and have found that while there are a lot of more inclusive churches about, most are very quiet about it. Without some serious digging around, many LGBT Christians are likely to get the sense that they have to choose between these parts of their lives. So I was pleased to find a church that is loudly affirming. Isaiah 58:1 says: "Lift up your voice like a trumpet!" I finally managed to start attending Sunday morning services and Open Table services in November when I moved to Cambridge. Prior to that I'd been attending a local Anglican church and occasionally a Quaker meeting.



My upbringing was secular but as a teenager I felt a pull towards religion. I attended a church and an evangelical youth group, and also went to a Christian festival. While I'm sure that I encountered God during this period, I became distressed by church leaders' inability or unwillingness to answer some very fundamental questions. Not having a solid foundation, this was enough for me to leave religion alone for a while. That changed when I was first living away from my parents for the first time and was approached by Mormon missionaries, who appeared to have an answer for everything. I spent three mostly unhappy years in that faith but am grateful to have gone through this experience.

Unsurprisingly, another faith crisis was on the way. But out of this I was able to affirm that the things Christians have traditionally said about the nature of God are true, and that there are good solutions to some of those questions I'd had as a teenager. Prayer and scripture study became a joy, something I look forward to, rather than a chore or a duty. Psalm 119:16: "I will *delight* in your statutes; I will not forget your word." My favourite parts of the Bible now are probably the Pentateuch, Job, the Gospel of John, and parts of Paul's letters.

I was baptised as a Mormon but as this is a non-Trinitarian religion, and doesn't consider itself part of wider Christianity, I still ought to have a Christian baptism. At first I felt anxious and ambivalent about this, but having talked about it with a

few people, and prayed about the matter, I am very excited to be baptised and accepted into membership at Downing Place. Of course, we don't quite know when the new building will be ready and when it will be safe for us to gather, but whenever that is, I hope everyone can be there.

Currently I'm working part-time for a charity called P3. We help people with housing-related support needs, especially those at risk of homelessness. I'm also about to go into the second year of my theology degree, a distance-learning course by the University of London. It's very challenging but I'm learning every day. My hope is to go into some kind of ministry and I see this degree as a step towards that. I play classical guitar casually -- some of you will have heard me play in church -- and I love Irish traditional music, which has a good scene in Cambridge. I was furloughed for some of lockdown so I bought a cheap tenor banjo on eBay and used the spare time to learn some tunes on this instrument. It sounds decidedly not sacred so I doubt I'll play it in church. I'm also into a kind of unaccompanied hymn singing called shapenote singing, which is probably the thing I'm missing most about this pandemic. Music was a rock and a great comfort as I found my way to God after being "carried about with strange and diverse doctrines" (Hebrews 13:9).

I am happy to be a small part of Downing Place and Open Table. The conversations I've shared with people have given me a lot of insight already, and I hope that being part of this church family gives me many opportunities for Christ-like service.

PRAYER DIARY

Maureen Kendall has relinquished responsibility for collating Arrow Prayers this month, with our thanks for her commitment and care over several years. The Worship, Discipleship and Spirituality Group is considering how the prayer life of Downing Place may be nurtured.

Suggestions would be welcomed by Alan Rickard

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

AUTUMN CHALLENGE for everyone.

Tick off - Can you do all ten?

- catch a leaf as it falls from a tree
- plant a spring bulb
- be still till you see a bird



- send a card to someone in the congregation whose name starts with the same letter as yours
- sing Harvest Zumba – you should find it on the Harvest Service recording

- eat a blackberry
- make something to eat
- lick a raindrop off the back of your hand



- put some flowers in a vase
- Thank God for autumn - for food, friends and fantastic world

For a wet weekend – draw or paint picture of some, or even all, of-

Praise God for the harvest of orchard and field,
praise God for the people who gather their yield,
the long hours of labour, the skills of a team,
the patience of science, the power of machine.

Praise God for the harvest that comes from afar,
from market and harbour, the sea and the shore:
foods packed and transported, and gathered and grown
by God-given neighbours, unseen and unknown.

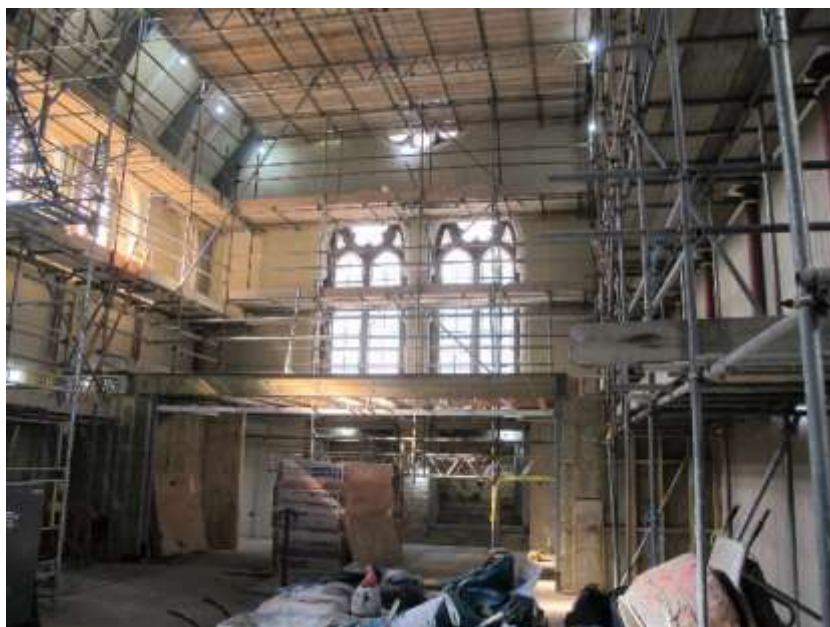
Praise God for the harvest of science and skill,
the urge to discover, create and fulfil:
for dreams and inventions that promise to gain
a future more hopeful, a world more humane.

Praise God for the harvest of mercy and love
for leaders and peoples who struggle and serve
with patience and kindness, that all may be led
to freedom and justice, and all may be fed.

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BUILDING WORKS AT DOWNING PLACE



Two views of the Sanctuary showing scaffolding and the structure for the new Emmanuel Room

A site visit on 1st September revealed that a lot of progress has been made, in spite of the delay caused by the COVID-19 lockdown and subsequent rules for safe working. Almost all of the structural work is completed, with the remaining key areas being the Welcome area and entrance from Downing Place and the new windows on to Downing Street; here the stonemasons have started work, which is estimated to take around six weeks.



On the scaffolding “bridge” over the Sanctuary



Steel frames ready for the new Downing Street windows

In the Sanctuary, the walls are re-plastered (with lime plaster to cope with the inevitable damp from old walls without a damp course!), the pit for the lift to the platform is formed and awaits installation of the lift machinery. The Emmanuel Room is also formed, with the Baptistry ready for lining, and the mechanism for the sliding glass panels and door in place. Scaffolding has been erected in the Sanctuary so that insulation can be inserted into the roof void and the wooden ceiling and the walls can be painted.



New entry from Sanctuary to Hub



Hub – ground floor offices & meeting rooms

The opening through the old organ loft leads us from the Sanctuary through to the Hub and Reception area. Almost all of the offices and meeting rooms on the ground level and first floor mezzanine are now formed, with walls awaiting plastering. The rooms for the Therapy Centre and the Caretaker's flat have been created. What is striking is how much light there is in the Hub, with new Velux windows and the glass doors onto the garden courtyard..



Viewing the space for the lift and main stairs



Hub – 1st Floor offices/rooms now formed

The enlarged Gibson Hall is also very light with new Velux windows in the roof and new doors and windows onto the garden courtyard. Along one wall a line of storage cupboards is being constructed.



Gibson Hall



Data cabling

By this stage all the “containment” for the plumbing and wiring is in place and everywhere there are bundles of cable ready for connecting all the lighting and electronics throughout the building.

There is a lot still to do, including the lift and main staircase for the Hub, and much of the electronics cannot be installed until the very end, when a dust-free environment is reached after all plastering, painting and other finishing work is completed. Delays caused by the Covid-19 lockdown and subsequent restrictions plus a delay caused by a revised specification for “mechanical” issues mean that completion of the building works by Coulson Building Group is now anticipated for February 2021. Once the building is handed over we will need some weeks to bring in furniture and other equipment and set up everything needed for full operation of the building.

Robert Porrer

Photos by Robert Porrer and David Thomas



STAMPS FOR CHRISTIAN AID

Have you been clearing out old letters during the lockdown? Please keep the stamps for Ted Dennison, who is still happy to receive them for Christian Aid funds.

MONTHLY CAUSE FOR OCTOBER

COMMITMENT FOR LIFE

Our monthly cause for October would have been Commitment for Life, with which we are all very familiar.

Read this article about CfL's partners' work in Israel/Palestine, one of the four key areas which CfL supports.



The United Reformed Church is known for its activism in support of justice and equity for the Palestinian people in the occupied territories. In this edition of *Moving Stories*, we commend the work of the Sabeel-Kairos URC Action Group, a dedicated gathering of URC activists, working tirelessly for peace in the region.

The Sabeel Ecumenical Liberation Theology Centre is a Christian liberation theology organization based in Jerusalem. It was founded in 1989 by former Canon of St. George's Cathedral in Jerusalem, Rev. Naim Ateek. Follow the [Sabeel Wave of Prayer](#).

Each week, the “Kumi Now” initiative ([linked to Sabeel](#)) features an organisation making a difference in Israel and Palestine. You can watch the [current month here](#). You can see the archived sessions here, particularly week 38, [Morally Responsible Investment](#). Also, during the lockdown the [Amos Trust](#) has produced a number of interesting programmes. If you have queries or would like to make contact with the Action Group, please email sabeelkairos.urch@gmail.com



World silent as Gaza Bombed

Read more about this [here](#) and [here](#).

The URC's very own Diana Paulding is part of Christian Aid's Prophetic Activist Scheme. These young Christians are working for climate justice. The activists launched the Stop Fuelling the Fire Campaign, which is petitioning the UK government to end using UK Export Finance to fund fossil fuel projects overseas. Diana feels strongly about this issue, and with training from Christian Aid has, in collaboration with other activists, organised a petition to Boris Johnson. Please do sign their important petition at <https://you.38degrees.org.uk/p/SFTE>

RED BALLOON - ENCOURAGING NEWS

Red Balloon, the organization supporting children unhappy at school, often because of bullying, was our monthly cause in June – see the June Place Matters, pp. 10-11, for more detail about its work.

Red Balloon's Founder, Carrie Herbert, has sent us good news about this summer's exam results.

"I thought you'd like to hear about our GCSE results. As you know, exams are not the be-all and end-all of what we do - but for our children who have missed months if not years of schooling they represent a huge achievement, will boost their self-esteem and make them feel more like other students of their age.

This summer 72% of the Red Balloon children who were planning to take GCSE maths were awarded grades 4 to 9 (the old grades C to A*), and 78% achieved the same in English. They also gained a whole host of other qualifications alongside.

[You can read more in our press release.](#) It is only with the help given by you, our supporters, that we are able to meet the needs of these severely bullied and traumatised children by providing them with a small group environment in which to learn, with wellbeing and therapeutic support, allowing them to choose the courses and areas they wish to study.



At Red Balloon-Norwich, for example, just one student wanted to take GCSE textiles, and at Red Balloon of the Air we offered other qualifications alongside GCSEs, including English Functional Skills, as well as entry-level maths.

When the children first arrive at a Red Balloon they have no confidence in their ability to study, research, write essays and learn - having missed out on many of these skills because of their self-exclusion. Red Balloon staff have helped them acquire these skills, build their confidence and challenged them to work under pressure and take responsibility for their learning. And the results are before you. Many have had to deal with post-traumatic stress disorder, severe anxiety and depression, agoraphobia and eating disorders. We're proud of the progress they've made, how they've grown as individuals, and we feel privileged to have been part of this success.

The future will have much to offer them. They have developed resilience, they have learned how to manage their emotions, faced disappointment and success, and are ready for the next stage of their journey, becoming contributing members of their communities.

Thank you for your help in being able to help us make that happen.

My very best wishes.

Carrie Herbert MBE

Founder

Red Balloon

PRAYER HANDBOOK AND URC DIARY

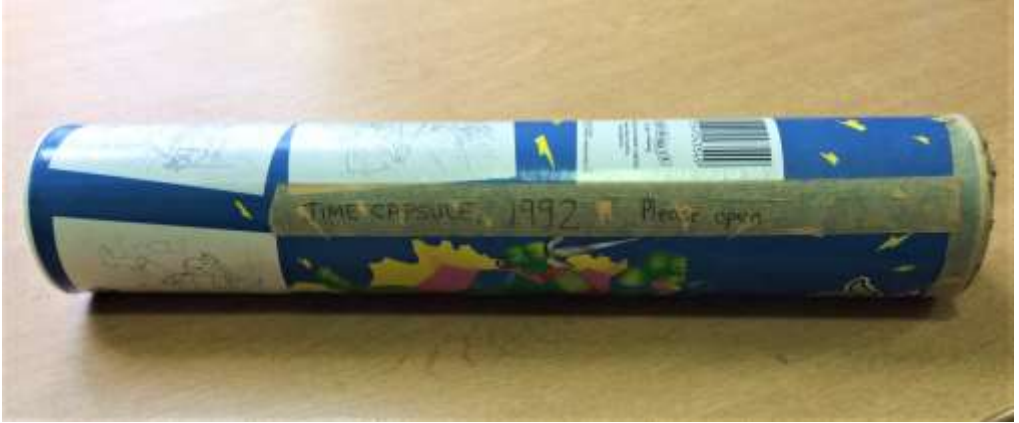
The URC Prayer Handbook for 2021 costs £4.99 (£4.49 if an order is placed for 10 or more), the URC Diary £6.99. Both may be viewed via the URC website shop.

Please reserve copies by contacting Elaine no later than 31 October. The price will then be notified to you for payment to Downing Place URC; and, after the order has been received, how to collect.

Margaret Thompson

TIME CAPSULE

This is the time capsule the builders discovered in the roof space at Downing Place. The Elders decided it was too early to open it, but suggested we might put together a new capsule to commemorate our Union as Downing Place and our occupation of the refurbished Church.



What should go in a new 2020/2021 capsule? Some suggestions already received include:

- A photograph of some Junior Church families - or better still, a photograph of the children in church all together (maybe at the last Sunday Funday event?)
- A disposable face mask(!)
- A newspaper from the day the capsule is stored away
- Pressed flowers

If you have any ideas, please send them to Margaret Thompson immediately. Time is short – if we want to leave the capsule in the roof space we must do it before the scaffolding is removed by the end of October.

THE CHERRY HINTON ROAD TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP



On Tuesday September 8th, 2020 the CHR Tuesday Fellowship held a socially distanced service in the church hall at St Athanasios Church. During the summer, members of the fellowship had kept in touch partly by telephone and partly by the monthly newsletter and by Place Matters as well as social garden gatherings. The socially distant service was an attempt to meet up in a face to face gathering where we could worship for the first time since the fellowship meetings ended on March 17th at the beginning of the lockdown. There were eleven members who attended.

The theme of the meeting was the stories behind the hymns. Brian Mizon researched the hymns and presented the information between the hymns which Wendy Roe then played on the CD player. Afterwards everyone enjoyed a cup of tea or coffee in the mugs they brought and an individually wrapped biscuit.

The first hymn, “Blessed Assurance” was composed by Phoebe Knapp (1839-1908) and the words were written by Fanny Crosby (1820-1908) who had been blind since the age of six weeks. The hymn focusses on heaven as a place where “perfect submission” and “perfect delight” will take place. It is a hymn which fully expresses Fanny’s love for Christ.

The second hymn “And can it be that I should gain” is considered to be one of the most joyous hymns written by Charles Wesley (1707-1788). At the time of writing the hymn, Charles was convalescing in the home of a poor mechanic, John Bray. His sister spoke some words which she heard in a dream: “In the name of Jesus of Nazareth, arise and believe and thou shalt be healed of all thy infirmities”. This inspired Charles to write this hymn, and after wrestling with the words, Charles came to the conclusion that it is by faith we are saved. It is a hymn which expresses like no other the joy of receiving salvation.

The third hymn “Amazing Grace” was written by John Newton who led a dissolute and disreputable life until eventually serving on a slave ship. He was converted to Christianity after reading Thomas a Kempis’ *Imitation of Christ*. After a traumatic experience when the ship nearly capsized as a result of a storm, John Newton became convinced that he was saved by God’s mercy and grace. He then became a minister at the church of St Peter and Paul at Olney. He continued to serve as a minister for the rest of his life. With William Cowper, he published a hymn which was widely used in Anglican churches. If you visit Olney, you can see his tombstone in the churchyard in Olney where there is also a museum.

“Stand up and stand up for Jesus” was the fourth hymn. In 1858, 5,000 men attended a mass gathering in Philadelphia sponsored by the YMCA. Over 1,000 men were converted. Dudley Atkins Tyng, an Episcopal clergyman, was the preacher. After returning to his family in the country, he caught his arm in the cogs of a machine. He died six days later and his last words were “Stand up, Stand Up for Jesus”. This inspired his friend, a Presbyterian Minister, the Rev George Duffield, to write this hymn.

The fifth and final hymn, “Take my life and let it be” was written by Frances Ridley Havergal, born in 1836 . Although she was physically frail and delicate, she was an avid student, writer and composer as well as learning several languages including Greek and Hebrew. This hymn was written after she visited ten people in a house, some unconverted, some converted but not rejoicing Christians. She said that the Lord had given her a prayer” Lord give me all in this house”. When she left the house, everyone was blessed. The words “take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold”, she literally acted on by taking all her jewels including a jewel cabinet to the Church Missionary House in 1878.

Although this was a strange fellowship meeting where we wore our masks and sat apart from each other in a socially distanced way, and were unable to sing, we were so glad to be able to see each other and worship together and most of all to be inspired by the stories behind the hymns.

Penny Milsom

The Cherry Hinton Road Fellowship have started meeting again every Tuesday afternoon. Plans for each meeting are evolving depending on risk assessments and other factors, and meetings may take place in different locations - please contact Penny Milsom for more information

EMMANUEL AND PEMBROKE

Having seen a copy of *Place Matters* for August, Peter Yorke contacted the editor and has recalled some of his family connections with Cambridge – Emmanuel members will remember his daughter, Marion (Moore) as an undergraduate, and then a member during the ministry of Derek Wales. Peter was an undergraduate at Pembroke and mentions

...a receipt dated 10 March 1960 for payment of a fine of 6s and 8d, incurred because Emmanuel had too small a cloakroom. The problem was that in those days you had to wear a gown outside College after dark, so at a CongSoc evening meeting, there came to be a huge heap of gowns on the cloakroom floor. To avoid having to burrow for mine, I didn't bring it, just nipping across the road from Pembroke. That evening, Nemesis struck for, as I left the church, I walked straight into the path of a "Bulldog". "Excuse me, Sir, are you a member of the University?" Result - a curio as a souvenir!

And he adds that just recently a Pembroke Appeal brochure arrived in the post:

I found that I could, by donating a certain sum, have my name inscribed on a chair in the new Auditorium to be created in Emmanuel: so I thought it would be good, both to support the College to whom I have always been grateful, and to prolong these family connections...So, if you come to attend a Pembroke function open to the public, you may find yourself seated on a chair inscribed "Peter Yorke (1957)". Greetings and good wishes to you all in your new future.

Anyone who would like to read the full account may contact Margaret Thompson for a copy.

PASTORAL NEWS

We welcomed Nigel's resumption of ministry at Downing Place and Fulbourn URCs at the beginning of September. He is planning a series of getting to know you visits.

Worship arrangements will be assessed and any changes notified if they should arise.

Please continue to remember families where illness is a present reality.

JOHN BRADBURY

As we heard at the Church Meeting, John, now settled in London, wishes to transfer his membership to the American International Church in Tottenham Court Road.

John writes:

It is in many ways a moment of sadness, as it will mark my leaving of Downing Place. It, and Emmanuel before it as the congregation where my membership was for a good 10 years before the union, have been such important parts of my faith journey.

Many words were said (or recorded!) as I left as minister, but this is the moment to pass my thanks to the congregation for everything they have done as my Christian family for many years now. I have been richly fed by a wonderful diet of worship, for many years particularly through Lance's preaching which always had a transformational quality to it.

I've benefited from the care of a number of Elders over that time for which I'm very grateful, most latterly from Daphne, whose gentle pastoral wisdom was greatly appreciated. The musical life of the church has been a joy, my faith having been fed by both Mark and Ian and all those involved in 'making a joyful noise unto the Lord' over the years.



Downing Place and Emmanuel have been key places in my own Christian journey of discipleship as a Church member, and I thank you all hugely for that. The Christian family of the URC in central Cambridge has been a blessing to me indeed.



JOINT PUBLIC ISSUES TEAM
HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER

PRAYER FOR HOMELESSNESS SUNDAY

Heavenly Father,

We pray today for all women and men, who are homeless this day.

For those sleeping under bridges, on park benches, in doorways or bus stations outside high street shops and many other inappropriate places.

For those who can only find shelter for the night but must wander in the daytime.

For families broken because they could not afford to pay the rent.

For those who have no relatives or friends who can take them in.

For those who have no place to keep possessions that remind them who they are.

For those who are afraid and hopeless.

For those who have been let down by our social safety net.

For all these people, we pray that you will provide shelter, security and hope.

We pray that those of us with warm houses not be lulled into complacency and forgetfulness.

Jesus, help us to see your face in the eyes of every person experiencing homelessness who we meet. So that we may be empowered through word and deed, and by your grace, to bring justice and peace to those who are homeless.

Amen.

CHURCH DIARY FOR OCTOBER

Date	Event	Time	Via
03-Oct-20	Elders' Day	All day	Zoom
04-Oct-20	Sunday Worship with Communion led by Revd Nigel Uden	11:00am	Youtube
04-Oct-20	Sunday Worship with Communion at Westminster College led by Revd Nigel Uden (contact Margaret Thompson to book in. Priority will be given to those who cannot access the online services.)	11.00am	Physical
04-Oct-20	Open Table Discussion	7:00pm	Zoom
05-Oct-20	Officers' Meeting	4:00pm	Zoom
05-Oct-20	Finance and Management Committee	7:30pm	Zoom
06-Oct-20	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship: A service of worship led by Revd Nigel Uden followed by tea. To be held at St Athanasios Church, 154 Cherry Hinton Road, Cambridge CB1 7AJ.	2.30pm	Physical
11-Oct-20	Sunday Worship led by Revd Dr David Cornick	11:00am	Youtube
12-Oct-20	House Group led by Li Tang	7:00pm	Zoom
13-Oct-20	House Group led by Janet Bottoms	2:30pm	Zoom
13-Oct-20	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2.30pm	Physical
18-Oct-20	Open Table Communion Service	7:00pm	Zoom
18-Oct-20	Sunday Worship led by Revd Nigel Uden	11:00am	Youtube
19-Oct-20	House Group led by Li Tang	7:00pm	Zoom
20-Oct-20	House Group led by Janet Bottoms	2:30pm	Zoom
20-Oct-20	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2.30pm	Physical
20-Oct-20	Elders' Meeting	7:30pm	Zoom
25-Oct-20	Sunday Worship led by Nigel Uden	11:00am	Youtube
27-Oct-20	Cherry Hinton Road Tuesday Fellowship	2.30pm	Physical

BIBLE READINGS FOR OCTOBER 2020

- 4 October : Isaiah 5: 1-7; Psalm 80: 7-15;
Philippians 3: 4b-14; Matthew 21, 33-46
- 11 October: Isaiah 25, 1-9; Psalm 23;
Philippians 4, 1-9; Matthew 22, 1-14
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