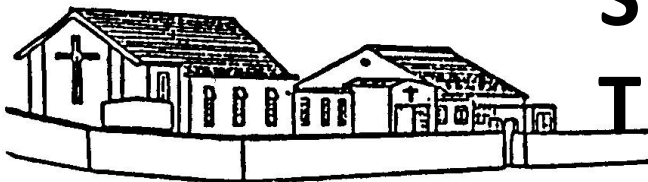




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Greetings from Feltham

I live in the centre of Feltham near the Longford River and have to travel over one of the two bridges over the river to reach the High Street. One of my neighbours was very

concerned at the beginning of July that many of the wild birds she usually saw along the nearby river bank had disappeared, leaving only pigeons



and seagulls. I walked over the footbridge the next day and saw a pair of swans with six cygnets. The next week I saw a heron (and lots of small fish). Later in the week I saw a duck with ten good sized ducklings and a coot. I think I also saw a crane (a bird, not those towering above the building sites in Feltham town centre). I shared with my neighbour the good news that I had seen the wild birds. Now she has also seen them.

It is easy to miss things and then assume they have gone away, when we fail to see them or do not know change has affected what we expect to see. A pair of swans have nested on the bank of the Longford River near to one of the bridges for the last 3 years. This year they must have nested on another part of the river as they have only been seen on our part of the river recently. This reminded me



that we can miss seeing or hearing about the growth of the Kingdom of God. It is so important that we share the good news, so that we can be encouraged and inspired, pray, support and give thanks for the growth of the Kingdom, the tiny seeds sown by our Lord Jesus and being nurtured and growing in all our different churches. Growth takes time and each season and year is different, as it is on the Longford River. The course of the Longford River in the centre of Feltham flows runs under the railway station lines and platforms (passengers can be waiting for a train not always knowing they are standing above the River), past MacDonald's and then under a bridge on the High Street. It is hidden from view and then looks almost rural in places as it heads for Hanworth Airpark. The seeds of God's kingdom can also be found growing and flourishing in unexpected places.

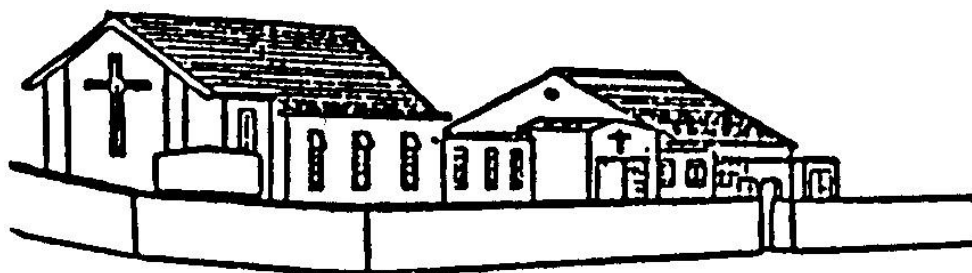
Like my neighbour hearing that the wildlife was still living on and around the river, so we need to hear about God's Holy Spirit continually inspiring us- breathing life into our churches and our individual lives. In Feltham I thank God for the children's summer holiday activity mornings at Southville being enjoyed by many families; for the excitement of meeting with young teenagers at St Dunstan's to explore their confirmation; for the humbling and inspiring 'Cauldron' Wednesday prayer evenings at Christ Church Feltham with many Farsi speakers; for the challenging work of the local food banks we support; for the exciting temporary 'transplant' of St Dunstan's thriving Monday Morning Coffee Drop into the Feltham Library Hub for three weeks to avoid disruption by road works and the many other signs of the growth of God's kingdom in

Feltham and across all our churches in our worship, our activities and our fellowship. Many of which are shared in this magazine.

The Kingdom of God is like a (tiny) mustard seed. It grows so large it can shelter all (the birds of the air). The mustard that grows in the Middle East is like a weed – it's tough, invasive and was therefore hard for a first century farmer to get rid of.

Praise God!

Revd Anne Dollery
St Dunstan's Feltham



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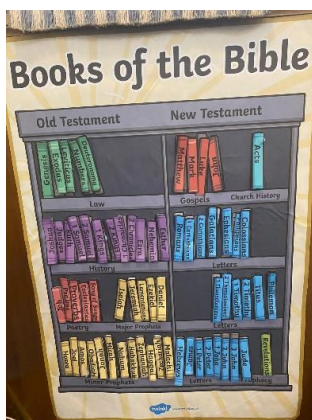
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During August we extend greetings for a happy birthday to Mary Tsatsa, Kait Sanger, Giles Sanger, Lesley Tocock and Juliet Ushewokunze. Similarly we send greetings in September to Adrian

Chambers, Paul Vermeulen and Andrew Janes

We had a lovely day on 11 June when both services at the Church were celebrating the life of our Sunday School. Andrew Reed led both services where we looked at the history of the bible. In the morning the Old Testament was put back together when the children found all 39 books dotted around the Church. We also heard the beginning of the story on Mary Jones and her bible. Action filled songs were sung along with some old favourites.



In the evening the 27 books of the New Testament were added to the bookcase and we heard the end of Mary Jones story. Two fun filled services that were enjoyed by all.

After the Family & Parade service on 16 July, most of our congregation moved into the Church garden in expectant anticipation of lunch - 35 people gathered and enjoyed a BBQ and garden games. Appetites were satisfied just before a few spots of rain encouraged the event to draw to a close.





THE BOYS'
BRIGADE
> the adventure begins here



7th North Surrey (Ashford Common Methodist) Company

The Boys' Brigade 7th North Surrey Company

This magazine will be published during the summer break while there will be no BB meetings.

During June and July the whole BB Company met at the same time in the same place, the outdoor space of Meadhurst Primary School for a programme that included a wide range of outdoor games and activities. The older boys also had an opportunity of bowling at Feltham.



The London District of The Boys' Brigade helps us add an extra dimension to our programme by arranging activities we wouldn't normally be able to cover on



our own, this year this included white water rafting at the Olympic Centre at Waltham Cross. More than thirty people from across London came

together, with four of our young people taking up the opportunity.

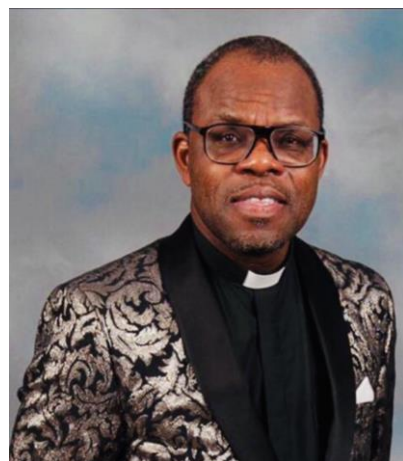


For the final evening of the year, everyone joined together for tug-o-war and football rounders, but all focus was lost when an ice cream van joined us . . .



A generous grant from our County Councillor Harry Boparai has meant the extra costs of our recent activities have not been passed on to our families – we are very grateful for his proactive support.

Dear Church Family,
Blessings to you and me and our families this new month of August. Once again, we honour and salute everyone serving God's purpose in our churches and community. May our labours be gloriously rewarded in this life and beyond.



MY LEAD WILL
Matthew 6:13



And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.'
Oscar Wilde, needs to hear Jesus on the subject of temptation.

In the Lord's Prayer, Jesus Encourages us to pray for the spirit of the Lord to lead us away from falling into temptation. Temptations will always present its self to us, For example, temptations to settle for less, to maintain the status quo, temptation to lie, steal, gossip, give up, to be bitter, unforgiving etc, but our prayer life will always make a way of escape for you and me, besides memorising and

quoting the scriptures in the face of the devils temptation like Jesus did.

The spirit of the Lord showed me this statement while in prayer“ MY LEAD WILL”. In other words if we allow the Lord to lead us, we will not yield up to coming temptations.

Vernon Grounds tells a story about Wanda Johnson, a single mother with five children, she was on her way to the pawn shop, where she was hoping to get a loan of \$60 for her TV set.

Then something bizarre happened. As an armored truck filled with sacks of money drove past her, its rear door flew open, and a bag dropped out. Wanda stopped and picked up the sack. When she counted the cash, she found that it totaled \$160,000. A battle raged in her soul. That money would pay all her bills and provide for the needs of her children. But it wasn't hers to keep.

After a fierce 4-hour struggle with her moral convictions, Wanda called the police and turned in the money. Her sense of doing the right thing won a victory over the temptation to keep what wasn't hers to keep.

How strong is your ethical fiber? Will it break down if you are faced with an enticing chance to do something wrong? Adam and Eve, as well as Jesus, were attacked by Satan on three fronts: the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life (1 John 2:16). Our first parents succumbed to the serpent's solicitation (Genesis 3:1-6). Jesus did not (Matthew 4:1-11).

No matter what evil is pressuring us, let's follow Jesus ' example and do what's right". Spent time praying the Lord's Prayer each morning and read your bible

devotionally. You and I will muster the strength to overcome temptation. To withstand temptation, stand with Christ in prayer and meditation , it will lead us not into temptation.

5 Reasons to Walk Away from Temptation:

- The actual pleasure is always a let down from your fantasy.
- The actual trouble is always worse than your worst nightmare.
- Don't trade a moment of pleasure for a lifetime of pain.
- Don't trade a comfortable home for an earthly hell.
- Don't hurt the only one who truly loves you in order to please a fake lover.”



– Dr Paul TP Wong

Kofi

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Happy Birthday Maureen Bailey
celebrating her birthday in September

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We are delighted to report that at the time of going to print we have held the first 2 of the 4 mornings of Family Fun craft activity.



It was an amazing start to the school holidays, with 29 children and 12 parent/carers attending on the first day and on the 2nd day we had 49, 15 of whom attended both days.



There was something for everyone including the parents and the two hours just flew by and several of the children did not want to go home. We are now praying that the remaining session will



be as well, if not better attended.



We would like to thank all who helped in whatever way, either by praying for the event, providing biscuits for the



children or kindly giving up 3 hours of their time on the day. We were blessed with 8 volunteers, who were amazing and ensured everything ran smoothly, then it was all hands on deck and everything was stowed away ready for the next two sessions on Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th August.





We are in the middle of the school summer holidays now and I guess that many of you have either enjoyed a holiday or are looking forward to a well earned break. For the Methodist Church this time of year provides an opportunity to reflect on the Connexional Year that is drawing to a close and to consider decisions taken at our Conference held at Birmingham which took place recently. In recent years a Business Digest has been published which highlights key topics and decisions. If you would like a copy do please let me know. However, here is a shortened version which I hope will be of interest.

The Rev. Gill Newton was elected and inducted as the President of Conference and Deacon Kerry Scarlett was appointed as Vice President. Each addressed Conference and you can read these at: methodist.org.uk/presidential-addresses-2023

The Methodist church ordained thirteen Presbyters and four Deacons. Ten Presbyters were transferred into the Connexion and one Presbyter by reinstatement and transfer. Diaconal Ordinations were held at Coventry Central Hall and the Presbyters were Ordained at Coventry Cathedral.

A very rare event occurred when, following wide consultation Conference confirmed changes to the Deed of

Union. This establishes a Connexional Council. The members of this body will be the Trustee Body for the Church. This group replaces the present Methodist Council and Strategy and Resources Committee. The new Body takes effect from 1st September 2024. The size of Conference has also been reduced by abolishing the category of Conference-elected Representatives who will be replaced by members of the Connexional Council. Conference also redrew the lines of some Districts.

Every three years Conference receives a report about membership. You will probably remember that we did not supply figures during the Pandemic. Figures for 2019 – 2022 record 2019 and 2022 and do not include those who attended on-line. A reduction of 3000 is shown between 2021 and 2022. Those who know how to read statistics have worked out that the numbers imply a lost of 10,000 members during the Pandemic which is 15% of membership. Conference was told that this level of decline is not restricted to the Methodist Church. They were also informed that there are pockets of growth often accompanied by missional risk taking.

You may recall the debate about receiving Holy Communion on-line. Whilst this is still under review, Conference affirmed in principle the possibility of predominantly on-line Churches.

District Assessments are being reduced which means that there is less money to support the Connexional Team. A Transformation Plan is being developed which will also consider the impact of inflation.

The conference also received a report on the two year “Walking with Micah” Project. The Report noted how much

is being done locally to tackle injustice. We are encouraged to prayerfully read the report. A three minute version can be found here:

[Methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/social-justice/walking-with-micah/a-justice-seeking.methodist-church-the-report-in-three-minutes](https://methodist.org.uk/our-work/our-work-in-britain/social-justice/walking-with-micah/a-justice-seeking.methodist-church-the-report-in-three-minutes)

3Generate 2022, the Methodist Children and Youth Assembly was attend by 1200 children, 456 Group Leaders and 252 volunteers.

The Conference also approved “A Methodist Way of Life” based around a model of structured discipleship aimed to help people grow in faith and confidence. More details can be found here:

[Methodist.org.uk/our-faith/a-methodist-way-of-life](https://methodist.org.uk/our-faith/a-methodist-way-of-life)

Among the 23 Memorials received Conference dealt with topics such as District Probationers’ Committees, Probationers’ Retreats, email provision for ministers, Israel Palestine, the Annual Affirmations, EDI Training, annual returns and statistics.

The Conference designated Rev. Helen D Cameron as President and Mrs. Carolyn Godfrey as Vice President for the year 2024/2025.

I encourage you to have a look at the links over the summer and in the next edition I will update you on work around the Circuit.

God bless.

Andrew

During the Summer



will be open on

Thursdays 3rd, 10th 17th August 14:00 – 17:00
(Possible 24th August see website for updates)

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At our last meeting Graham showed us slides from his and Mary's recent trip to Ireland. These showed some of the breathtaking seascapes mountains and waterfalls that seemed to abound throughout their trip.

When we return in September we look forward to seeing a further slide show , this time looking at the flora and fauna of Ireland.

We will in the following months have a 'memory afternoon', listening to CD's chosen by our members, a Christmas quiz and a craft afternoon. We are also looking into a visit from members of a quilting group, who will share with us their skills and the quilts they have made.

Our first meeting back will be on September 7th at 14.30 at Woodthorpe Methodist Church, Edinburgh Rd and thereafter on the first and third Thursday each month.

All are welcome to join us and to share tea, cakes and your company.

Sandra Davis



at Woodthorpe Methodist Church,
Clarendon Road

At the end of April, 7th Ashford Guides enjoyed a Hawaiian themed camp at Earleywood Scout campsite in Sunningdale. This was the first camp many of the Guides had been on. The leaders set up the kitchen and their sleeping tent on the Friday then the Guides arrived on Saturday morning. They worked in their patrols of three Guides each to put up sleeping tents and lay out their beds. Each tent was inspected and the girls took pride in showing how neat and tidy they were. The Guides were then able to explore the wooded campsite including finding a muddy stream to get stuck in.



Each patrol had different duties to do across the weekend. This enabled the girls to work as a team doing many tasks including preparing and cooking meals, keeping water carriers topped up and collecting wood for the campfires.

On Saturday afternoon the Guides completed a wide game in patrols where they were exploring an Hawaiian island doing different challenges to get clues leading to the

treasure (chocolate!). The challenges included making a water filter, making a fishing net and making a stretcher, lighting a fire using no more than two matches and making up a dance to reach the treasure. These activities all counted towards badges as part of the main Girlguiding programme.



On Sunday everyone enjoyed playing mini golf and soft archery (firing arrows with suckers onto a target). It got surprisingly competitive!

Many of the girls experimented with face painting and everyone made a tie dye t-shirt to wear at the Hawaiian party. At the party the Guides dressed up, completed a limbo assault course, and had a go at the superb homemade piñata (made by leader Grace).

The Guides enjoyed two campfires across the weekend singing silly songs and toasting marshmallows.

On bank holiday Monday the Guides had a go at orienteering and then had to pack up their belongings and take all the tents down. We were so lucky to have dry sunny weather a stray shower meant there were a few wet tents to dry at home. Everyone went home tired and a bit dirty but had a super time! Next year our camp will be 'Scoutabout' - a huge camp in Sussex with Guides and Scouts from across Surrey.

All the Guides, including those who did not come on the camp, completed their camp skills builder badge during our weekly meetings.

7th Ashford Guides meet at the Woodthorpe Methodist Church Mondays in term time 7.20pm-9.15pm. Guides is for girls ages 10-14. For more information about what Guides do and how to join in go to www.girlguiding.org.uk.



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THURSDAY	Term Time	Boys' Brigade Company Section	19:00
SUNDAY	Weekly	Morning Worship & Sunday School	10:30
		Evening Worship	18:30

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TUESDAY	1 st Tuesday	Feltham History Group	19:45
WEDNESDAY	Weekly Term Time	Stay and Play	10:00
	Weekly	The Furnace - worship together and pray for Feltham	19:45
SUNDAY	Weekly	Informal Service with Kids Groups	Door Open 10:00
	3 rd Sunday	Community Lunch everyone is welcome, bring some food to share!	After Church

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SUNDAY	Weekly	Prayer and Praise	10:00
		Morning Worship	10:30

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	Fortnightly	Bible study on Zoom	20:00	
WEDNESDAY	Weekly	Holy Communion	10:00	
THURSDAY	Monthly	WOT (Women on Thursdays)	14:00- 16:00	
SUNDAY	Weekly	Parish Communion in church	09:45	
	Monthly	Morning prayer on Zoom	09:30	

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			Brownies (Aged 7 – 10)	17:50 - 19:30
			Guides (Aged 10 – 15)	19:00 - 21:00
TUESDAY	Zoom	Alternate weeks	Bible Study	20:00
WEDNESDAY	Clarendon Rd	2 nd Wednesday (Not at Church)	Clarendon Ladies Group	12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Coffee Morning (KLC)	09:30 -12:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Wednesday of month	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
THURSDAY	Zoom	Weekly	Bible Study	10:00
	Edinburgh Dr.	Weekly	Fellowship	14:30
	Clarendon Rd	Last Thursday of month	Messy Church	15:30 – 17:30
SUNDAY	Clarendon Rd	All except last Sunday	Morning Worship	10:30
	Edinburgh Dr.	Last Sunday		10:00



For the families and friends of those that have passed away since the last publication:

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Sandra Carter	Doris Punter
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Patricia Newbury	Maja Wlodarczyk
Ruth Priestly	

If there are people in communities that you would add to this list please give these to your church contact to pass on for the next edition!

All those that work and are training:

in and study in our educational establishments
with the young and old in our communities.
in our Emergency Services
in our Hospitals & Community Health Care
in our Social Care
in our mental health services

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and those in Training including those Preaching and
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Jonathan Perkins
Rev David Priddy
Rev Andrew Reed
Pauline Shilston

Rev Rudy Tann
Rev Julie Underwood
Rev Andy Watkins
Graham Wells
Mary Windo

All those involved in holiday activities & outreach work:

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Youth Organisations (Scouting, Guiding, Boy Brigade)

Church Groups (Messy Church, Prayer Groups,

The South East Methodist District Team:

Rev David Hinchliffe – District Chair

Rev Sam Funnell – Western Area Assistant District Chair

Wendy Cory – District Administrator

Rev Nick Oborski – Synod Secretary

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