

HEATH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Dec 2017 - Jan 2018



THE CAROL GOES FROM DOOR TO DOOR

The carol goes from door to door,
A gift of God for rich & poor,
A song come down from his far throne,
A seed of light in darkness sown.

The carol brings, from door to door,
News of the lamb whom shepherds saw,
Held in a slumber still & deep,
Within a manger laid to sleep.

From God that night this song went
forth:
Both west & east, both south & north,
Until our cold & clouded shore
First heard the name our hearts adore.

The carol goes from door to door,
Like Joseph once, so long before,
Soft through the night it makes its way,
Seeking some place for Christ to stay.

So clear and high the song rings on
When those who sing are passed and gone:
So from this world we too must pass
When God shall call us home at last.

With love,
Ewan



THE FURNACE MOIST WITH DEW

WAS THE IMAGE AND THE FIGURE

OF A WONDER PAST NATURE;

FOR IT DID NOT BURN THOSE IT HAD RECEIVED;

EVEN AS THE FIRE OF THE GODHEAD

DID NOT CONSUME THE VIRGIN'S WOMB
INTO WHICH IT HAS DESCENDED.

THEREFORE IN PRAISE LET US SING:

LET ALL CREATION BLESS THE LORD,

AND HIGHLY EXALT HIM TO ALL THE AGES.



A good friend of our church and occasional attender of services has just started a monthly standing order to transfer a regular sum to support us. This is very kind, and most welcome, and reminds me that it is high time to suggest this to others!

Six of us do this at the moment (four of these are church friends rather than members and their concern for us is heart-warming). If you would like to join this number please ask me for a standing order form (or email me at gaynor@eandghumphreys.plus.com and I can email it to you).

We still need, and use well, every scrap of funding we receive from the congregation and visitors, and people who hire our space. If you are a regular giver (on any scale) and a UK taxpayer

and you would like a PIN to write on your offering envelope (just three digits instead of having to write in your name and details every time), do let me know. With basic rate tax at 20% every claim we can make under Gift Aid adds 25% to the value of your offering.

Christmas

This being the time of year that most of us receive more post than at any other time (since real Christmas cards don't seem to have gone out of fashion, on the whole) can I remind you that there is a box in the church vestibule for used postage stamps. We send them to the Baptist Union's Home Mission who make lots of money from selling stamps and coins. Just tear or cut them from envelopes, with a half inch margin, please. Odd foreign coins can be put to good use too.

With love and good wishes,
especially for Christmas
and the New Year,

Gaynor

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Dear friends,

I hope you all had a good Summer.

Our Church family continues to grow.

On 2nd September, we were delighted to welcome a new Church Member, Beauty Kunene. We also have several new regular members of the congregation, some of whom have accepted our invitation to attend the Church Meeting and learn more about our activities and volunteered their help.

On 3rd September, we commenced our month long harvest celebration with a well-attended (and supplied!) pot luck lunch after the service. Throughout September, Ewan's sermons adopted a harvest theme and we collected food and clothing for refugees. Celebrations culminated in a special harvest festival service on 1st October. We continue our involvement with refugee support.

At the end of September, together with Susan LeQuerne and our Childrens' Worker Wilf Merttens, I attended a special meeting of Churches Together in Hampstead, to discuss the group's sponsorship bid. That meeting was packed with representatives of churches in the area, including a number involved in the Parish Church's bid. Wilf and Ewan were both involved

in a joint launch event (Welcoming the Stranger) at Hampstead Parish Church on 13th October. The event was extremely moving, featuring individual refugee testimonies as well as music and speeches of support (including from our local M.P. and a representative of the Archbishop of Canterbury): it ended with a very welcome feast of falafels!

Our service on 5th November welcomed back Merit, one of the singers at Welcoming the Stranger, who enriched our worship with songs from the Syrian Liturgy, accompanied by a traditional instrument called a qanun.

Later that afternoon, as previously at this time of year, in recognition of All Souls, Ewan offered a contemplative service for the bereaved.

Some of you may have noticed (surely not!) that this year is the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (or at least of the 'posting' of Martin Luther's 95 Theses). I have a bit of an interest in this area and have attended a couple of events: a meeting of the Christian Study Group (at Hampstead Parish Church on 25 October)

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on Archbishop Cranmer and (with Edward Humphreys), the Annual Meeting and Lecture of the fearsomely entitled Protestant Dissenting Deputies.

Elsewhere in this newsletter I have provided an account of the lecture, which this year, was by The Revd. Dr John Bradbury, Minister of Emmanuel United Reformed Church and former Vice Principal of Westminster College Cambridge and entitled, Luther's revolution- then and now. The Deputies are really not at all fearsome. The body, which is comprised of ministers and elected lay people, was established in 1732 to fight for the removal of restrictions excluding Protestant non-conformists from many areas of public life. Representing churches across the country, the Deputies have a long history of achievement in support of free speech and civil rights and serve to keep alive their historic right of direct approach to the Monarch. The current Secretary of the Group is also the General Secretary of the Free Churches Group, a network of 24 national churches in the Non-Conformist, Evangelical and Pentecostal traditions, providing healthcare and prison chaplaincy services and education support. The late Godfray LeQuesne was for many years Chairman of the Deputies, presiding over the Annual Meeting and Lecture.

Finally, at the time of writing, we are looking forward to a rich program of events and services for Advent and Christmas. Full details are on the church website or you can contact me at t.thom@hotmail.co.uk for further information.

Have a lovely Christmas,

Theresa



HEATH STREET CHOIR ALL WELCOME

NOW RECRUITING



ALL AGES & ABILITIES WELCOME

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Rehearsals weekly
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**VOCAL/SIGHT READING
TRAINING PROVIDED**



December 10th – 16th

Isaiah 40.1-11

10th ‘Midnight strikes! no more delaying’

11th John Baker

12th Paul Conrad

13th Bezawit Geberebiaher

14th Heini King

15th Mysie Johnson

16th ‘Praise, O praise such love o’erflowing!’

December 17th – 23rd

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-11

17rd ‘tell the story / of his glory’

18th ‘till his praises / flood with light earth’s darkest places!’

19th Nathan Biadun

20th Margaret Biadun

21st Wilf Merittens

22nd Neil McLeod

23rd ‘the friend whom none shall trust in vain’

December 24th - 28th

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

24th Robin Thorne

25th (Christmas Day)

Isaiah 62.6-12

‘O how blest that wondrous birthday’

26th Theresa Thom

27th Josi Mbombo

28th Ethan McLeod

29th Edward Humphreys

30th Tom Somers

December 31st – January 4th

Isaiah 61.10 – 62.3

31st Annie Fang

(Jan) 1st ‘He is Alpha, from that Fountain

2nd All that is and has been flows’

3rd Susan Brandt

4th Anselm King

5th John Walsh

6th Joachim King

6th Gaynor Humphreys

7th Neil McLeod



January 7th – 13th

Genesis 1.1-5

7th 'He assumed this mortal body
8th Frail and feeble, doomed to die'
9th Lydia Baker
10th Nesa Thorne
11th Josh Somers
12th Euan McLeod
13th Sofia Clarkin

January 14th – 20th

1 Samuel 3.1-20

14th 'Boys and girls together singing
With pure heart their song of praise'
15th Beauty Kunene
16th Hildegard Williams
17th Thaddeus King
18th Stan Dorer
19th Frida King
20th 'Sea and forest, frost and zephyr, Day and night their Lord adore'

January 21st – 27th

Genesis 14.17-20

21st 'Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful,
22nd Let your joyous anthems ring'
23rd Susan Le Quesne
24th Nomsa Ndebele
25th Rebecca McLeod
26th 'This is he, whom seer and sibyl
27th Sang in ages long gone by'

January 28th – February 3rd

Deuteronomy 18.15-20

28th 'He is Omega, of all things
29th Yet to come the distant Close'
30th David Neil
31st Tom Brandt
(Feb) 1st Gaynor Humphreys
2nd HM
3rd Margaret Smith



February 4th – 10th

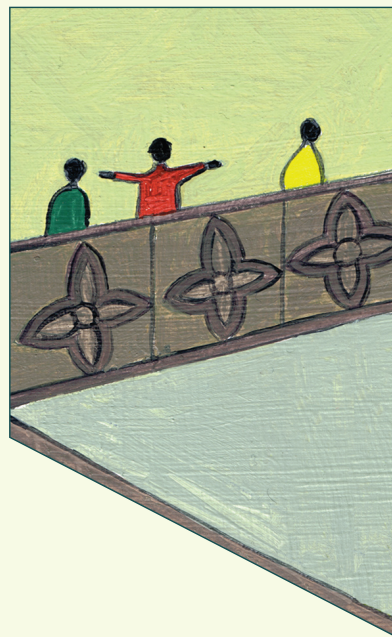
Isaiah 40.21-31

- 4th 'He is Omega, of all things
- 5th Yet to come the distant Close'
- 6th Andrea MacEachan
- 7th Michael Bloxham
- 8th Theresa Thom
- 9th Beryl Dowsett
- 10th Anselm King

Sunday 11th - Tuesday 13th February

Isaiah 43.18-25

- 11th Evelyn Baker
- 12th 'He is Omega, of all things
- 13th Yet to come the distant Close'





WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Full information about all our weekly activities is available on our church website

Sundays	11am-12 noon 7.30-9.30pm	Divine Worship (including Sunday Club for children Contact Club
Mondays	7pm	Swing Patrol (Swing dancing)
Tuesdays	10-11am 1-2pm	Oldtime Nursery Lunchtime recital
2nd Tuesdays	7-9pm	Sacred Harp hymn singing
Wednesdays	4.30 pm	Storymakers Club
Thursdays	10.30am 7.30-9pm	Oldtime Nursery Heath Street Choir
Saturday	Coffee Morning (alternate Saturdays – see website for details)	

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 next newsletter should reach Ewan King (ewan_king@mac.com) not later than Wednesday 31st January

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