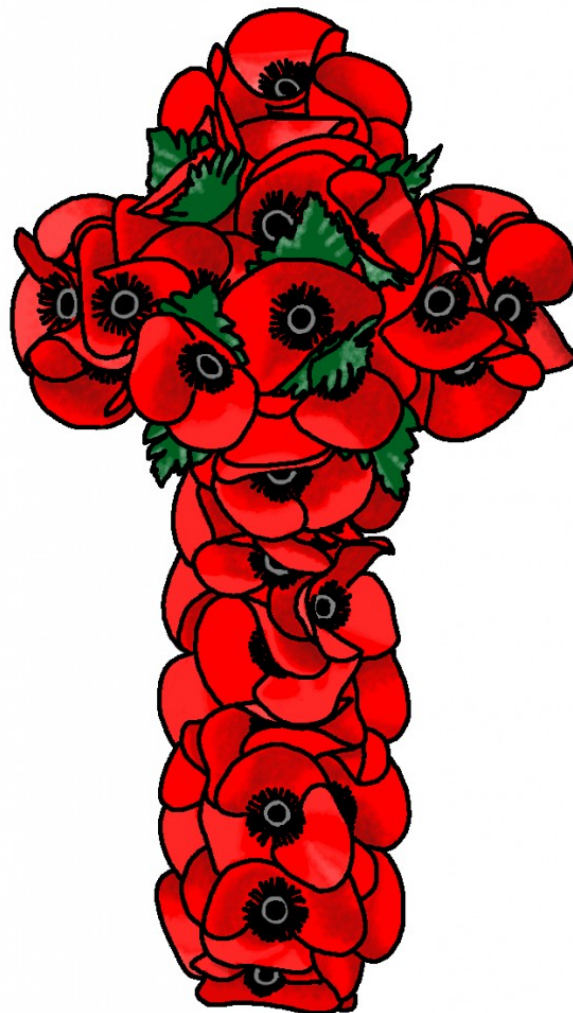


**MOTTINGHAM METHODIST CHURCH
MESSENGER
NOVEMBER 2019**



**'AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN
THE MORNING. WE WILL REMEMBER THEM'**

THE TWO MINUTE SILENCE



It's hard for us to imagine the slaughter. The total number of both civilian and military casualties is estimated at around 37 million people, ending only when the Armistice took effect on the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month in 1918.

The idea of a 'Two Minute Silence' originated in South Africa. The first minute was to be a time of thanksgiving for those who had returned alive, and the second minute was to remember the fallen. It was taken up by King George V, writing, "it is my desire and hope that at the hour when the Armistice came into force, there may be for the brief space of two minutes a complete suspension of all our normal activities."

It had an immediate impact. An observer wrote, "The whole World Stands to Attention. From the Indian jungles to Alaska, on the trains, on the ships at sea, in every part of the globe where a few British were gathered together, the Two-Minute pause was observed."

The Great War was said to be 'the war to end all wars'. But it wasn't. About three per cent of the world population were to die in World War 2. Today's 11th November commemoration, repeated on the nearest Sunday, now incorporates all wars.

The Royal British Legion describes the Act of Remembrance as a deeply personal act available to everyone, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of the Armed Forces and their families, across all conflicts.

In keeping the Two Minute Silence, many will long for the day when, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."





REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Sunday 10th November 2018 at 10.50am.

Venue: The forecourt of Warr's Harley Davidson Shop.

16-20 Mottingham Road, London, SE9 4QW.

The **Mottingham Concert Band** will provide music from 10.30am and accompany the service.

There will be hot drinks following the service in the Mottingham Methodist church hall for all who would like to join us.

REMEMBRANCE DAY

Monday 11 November from 2.00-4.00pm

Meet in St Edwards Church

St. Keverne Rd, Mottingham, London SE9 4AQ

PEACE

By Megan Carter

On the eleventh day of the eleventh month

The guns had ceased and peace had come,

Another war with so much loss

As brave men fought and victories won.

We honour those who gave their lives

And took up arms against the foe,

Not knowing if they would return

But faithful to the call to go.

Battles rage throughout the earth,

It seems that wars will never cease

Until the day that Christ returns -

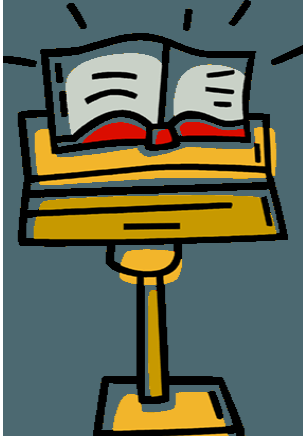
And only then will there be peace.

The Prince of Peace, Emmanuel

Will come to end this world of strife

And as He brings His kingdom in

He'll usher in eternal life.



DIARY OF CHURCH SERVICE PREACHERS NOVEMBER 2019

Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am: Messy Church:
Maureen Spinks

Messy Church is preceded by breakfast at 9.30am

Sunday 10th November at 10.50am -

Remembrance Sunday Joint service @ the War

Memorial

Sunday 17th November at 10.30am: Holy Communion - Duncan MacBean

Sunday 24th November at 10.30am - Songs of Praise



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Messy Church

Sunday 3rd November at 10.30am: Theme -
Remembering

This is preceded by breakfast

Prayer meeting

Wednesday 6th November at 7.30pm: At the house of Eddie and Dallas Green (Tel: 020 8617 0076)

Good Companions

Tuesday 12th November at 10.30am

All Sorts Craft Group

Tuesday 26th November at 10.30am to 12.00md

Community Lunch

Every Wednesday at 12.30pm

Saturday Youth Club

Every Saturday from 7-10pm for 9-14 year olds

NOTE! On Friday 22 November there is a St Cecilia Concert at 7.30pm at St Andrews, Court Road

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN MOTTINGHAM BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER MEETING

Date: Tuesday 16th November at 8.00pm.

Venue: St Andrew's, Court Road.

Recommences week of March 1st for a weekly Lent series.

Bromley Ecumenical Singers



AUTUMN CONCERT 2019

Haydn: The Creation - Saturday 16th November 2019 at 7:30pm

A scratch event open to all singers. Book on 020 8697 0759.

Venue: St George's Church, Bickley Park Road, Bromley

The concert is in aid of *Dimbleby Cancer Care*

DECEMBER ALERTS

OUR CHURCH PROGRAMME

Sunday 15th December at 4.00pm: Carols by candlelight.

Wednesday 18th December at 12.30pm: The Community Christmas lunch. **Tickets available in early November**

CRISIS FOR CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Saturday 14th December from 10.30-11.30am outside the Co-op on Kimmeridge Road. Beverages available in St Edwards church afterwards.

ST ANDREW'S: Thursday 20th December at 7.30pm: Ecumenical Carol Service. Choir practice on Fridays from 7th November at 6.30pm in St Andrew's hall.

Sunday 22 December: The St Andrews Christingle service will take place at 4pm.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING? TRY THE CHRISTMAS FAYRES!

St Alban's - 9th November from 11am-2pm.

St Edwards - Saturday 7 December from 11am to 3pm



ONCE A MONTH CONGREGATION CALLED MESSY CHURCH

OCTOBER THEME: HARVEST IN WORD AND PICTURES



Genesis 8 verse 22

"As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease."
This is about God's Promise to provide us with our needs.



Exodus 23 verse 16

16 "Celebrate the Festival of Harvest with the first fruits of the crops you sow in your field. Celebrate the Festival of Ingathering at the end of the year, when you gather in your crops from the field.

God wants us to celebrate - and to thank him



Leviticus 23 verse 22

When you reap the harvest of your land do not reap to the very edge of your field or gather the gleanings of your harvest. Leave them for the poor and for the foreigner residing among you.

God needs us to share.



RESILIENCE AND FAITH IN GOD: NEHEMIAH

I have a great love for the Bible, especially the stories of men and women who lived their lives by faith. Not only did they display great trust in God, but also great resilience, often keeping going in the face of great adversity.

Nehemiah is such a person. His great achievement was to take a bunch of dispirited and down-hearted individuals and, in spite of much opposition and danger, motivate them to work together in a hostile environment to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. This enormous task they achieved against the odds, and in a surprisingly short time - it took them only 52 days (Nehemiah 6 verse 15)!

At the heart of Nehemiah's resilience was his faith in God. Even secular writers recognise the part that faith plays in building resilience. Nehemiah believed that the God of heaven was in control and His purposes were being worked out (Nehemiah 1 verse 5). Since God had called him to the task, he would make sure that he could complete it. This kind of positive thinking is helpful when facing challenging circumstances. Nehemiah maintained a confident, hope-filled attitude even when things were against him.

Not only did this buoyant attitude keep Nehemiah going, it also motivated the people to persevere when at times they may have despaired and given up. Nehemiah persevered not because of his dogged determination, but because he was in touch with a source of strength outside himself. He had a deep, inner life with God that was expressed in prayer. Instinctively, he turned to God at every moment of fear, anxiety and need.

Extracted from 'Resilience in Life and Faith - finding your strength in God' by Tony Horsfall & Debbie Hawker, BRF, £9.99

Order from: <https://www.brfonline.org.uk/9780857467348/>

The Beatitudes



THINKING ABOUT THE BEATITUDES

Rev Paul Hardingham continues his series.

7. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.' (Matthew 5 verse 9).

In this beatitude, Jesus calls us to be peacemakers by overcoming conflict and bringing unity to relationships. This is very different from being a 'peacelover'! It calls for hard work, patience and a willingness to understand the disagreement. We also risk misunderstanding and rejection by those we're trying to help. This brings a much-needed perspective to the current Brexit debate!

What perspective does a follower of Jesus bring to peacemaking? Jesus says we will 'be called children of God', because we demonstrate the family likeness of the ultimate peacemaker. On the cross Jesus has enabled us to have peace with God (Romans 5 verse 1) and broken down the walls of hostility between people (Ephesians 2:14). To be a peacemaker starts by recognising that God 'has reconciled us to Himself through Christ' (2 Corinthians 5 verse 8).

Our mission is to implore people to 'be reconciled to God.' (2 Corinthians 5 verse 20). This is the only true path to inner peace, as it is rooted in the reality of peace with God.

We are also called to bring peace between people, especially in the local church. It's easy to avoid doing anything because we want a peaceful life! It means confronting situations where relationships have broken down and bringing people together in unity of heart and mind. The role of peacemaking is never easy; it cost Jesus His life and will undoubtedly change us: 'reconciliation takes place when two opposing forces clash and somebody gets crushed in between.'

STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS! STOP PRESS!

26.10.19



The British Red Cross in Chislehurst closed down today. Everything was going free and we were able to obtain 40 chairs to replace the worst ones in the Hall.

Praise God for this unexpected provision!

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES IN THE CHURCH

-  **1ST SUNDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30am:**
Messy Church - This is preceded by breakfast
-  **1ST WEDNESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 7.30pm**
Prayer Meeting at Eddie and Dallas's home
-  **2ND TUESDAY OF EACH MONTH AT 10.30am**
Good Companions
-  **4TH TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH AT 10.30 - 12.00md**
All sorts craft group
-  **EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 12.30pm**
Community Lunch
-  **EVERY SATURDAY FROM 7 - 10pm**
Saturday Youth Club - for 9 - 14 year olds



A VOICE IN THE NIGHT

'The Sovereign Lord has given me a well-instructed tongue, to know the word that sustains the weary. He wakens me morning by morning, wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.' Isaiah 50:4

I was awake in the early hours, and as my thoughts were fluttering here and there, the name of a friend dropped into my mind as if from nowhere together with the words: "Tell her, 'God is aware of you.'"

Eventually I fell asleep again but when I woke in the morning the words were still there. I had a busy day ahead but as I ate my breakfast, I felt I should text her straight away with what I had been given and trust it would make sense to her.

Midmorning I received a message back. I knew nothing of her circumstances, but both she and her husband were facing major difficulties in their work situations. As they prayed together the night before she asked the Lord to send her a word of encouragement. As she started her day my text arrived. She was so encouraged, and so was I.

As I ponder this event two things stand out to me:

1. God is intimately aware of each one of us, and knows our circumstances. He *sees* us, He knows what we are going through. He will help us find a way through. And give us the strength and guidance we need. As you read this, He says to you: 'I am aware of you.'
2. If God drops the name of someone into your mind take it as an indication to pray for them. If words are given to you for them, then share them - either personally, or via a written note or a text message. It may be just what they need to hear.

Tony Horsfall

IN AND AROUND MOTTINGHAM AND BROMLEY

MOTTINGHAM LIBRARY IN NOVEMBER

Bromley and Greenwich Councillors' Surgeries:

Bromley: 6.45-8.00pm on the first Tuesday of the month.

Greenwich: 7-8pm on the last Friday of the month.



Coffee Morning

Wednesday 13th November

10.30-12 noon

Join Chris on a special armchair walk around Southwark.



Armchair Walk

Friday 22nd November

6.15-7.30

'The Fair, the Flirtations, and the Fellowships'

Join Chris in the central area of Mayfair



NEW ELTHAM METHODIST CHURCH

INVITATION

435 Footscray Road, London SE9 3UL; 020 8850

2960; www.necp.org.uk;

necpneweltham@yahoo.co.uk;

Centenary Remembrance Concert

Sunday 10th November 2019 at 3.00pm

Conductor - Martin Cleave

PRAYER REQUESTS

There is a note book at the rear of the Church for your use if you or someone you know would like to be remembered in prayer by the Church whether anonymously or by name.

If it's easier to leave a note please do leave it in an envelope in the Church.

WE PRAY FOR

Dawn for her healing
Maureen and her partner, Roy and the family
James
Janet
Jean and the family
The Community Lunch
The Children's Saturday Club
Messy Church
Good companions and the Craft

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Please note: The deacon's normal day off is Tuesday

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