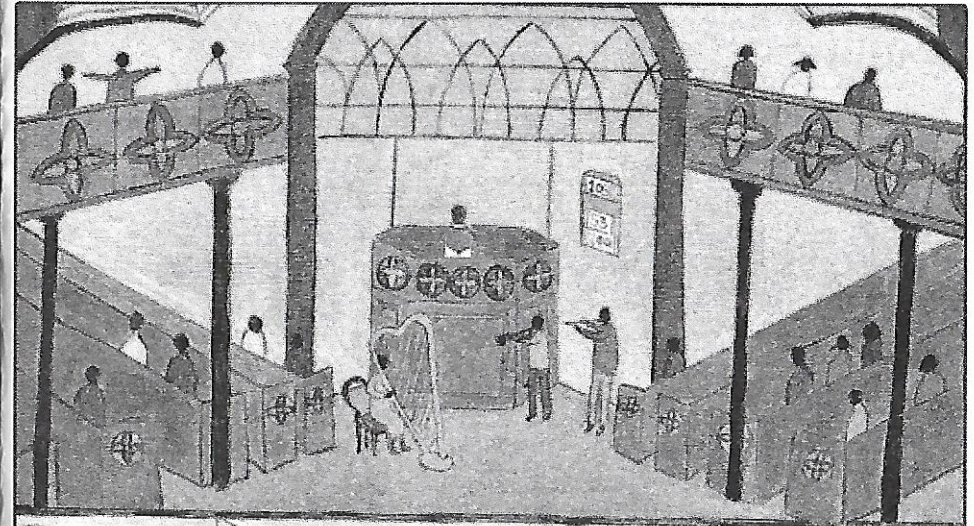


# HEATH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH



# NEWSLETTER

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## MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear all,

There's not much space for my letter in an edition full of Heath Street happenings past, present and future, and one that includes Joe Mulrooney's wonderful sermon preached on the solemn but joyful occasion of Marie Isaacs' funeral. Beginning with the down to earth, it's been good to get a little further toward taming the beast that is our building. September saw two car loads of taken to the tip, the increasingly theadbare carpet around the pulpit removed, and the beauty of the original wood laid bare by a bit of judicious planing and varnishing. We're still a long way from restoring the sanctuary to the condition it deserves, but every step in the right direction makes a change for the better.

Onto more serious matters, many will already know of the death of Marie Isaacs on the 9th of August. Marie died surrounded by the care and love of many friends, who were for her an expression of God's loving-kindness and unswerving faithfulness. It was a joy to baptise Wilf Merttens a few weeks later the first such service at the church in around 15 years, and one that will be long remember as particularly powerful and moving celebration. A few weeks later Wilf took a car-ful of harvest produce down to Calais for distribution at the Jungle, and spent a week at that camp where refugees and migrants await an uncertain future.

I'll end this brief letter with a translation I recently made of a text by Svend Rehling - you can hear it sung in the original language as the last track of Kloster's Ni Salmer og en Aften-sang.

NOW EBB THE DAY'S LAST MOMENTS SLOW AWAY,  
now through the glass the last few grains are dwindling;  
and every heart to God now bows to pray,  
and every thought fresh thanks, fresh joy, is kindling.

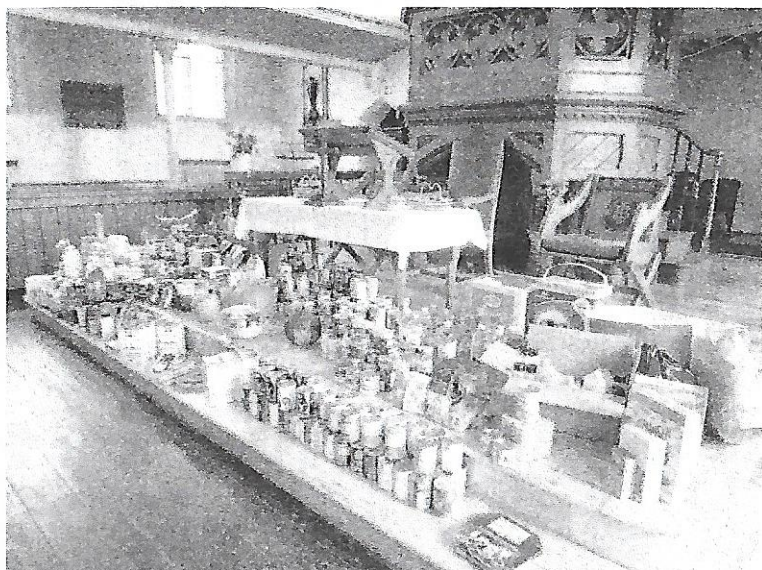
To all my sin, O Lord of truth and grace,  
to every willful way I now bear witness;  
but let all shame, all sorrow and remorse  
be lost deep in the heart of your forgiveness.

Now I can rest, with glad and tranquil heart,  
and know that evermore I shall be able,  
for never, never more we two shall part,  
and in your hands my sleep and dreams are cradled.

(Svend Rehling 1893-1957, trans. Ewan King 2016)

with love,  
Ewan





*Come and Sing*

**Faure**

**Requiem**

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2016 from 10am

Concert performance at 3pm

**Heath Street Baptist Church**

**Hampstead NW3 1DN**

Gabriel Faure's *Requiem* is among the best-loved works in the choral repertoire. Working alongside singers from Libra Chamber Choir and with organist Ian Shaw we will rehearse this masterpiece in detail before presenting a public performance. The concert will begin with LCC performing works by Henry Purcell and Pavel Chesnokov.

**Directed by Matthew Evan Smith**

Please book by October 28<sup>th</sup> as places are limited. Contact [matthewevansmith@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:matthewevansmith@hotmail.co.uk) or call 077990 991 330

The cost for the day is £10. Novello/Ratcliffe edition scores will be available to hire at £2 each. Please notify your requirement when booking.

# SECRETARY'S LETTER

I am sad to record the death of Marie Isaacs on 9 August. She had been a member of Heath Street since 1973 and Associate Minister, then Minister, for many years. On her retirement there was no question of Marie leaving the community she so often described as her family. Ewan, in his leading of her funeral, and Marie's friend Joe Mulrooney, in his sermon, reminded us of her role in the wider church and in teaching and writing but we remember "our" Marie for many different reasons, perhaps best summed up by former member Kelly Vivar (now a long-standing resident of Vancouver):

"Marie was a very important part of our life. I remember her hosting the carolling group, hosting Christmas dinners for the lonely, and giving us very good lessons through her sermons that we could ponder upon, and also for her warm and friendly smile and sense of humour. It was a privilege to have met and have been pastored by such a remarkable woman."

Kelly has herself recently suffered the loss of her 60 year old brother and is very much in our prayers.

I promised to report on our giving for Christian Aid Week. Heath Street contributed 215 pounds, a great deal of it being the retiring collection from Heath Street Choir's performance of Mendelssohn's Elijah.

Some dates past and present to note:

18 September: as part of the 11 am service, baptism of Wilf Merttens.

25 September: after the service: Church meeting.

2 October: our Harvest Service where we again collected food and other goods for refugees stuck in camps around Calais. After the service we had lunch together, a "pot luck" which was a lovely occasion with lots of nice things to eat.

The Contact Club, our Sunday evening gathering for lonely and vulnerable people in the community, has long been an alliance between ourselves and St Mary's RC Church but we have been helped in recent years by the congregation of St John at Hampstead.

They recently recruited a new volunteer for Sunday evenings and they also support the club by gathering, sorting and cleaning second hand clothes which can now be stored in our basement until needed. Such contributions are always welcome: if you have clothes or shoes in reasonable condition to dispose of (especially for men), please talk to Theresa Thom, [tthom@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tthom@hotmail.co.uk)

After 15 years as Vicar of St John, Rev'd Stephen Tucker formally retired in May and moved to his new home in Salisbury some weeks ago. We wish him well in his new life and welcome Rev'd Diana Young as Interim Priest.

I have saved the best news until last. Firstly, at the last

Church meeting Theresa Thom was appointed as a Deacon. Theresa was already doing a great deal of practical work to help keep the church well-run and well-organised and her skills are a hugely valuable addition to the diaconate. Also, for a trial period of a few months we have a new Children's Worker, Wilf Merttens, who has started by taking on the Sunday School (ask a participant about what it is like to be a member of that Club!) and has many more ideas about how we can develop our outreach to local children. John Baker still helps run Old Time Nursery and organises the Tuesday recitals. We also welcomed Onome Okunlola into Church membership in early July.

With love and best wishes,  
Gaynor

# P R A Y E R & C O N T E M P L A T I O N

October 16th - 22nd

Job 38:1-7, 34-41

16th For all who help at the Contact Club  
17th Paul Conrad  
18th David & Eleanor Neil  
19th Teni Okunlola  
20th Joachim King  
21st Nesa Thorne  
22nd John Baker

October 23rd - 29th

Job 42:1-6, 10-17

23rd Annie Fang  
24th Onome Okunlola  
25th Sharon Williams  
26th Frida King  
27th For all who sing in our Community Choir  
28th Robin Thorne  
29th Andrea MacEachan

October 30th - November 5th

Isaiah 25.1-9

30th For children who attend the Sunday Club  
31st Wilf Merttens  
1st Nomsa Ndebele  
2nd Theresa Thom  
3rd Diana Young (Priest-in-charge, St. John's Hampstead)  
4th Margaret Smith  
5th Feyi Okunlola

November 6th - 12th

Ruth 3.1-5; 4.13-17

6th Mysie Johnson  
7th Susan Le Quesne  
8th For all who perform at & attend the lunchtime recitals  
9th Edward Humphreys  
10th Beryl Dowsett  
11th Rebecca and Neil McLeod  
12th Gaynor Humphreys

November 13th - 19th

1 Samuel 1:4-20

13th Lana Okunlola  
14th Monsignor Phelim Rowland  
15th For children, parents & carers who attend Oldtime Nursery  
16th Lydia and Evelyn Baker  
17th Hildegard Williams  
18th Thaddeus King  
19th Judith Peak

November 20th - 26th

2 Samuel 23:1-7

20th For all who attend the Contact Club  
21st Heini King  
22nd Evan and Ethan McLeod  
23rd HM  
24th Tom and Susan Brandt  
25th John Walsh  
26th Eri Okunlola


**Sara Mitra  
with  
Ross Stanley**  
**08/12/2016**  
**Heath Street  
Baptist  
Church,  
Hampstead**

8pm-9pm, £10

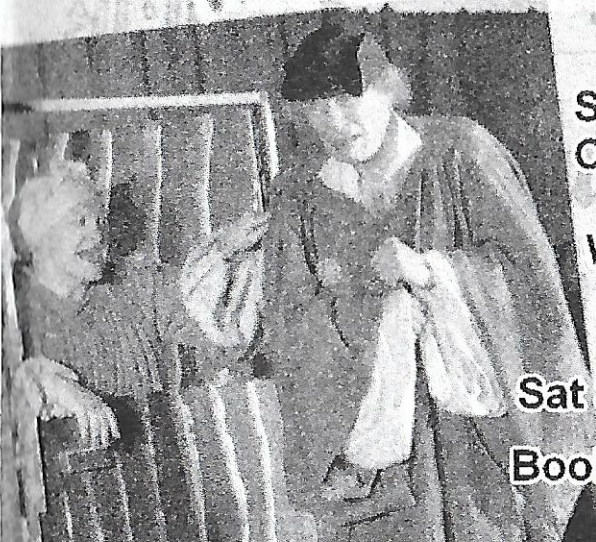
Voice and Organ duo recital,  
with proceeds going towards  
The Panzi Foundation

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**The Players of St Peter**  
Founded 1946



Scenes from  
**Medieval Mystery Plays**  
(The Wakefield Cycle)



**St Saviour Eton Road  
Chalk Farm NW3 4SQ**

**Weds 30 Nov 7.30pm  
Thurs 1 Dec 7.30pm  
Fri 2 Dec 7.30pm  
Sat 3 Dec 2.30pm & 6pm**

**Book online [posp.org.uk](http://posp.org.uk)**

# U P C O M I N G E V E N I N G S

O C T O B E R

Sun 30th 14:00-19:00 4th London Christian Harmony Singing

N O V E M B E R

Sat 5th All Day Come and Sing Faure Requiem - see poster

D E C E M B E R

Sat 3rd All Day Come and Sing Handel's Messiah - See Poster

Thurs 8th 20:00 Sara Mitra w/Ross Stanley - See Poster  
Sat 17th 19:00 Santiago Quartet play piazolla w/bandoneon  
player Julian Rowlands, fundraising for Mind

Sun 18th 17:00 Finnish Christmas carol service 'Kauneimmat  
joululaulut'

# W E E K L Y A C T I V I T I E S

Sundays 11-12:00 Divine Worship

20-22:00 Contact Club

Tuesdays 10-11:00 Old Time Nursery

13-14:00 Lunchtime Concert

2nd Tuesdays 19-21:00 Sacred Harp Hymn Singing

Wednesdays 14:30 Any Beny Russian Language Class

Thursdays 19:30-21:00 Heath Street Choir

Saturdays 11-13:00 Coffee Morning  
(alternate Saturdays - see opposite)



# COME AND SING HANDEL'S MESSIAH

with THE BACH PLAYERS led by Nicolette Moonen  
Soloists: Rachel Elliott | Emily Gray | Guy Elliot | James Newby

SATURDAY 3RD DECEMBER

11.30-3.30pm open rehearsal (w/hot lunch 1-2pm)

10 pounds to sing or 15 pounds with hot lunch

10 pounds to attend or 5 pounds concessions

(on income support/under 25s) | casual dress code

please book a place by emailing: [johnhenry@heathstreet.org](mailto:johnhenry@heathstreet.org)

BENEFIT FOR:

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[Panzifoundation.org](http://Panzifoundation.org)

## TUESDAY CONCERTS: DECEMBER

6th - Lunchtime tbc

+ 6pm: Rush Hour concert;

Rusen Gunes plays Max Reger's three viola suites  
on the 100th anniversary of the composer's death

13th - 1pm: BELLOT ENSEMBLE

Charles AVISON - Concerto Grosso in D:

J.S. BACH - Harpsichord Concerto No 5 in f:

CORELLI - Christmas Concerto | J.S. BACH - Brandenburg 5

A. VIVALDI - Vln Concerto No 1 "La Cetra"

Soloists: Edmund Taylor | Alexandra Kremakova

20th - 1pm: THE LITTLE HEART TANGO ORCHESTRA

Songs & Tango from the heart of Finland, Scandinavia and  
Europe feat. Kaisla Huhdanpää | Ewan King + guests

+ 6pm: Rush Hour concert;

Mayah Kadish solo violin

## TUESDAY CONCERTS: NOVEMBER

Sign up to the concert mailing list for regular updates.  
There is a Retiring Collection for musicians..suggested  
donation is 5 pounds. Children & school groups welcome.

1st - 1pm: OLWEN FOULKES & TABEA DEBUS  
joined by Camilla Morse-Glover on baroque cello  
and Benedict Williams on chamber organ. Works by  
C.P.E. Bach, J.S. Bach, Vivaldi, Hoffmeister, Handel  
& Purcell arranged for two recorders & continuo.

8th - 1pm: LUNCHTIME MONKTIME  
Featuring standards by Thelonius Monk  
and compositions inspired by his work.  
Directed by Zac Gvi with various contributors.

+ 6pm: Rush hour concert;  
Elin White - solo violin

15th - 1pm: ISTANCE ENSEMBLE;  
SCHUBERT OCTET

A rare chance to hear this masterpiece on in-  
struments of the period in which Schubert wrote  
his famous chamber piece.

+ 6pm: Rush hour concert;  
Stelios Kyriakidis - solo guitar

22nd - 1pm: ISTANCE ENSEMBLE;  
MOZART - oboe questet kv370  
Paul WRANITZKY - Sextet in d minor  
K. STAMIZ - quintet/horn, oboe, 2 viola & cello

29th - DON QUICHOTTE: in Song + Opera  
David Banbury (bass) & Geoffrey Whitworth (Piano)

+ Rush hour concert @ 6pm;  
Anern Trio - violin/viola/cello  
(Lisa Ueda, Ian Bryne Brito, Nigel Blomiley)

# HEATH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

## Church officers:

Gaynor Humphreys (Church Treasurer&Secretary)  
Theresa Thom (Deacon)  
Annie Fang (Deacon)

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For requests regarding church membership,  
Baptism or opportunities for Christian ministry in  
the church please contact the minister.

For questions regarding space use and room hire  
please contact the minister.

Copy for the December - January newsletter  
should reach Ewan King  
( ewan\_king@mac.com )

Not later than Wednesday 17th August



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