



outlook

The newsletter of Highgate United Reformed Church
Pond Square Chapel, South Grove, Highgate, London N6 6BA

From a Trickle to a Torrent

In the week after Easter, Laura and I went north to do some walking in the Peak District and Lake District. One day we set off to walk up the Fells above Grasmere. On the way up we passed by a spectacular waterfall called Sour Milk Gill. Some way above it was a tarn, and beyond the tarn were the tops of the Fells. We got up as far as a rocky outcrop called 'High White Stones'.

As we descended we walked through some bog and at the edge of the bog some water began to trickle into small rivulets. These rivulets then joined with others to form small streams, and the small streams joined others to form larger streams, some of which ran into tarns that then fed spectacular waterfalls like Sour Milk Gill. Sour Milk Gill becomes a river that feeds into Grasmere.

It is not unusual for people of faith to question whether their prayers and actions have much effect. As we become aware of the enormous need in our world, so we can become overwhelmed. It would be easy, and understandable, if we thought, 'What difference can I make? I might as well just look after myself.' Indeed, this seems to be the attitude that some adopt.



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In direct contrast to this, the biblical writers present us with a radically different way of thinking about our place and purpose in the world. The author of the Letter to the Ephesians claims that God has made known to us his secret purpose, "...that the universe, everything in heaven and on earth, might be brought to a unity in Christ." (Ephesians 1:10)



God's purpose is to transform the world in perpetual conflict into a world where all things work together for his good purpose.

How does God do this? The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the central event through which God transforms lies, violence and death into truth, peace and new life.

For this transformative power to have its effect on us we must first repent of our false, violent and deadly ways. As we do this, God brings us to realise "...how vast are the resources of his power open to us who have faith." (Ephesians 1:19)

In his wisdom, God uses the tiny rivulets of our prayers and actions to combine and feed into his good purposes. The action of one person has little effect; the actions of a large community can have a marked and long-lasting effect. When persons act in community, their combined actions – casting their votes; switching-off unused electrical appliances; offering hospitality; protesting against injustice; working for reconciliation – can have disproportionately large effects.

The Church is Christ's community that takes combined action to love its neighbours. The prayers and actions we offer in community are the trickles that combine to become a mighty torrent. In so doing, the Church becomes "...the fullness of him who is filling the universe in all its parts." (Ephesians 1:23)

Julian Templeton



Visiting Ministers

There will be a HASM exchange of preachers on 9th May when we shall welcome Rev Kate Hackett from Muswell Hill, while Julian will be at Hampstead Garden Suburb. Rev Barry Jones will be paying his second visit to Pond Square Chapel to preach on 16th May. However, he knows Highgate well from paying pastoral visits to Bridget Harrison's mother, Mrs Figgis, in her last years. Rev David Jenkins, former TLS National Coordinator, will lead on 20th June. The Rev Dr Alan Argent, Minister of Brixton Congregational Church, will lead on 2nd July.

John Thompson

Homelessness

Over the past year I have devoted a little time to reading articles contributed to Church and outreach magazines either by homeless people, volunteers or full-time professional Christian Social Workers. Recently, having written her own account of experiences at the Winter Shelter, Andrea Protheroe gave a good description of how clients (the homeless) and volunteers can obtain great solace and fellowship from spending time together.

I do not propose to add much to the details Andrea gave (she was very thorough) since things continued to go well in the inaugural Haringey Churches' Winter Shelters and finished almost 'according to plan' and many of the guests now have secure accommodation. What I would like is to give you a clear indication as to how a Winter Shelter could work at the Pond Square Chapel, Highgate, six months from now, should we decide to host one.

First, I want to tell you of my own brief experience of being homeless, and to delve into the very nature of homelessness itself. Homelessness is something existential: that is to say, you realise that your body is your only house; your mind your only home. Try, as I did, to draw upon the inspiration of *Down and out in Paris and London* by George Orwell, eighteen months ago I was traipsing the streets of Westminster left with myself first and foremost. To say that one experiences trauma is to say the very very least.

So I 'shared' my feelings with the guests; they loved it. They, in kind, welcomed the opportunity to really talk about how it feels to be disenfranchised from a consumer society. We laughed a lot; we put the world to rights. I never—I stress this—wanted to say things like, 'So, what are your plans? Where do you want to go from here?' Or, worse still, 'Have you heard about Jesus?' Don't get me wrong! Other volunteers vocalised all of the above and more. It is just that I do not feel like the type of Christian qualified to give advice and direction.

But let me say just this in relation to the URC Highgate. Some of you know that I like to put myself about, visiting other churches. Every time I enter one I ask myself one question, 'Could this be a winter shelter?' In a recent coffee meeting with Roger Orme, he asked me if I thought the Hall of Pond Square Chapel could be a possible venue. My answer was 'yes!' Our kitchen is a little small, but the sleeping area is not too big to heat and by no means too small. There are enough of us able to cook, do some lifting and carrying, overcome language barriers (we have German, French, Italian, Hungarian, Russian speakers; others?) and point our guests in the direction of college courses and study groups. More importantly, should we find that we could not muster the required number of volunteers from within our congregation to staff our allocated one night per week during the winter, there is a pool of volunteers from other churches from which there would almost certainly be some willing to help us.

North London is now my home. If you have any questions or comments about any of this, please contact me.

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(Please note: the possibility of offering our Hall as a Winter Shelter will be an agenda item at the forthcoming Church Meeting on the 27th of June)

Lord Wharton's Charity

Did you receive a Wharton Bible when you were young? I remember envying boys at school who had done so, though it was never clear how they had got them. Now I find myself one of the Charity's Trustees so I know.

Philip, the fourth Lord Wharton (1613-1696) was a north country Puritan who supported Parliament in the Civil War, but welcomed King Charles II at the Restoration.

He was made a Privy Councillor by King William III, whose Toleration Act (1689) legalised Dissenters' right to worship. Lord Wharton's estates included a good deal of Westmorland and Swaledale and part of his income came from lead mining in the dale.

One of his good works was to build the original chapel at Smarden, a bleak former lead mining spot in Swaledale, for the Dissenting congregation whose successors worship nearby at Low Row URC. (They celebrated the 350th anniversary of the Smarden chapel last year, to put our own celebrations into perspective.)



Van Dyke painting of Lord Wharton

In 1692, six years before his death, Lord Wharton began distributing Bibles to children and in his will he left 463 acres of land to fund the continuation of this work. - he drew up a deed of bequest conveying land at Synithwaite near York to certain trustees who were to use the income to purchase Bibles for children who were required to learn by heart certain psalms (numbers 1, 15, 25, 37, 101, 113, 145). The Bibles were to be bound with calfleather, to be fastened with a strong brass clasp, to be bound up with the "singing psalms" (the metrical version) and to contain a note stating that this was by the will of Lord Wharton. So the trust was established and from the first about a thousand Bibles were distributed, the precise numbers for particular towns throughout the four counties being specified in the trust.

This work the Charity continues, and Anglicans as well as Nonconformists benefit.

At present, however, because of the recession, distributions are on hold. When the scheme resumes, probably next year, I hope Pond Square Chapel will consider applying.

A feature of the scheme is that distributions are not general. As in Lord Wharton's time, Bibles are given to named individuals, and a nameplate is provided with each Bible.

John Thompson



Harington Scheme

Spring Sale & Open Day, 8 May 10 – 2pm

This popular event is a great opportunity to stock up on bedding plants and support this important local charity. **About the Scheme** The Harington Scheme is an unique learning programme for people, mainly young, with learning disabilities and/or difficulties to help them into employment, further education or a more rewarding life through appropriate learning opportunities.

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WEDNESDAY EVENING HOME GROUP

7.45 – 9.50pm

During the next two months, with one exception, we shall be reflecting on the Lectionary readings. On 16th June, we shall be discussing the play "Love the Sinner" following our visit to the National Theatre the previous evening. All the meetings will be held at 14, Southwood Park, Southwood Lawn Road, N6 5SG except those marked with an asterisk when we shall meet at 1, Brookfield Park, Dartmouth Park, NW5 1ES.

5th May: 12th May: 19th. May: *26th May: *2nd June: *9th June: 6th: June: 23rd June.

Meetings are friendly and informal. We begin with a hymn, followed by a discussion of the the lectionary Bible readings for the coming Sunday (see below), concluding with prayers for the needs of people in the community and elsewhere. Light refreshments are provided at the beginning and end of the evening. We should be delighted if you would like to join us.

Lifts, door-to-door, can be arranged - just call. **Roger Orme** 020 8458 2144 or 07966956160

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Revised Common Lectionary

- 9 May** Revelation 21:10, 22 – 22:1-5; John 14:23-29 or 5:1-9; Acts 16:9-15; Psalm 67
- 16 May** Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21; John 17:20-26; Acts 16:16-34; Psalm 97
- 23 May** (Pentecost) John 14:8-17 (25-27); Genesis 11:1-9; Acts 21:1-21 or Romans 8:14-17
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 30 May** (Trinity) John 16:12-15; Proverbs 8:1-14, 22-31; Romans 5:1-5; Psalm 8
- 6 June** 1 Kings 17:8-16 (17-24); Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 7:11-17; Psalm 146
- 13 June** 1 Kings 21:1b-10 (11-14) 15-21a; Galatians 2:15-21; Luke 7:36 – 8:3; Psalm 5:1-8
- 20 June** 1 Kings 19:1-4 (5-7) 8-15a; Galatians 3:23-29; Luke 8:26-39; Psalms 42 & 43
- 27 June** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14; Galatians 5:1, 13-25; Luke 9:51-62; Psalm 77:1-2, 11-20
- 4 July** 2 Kings 5:1-14; Galatians 6:(1-6) 7-16; Luke 10:1-11, 16-20; Psalm 30



Theology Group May to July 2010

Monday Evenings, 7:45 for 8:00 PM start

Venues: see below

The Letter of Paul to the Romans

10th May	Romans 1	17 Southwood Lawn Road, Highgate, N6 5SD
24th May	Romans 2	17 Southwood Lawn Road, Highgate, N6 5SD
7th June	Romans 3	17 Southwood Lawn Road, Highgate, N6 5SD
21st June	Romans 4	42 Onslow Gardens, Muswell Hill, N10 3JX
5th July	Romans 5	42 Onslow Gardens, Muswell Hill, N10 3JX
19th July	Romans 6	42 Onslow Gardens, Muswell Hill, N10 3JX

The Theology Group has decided to go back to one of the most formative sources of Christian theology, Paul's Letter to the Church at Rome. The reading of this Letter proved to be pivotal for some of the Church's most influential figures. Saint Augustine, upon hearing a voice say 'Pick up and read,' read Romans 13:13-14 and at once felt 'as if a light of relief from all anxiety flooded into my heart. All the shadows of doubt were dispelled.' Martin Luther, despite his best efforts, felt condemned by God until he came to read Romans 1:17 'the just shall live by faith' in a new light, and understood that 'the justice of God is that righteousness by which through grace and sheer mercy God justifies us through faith'. Karl Barth's Commentary on Paul's Epistle to the Romans (2nd Edition, 1922) is said to have fallen 'like a bombshell on the playground of the theologians'. In the aftermath of the slaughter of the Great War, Barth comments on Romans 1:4 that Jesus Christ of whom Paul writes is 'the End of History, comprehended only as Paradox, he who intersects the plane of history vertically from above'. We hope that in our re-reading and discussion we too will feel the reverberations of Paul's vital communication of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the Romans. We welcome new members to join us at any of our meetings.

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Companion Trios

Companion Trios are encouraged to use the Booklet on prayer produced by the URC Vision4Life programme in their meetings. There are some of these booklets available on the table in the Lounge if you don't already have one.



Saturday
12 June
12.30-5.30pm.

Highgate's biggest street party – a fun day out for all ages!

Highgate URC is promised two proper stalls with canopies right in South Grove this year, so we have a great opportunity to raise money for charity. We will be holding our **Cake and Food stall for Christian Aid**. The coordinator will be **Iveta Olejkova** (Tel. 020 8348 0561; email micronell@msn.com) who will be pleased to receive your offers of cakes, bakes and savoury food. Last year there was lots of customers looking for savoury stuff to eat for lunch, so maybe we could have more donations of this nature.



We will have our Chapel open and will be **servicing teas and biscuits**. Jean Duncan will be on holiday this year so we need a new coordinator to run this vital service. We have a huge number of visitors who look forward to our refreshments, but it is hard work unless a number of people get involved, then it becomes an interesting opportunity to meet a cross-section of folk that come in to visit our church.

Cheryl, Anke and Laura will again be doing Face Painting, which has proved very popular in previous years. This time though they will have a proper stall which will be shared by Amy, with some of her home-made goods. There will also be a **Bookstall** in the garden run by **Mark and Jennifer Thompson** (020 8525 9413 email: jenngoodman@btinternet.com), so please look out all those paperbacks you no longer have room for.

This is an great opportunity to showcase our church to the community.

This is how you can help

Sign up to serve teas (1 hour slots)

Make food to sell on Christian Aid stall – sweet and savoury

Make biscuits for teas and coffees served in the lounge

Donate books (bring to chapel or collection can arranged)

Be available to hand out leaflets about the church to interested visitors.

Diary Dates

Abbreviations:

HASM Highgate Area of Shared Ministry

PSC Pond Square Chapel

CTH Churches Together in Highgate

StMPR St Michael's Parish Rooms, South Grove, N6

FURY Fellowship of United Reformed Youth

TLS LITE Training for Learning and Serving: Local Introductory Training Experience

May

Wednesday 5	7:45 pm	Home Group, 3 Southwood Park, N6 5SG
Friday 7	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Sunday 9	10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion led by the Rev'd Kate Hackett (HASM Exchange Service)
Monday 10	8:00 pm	CTH Theology Group, 17 Southwood Lawn Road, N6 5SD
Wednesday 12	7:45 pm	Home Group, 3 Southwood Park, N6 5SG
Thursday 13	9:45 am	TLS LITE Study Group, 42 Onslow Gardens, N10 3JX
	7:30 am	Management Committee
Friday 14	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Saturday 15	7:00 pm	Ceilidh in aid of Christian Aid
Sunday 16	10:30 am	1st after Ascension Worship led by the Rev'd Barry Jones
	3:00 pm	Centenary Worship at Free Church, Central Square, NW11 7AG. Preacher: the Rev'd Dr David Cornick
Monday 17	2 – 4 pm	Open Door Gathering
Wednesday 19	7:45 pm	Home Group, 3 Southwood Park, N6 5SG
	8:00 pm	HASM Discussion Group, Quaker Meeting House, 17 North Square, NW11 7AG
Friday 21	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
	1:30 pm	Elders Meeting, 42 Onslow Gardens, N10 3JX
Sunday 23	11:00 am	Pentecost Combined Worship at PSC with St Michael's led by the Rev'd Julian Templeton
	6:30 pm	FURY
Monday 24	8:00 pm	CTH Theology Group, 17 Southwood Lawn Road, N6 5SD
Wednesday 26	7:45 pm	Home Group, 1 Brookfield Park, NW5 1ES
Thursday 27	9:45 am	TLS LITE Study Group, 42 Onslow Gardens, N10 3JX
Friday 28	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Sunday 30	10:30 am	Trinity All Age Worship led by the Rev'd Julian Templeton

June

Wednesday 2	7:45 pm	Home Group, 1 Brookfield Park, NW5 1ES
Friday 4	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Sunday 6	10:30 am	Worship led by the Rev'd Roger Orme
Monday 7	2 – 4 pm	Open Door Gathering
	8:00 pm	CTH Theology Group, 17 Southwood Lawn Road, N6 5SD
Tuesday 8	2:30 pm	St Michael's Fellowship, Jonathan Trigg on Hebrews, StMPR
Wednesday 9	7:45 pm	Home Group, 1 Brookfield Park, NW5 1ES
	8:00 pm	HASM Discussion Group, John Betjeman, 46 Creighton Avenue
Thursday 10	9:45 am	TLS LITE Study Group, 42 Onslow Gardens, N10 3JX
	7:30 pm	Management Committee
Friday 11	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Saturday 12	12:30 – 5:30	Fair in the Square, Pond Square N6
Sunday 13	10:30 am	Worship with Holy Communion led by Rev'd Julian Templeton
Tuesday 15	2:30 pm	St Michael's Fellowship, Jonathan Trigg on Hebrews, StMPR
	7:30 pm	Home Group going to 'Love the Sinner' at the Cottesloe, National Theatre
Wednesday 16	7:45 pm	Home Group, 3 Southwood Park, N6 5SG
Friday 18	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Sunday 20	10:30 am	Worship led by the Rev'd David Jenkins
Monday 21	2 – 4 pm	Open Door Gathering
	8:00 pm	CTH Theology Group, 42 Onslow Gardens, N10 3JX
	8:00 pm	HASM Liaison Group, PSC
Tuesday 22	2:30 pm	St Michael's Fellowship, Jonathan Trigg on Hebrews, StMPR
Wednesday 23	7:45 pm	Home Group, 3 Southwood Park, N6 5SG
Friday 25	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Sunday 27	10:30 am	Worship led by the Rev'd Julian Templeton, followed by Church Meeting
Tuesday 29	8:00 pm	CTH AGM preceded by talk on 'Climate Change' by Jonathan Boswell, StMPR
Wednesday 30	7:45 pm	Home Group, 3 Southwood Park, N6 5SG

July

Friday 2	12:30 – 1 pm	Christian Meditation
Sunday 4	10:30 am	Worship led by the Rev'd Dr Alan Argent

HASM Discussion Group

19 May 2010 Visit to Quaker Meeting House

Leader: Jenny Stonhold (020 8458 5606) **Venue:** 17 North Square, NW17 8AG

An Elder of the Society of Friends will show us around and talk about Quaker beliefs and worship. Please make your own way to the Meeting House to arrive by 8pm. (102 bus to Market Place and H2 bus to North Square).

9 June 2010 John Betjeman

Leader: John Aston (8340 8258) **Venue:** 46 Creighton Avenue, N10 1NU (8883 4470)

John Betjeman may not have been our greatest poet laureate, but he was certainly the most popular one. His volumes of poetry sold, literally, by the million. In an age of complexity, his straightforward, undemanding verses struck an immediate chord with the reading public.

But there is another side to Betjeman. He had a fear of death and even illness repelled him. Loss and loneliness are among the profounder themes of his poetry.

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ORGAN RECITALS

Sunday 9th May at 7pm

Robert Manning will give an organ recital, of approximately one hour, at All Saints Friern Barnet, in Whetstone at 122 Oakleigh Road North, N20. The programme will consist of music by Bach, Purcell, Franck and four living British composers: Francis Jackson, Peter Anthony Monk, Brian Collins and Alan Gibbs. Peter, Brian and Alan are all well known now at Highgate URC.

Robert will play the two organ solos from the 'Pond Square Cantata' which Peter wrote for our 150th anniversary concert. Admission on the door is £5. The church has a splendid tracker-action organ; Paul Dean, the Director of Music at St Michael's, was organist there for a time.

Wednesday 30th June at 1.10pm

Robert and Dr Tom Corfield of Derby Cathedral, who participated in the aforementioned 150th anniversary concert, will give a lunchtime organ duo recital lasting a little over half an hour at Crown Court Church of Scotland, Russell Street, Covent Garden, WC2. The varied programme will include movements by Peter Monk and Alan Gibbs, and an arrangement of 'Handel in the Strand'.

The concert will celebrate the 90th-birthday year of the Revd Dr Denis Duncan, a distinguished Church of Scotland Minister who has had a special lifelong interest in the Healing Ministry. He has preached from time to time at Highgate URC. The church has some beautiful stained glass windows, as well as an impressive three-manual organ. No charge will be made for admission, but a retiring collection will be taken.

Robert Manning



HAYWOOD TRIO CONCERT

The Haywood Trio gave a moving performance in Pond Square Chapel on Saturday 10th April. It was a calm summer evening after a warm sunny day and the peace and cool of the church were welcoming. Julian introduced the Trio: Roberta Rominger (cello), who had studied music in California and played with the Berkeley Symphony Orchestra under Kent Nagano, Katharine Bamber (violin), head of music at Henrietta Barnet and leader of the

Covent Garden Chamber Orchestra, and David Trafford (piano), who had studied at the Royal College of Music and the Eastman School, Rochester, New York. We knew them all under their URC guises, of course, but this was a different occasion.

Roberta introduced the first piece as the happiest piece of music she knew – Camille Saint-Saens's Trio, opus 18 – and her enjoyment playing it was obvious. We quickly realised we were in the hands of very gifted players. David then introduced just the second movement of Charles-Marie Widor's Trio, opus 19. We gathered this was his colleagues' concession as they did not think well of the rest of the Trio. It proved a jolly, light passage to our interval wine. Afterwards, Kathy introduced Anton Dvorak's Trio, opus 65. For me at least this was familiar ground, the violin leading us to sounds which, thanks to this composer, we now associate with the soul of Bohemia. All in all, the music the Trio chose and their enjoyment in playing it made this a wonderful experience.

The Haywood Trio play only for charity. Our's was Christian Aid and £325 was raised.

John Thompson

The Festivals of Pentecost and Trinity

Pentecost 23 May. Please note that we will be starting this service at 11:00 am, because we are welcoming the late-morning St Michael's congregation, choir and clergy to worship with us as we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We will also be having special celebratory refreshments downstairs in the Hall after worship, including cake!

Trinity 30 May. Starting at our usual time of 10:30 am, this will be an all age service in which we will explore the distinctive mystery at the heart of the Christian Faith: the nature of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Prayer Calendar Pray and give thanks for...

May

The new UK Government, new MP's and new local Councillors; that they will be responsive to the needs of their constituents and wise in the decisions they make.

The refreshing wind of the Holy Spirit to invigorate our worship, our ministry to adults and young people and children, and our mission to the wider community.

Those in our fellowship unable to worship with us presently— Walford Harrison, Jim Ingram, Sylvia Hurst, Tricia Williams, Jean Lee-Woolf—they are not forgotten by God nor by us.

The TLS LITE Group, that the participants from 3 HASM congregations will be challenged and strengthened as they study and discuss the nature of God.

June

The Open Door Gathering; that it will reach out with God's love to more people who are house-bound or who have few opportunities to socialise.

Christian Meditation; that it will continue to draw in a wide variety of people who seek corporate stillness in a Christian setting.

The Home Group; that it will build up faith and strengthen relationships.

That we as individuals, and the governments of nations, would take action before it's too late to reduce greenhouse gases and ameliorate some of the effects of climate change.

Have you heard of BibleLands?

BibleLands is a Christian agency that supports and resources Christians in the lands of the Bible as they serve the needs of poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged people, through education, health care and community development.

BibleLands works in partnership with local Christians to respond strategically and effectively to the changing needs of the region and its people, regardless of their faith or nationality.

By sending them your **used stamps** you could help them raise money to support the education of visually impaired children at the Helen Keller Centre in Jerusalem.

Their dedicated team of Stamp Fellowship volunteers raise between £2,000 and £4,000 annually for the Helen Keller Centre by selling stamps and postcards to dealers and collectors. Why not encourage your friends, school or community group to start saving stamps for BibleLands?

For more information about the Stamp Fellowship please see our website,

www.biblelands.org.uk/get_involved/giving.htm and follow the link

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Church in a Rock

On Easter Sunday Lillian and I set out for the Wild West – Phoenix, Arizona. We stayed with friends whose children had all gone to St Michael's. With their American-born mother they have now relocated to Phoenix, where school uniform is shorts and a t-shirt and summer-time temperatures are regularly over 100 degrees Fahrenheit.



Two hours' drive from Phoenix is Sedona, a small town set in dramatic desert country with towering red rock cliffs. It has been a sacred place for thousands of years to the Native Americans and these days has more than its fair share of "new age" followers. The dramatic red rock scenery and evergreen vegetation are two reasons for the appeal of Sedona and its regenerative and inspirational effects. "Vortex" sites in the area are considered to be enhanced energy locations that facilitate prayer, meditation, mind/body healing, and exploring the relationship with your soul and the divine.

Traditional religion also has its place with the small but beautiful Chapel of the Holy Cross, built on a spur of rock about 250 feet up. The chapel comes under the Diocese of Phoenix and St John Vianney

parish, but they describe themselves as "caretakers" who wish to be united with all in faith and welcome all who wish to pray and be reconnected with their Creator.

The Chapel of the Holy Cross was designed by Marguerite Brunswig Staude, a student with Frank Lloyd Wright. The chapel was completed in 1956 and is a fine example of modern architecture, focusing all attention on the main window and cross behind the altar and from there to the wonderful views of the majestic rocks. The interior itself is small and simply decorated. Outside around the chapel are some small, pretty gardens.

Should you ever be in the area I would recommend a visit!

Patricia Judd

Pathway AGM

Tuesday 18th May at 7.45 pm (for 8pm start)

Venue: Trinity URC, 15 Nether Street, Finchley N12 7NN

For those who don't know the work of Pathway here are some extracts from the latest newsletter:

When Pathway began in the early 90s it had a principle aim of making the Bible accessible to children, believing that they all deserved that chance to hear about Jesus and make informed decisions about the Christian faith.

School based clubs provide a fantastic opportunity to do this as every week we have more than 100 children learning from the Bible on a regular basis. In our work with young people we often meet children who feel that they have already messed up so many times that no one will ever forgive them. What a privilege to be able to tell them about God's forgiveness and acceptance.

Why link to local churches?

Pathway seeks to give the opportunity for people from local churches to get involved within their local schools. Building these links is an excellent way for churches to be more involved within their community, something which schools are currently being encouraged to do.

Pathway clubs: At present Pathway runs 7 clubs (3 at lunchtime, 4 after school)

Tuesday: Edgware Big Crunch **Wednesday:** St Paul's Big Crunch

Thursday: Deansbrook Big Lunch, St Aidan's Big Lunch, Coldfall Big Crunch, St Michael at Bowes Big Crunch **Friday:** Highfield Big Lunch

Pathway's newest club held after school at St Michael at Bowes School, Bowes Park (between Palmers Green and Wood Green) opened on 5th November 2009.

"We wrote to the parents announcing the start of the club, asking them to complete the form if they wanted their children to come," writes Pathway Associate, Niki Evans. "I phoned the school the week before the club was due to start – expecting to be told that 6 or 8 children had signed up. I nearly fell off my chair when I was told 35 children wanted to come!" The club was so popular that it began with a waiting list!

Regular activities at the club include games, craft, singing, Bible stories, and a chance to look at the Bible more and ask questions for those who want it. There is also the 'Leo' challenge (love each other as you love yourself). Those behaving in a loving way towards others win a Kinder egg.

If you would like help with the Pathway clubs please contact Pathway the address is Trinity Church Centre, 15 Nether Street, London N12 7NN

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Question : What is greater than God? More evil than Satan? Rich people need it, poor people have it, and if you eat it you will die.

Answer : Nothing



Lead Kindly Light

The lamp post which reappeared when the holly bushes were taken away during the garden renovations last year is to have this wonderful lantern installed on top. Originally a gas lamp, it will house a modern light fitting that will illuminate both the garden and passage to the hall. We thank John Wheeler and Camden Council for this fantastic find, which is in keeping with the age of the church and is similar to others in and around Pond Square.

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Free Church Hampstead Garden Suburb Centenary Celebrations

The Free Church, Central Square, Hampstead Garden Suburb, NW11, was founded in 1910. The building—one of the most impressive Free Church buildings in North London, with a basilica dome—was design by Edwin Lutyens. The congregation has been holding a succession of centenary events this year. There are two events we hope to share in:

Anniversary Service of Celebration and Thanksgiving Sunday 16th May, 2010, at 3pm

Neighbouring churches are invited to mark the Centenary of Hampstead Garden Suburb Free Church in an act of worship. The Preacher on this occasion will be Revd Dr David Cornick, General Secretary, Churches Together in England (former General Secretary, United Reformed Church). Julian will be attending this service and will willingly provide transport for up to 3 people.

Flower Festival Friday July 9th and Sunday July 11th 2010

The theme for the festival will be 'A Celebration in Flowers'. As a Church, we have accepted the Free Church's donation of £30 towards the cost of our display. Do we have any budding flower arrangers? Please contact Laura Templeton, 020 8444 5076, if you wish to contribute to this.



Outing 16 May Waddesdon Manor

There as still some coach seats available to non-HHS members. Please contact Pam Furse if you are interested.



Pond Square Chapel, South Grove London N6 6BA

You are invited to join us at
this fund-raising event for

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Saturday
15 May 2010
7 pm

Live Band
"Garlickhythe Occasionals"
Dancing and Hot Supper included



Admission: adults £12.50 concessions £6 by ticket only bought in advance

Contact: John Wheeler, Highgate United Reformed Church
Tel: 020 8341 5463 Email: admin@highgateurc.co.uk

Not only great fun, but raising money for Christian Aid too!

Could all those who are able please sign up in the lounge to **provide a pudding** or contact Patricia, Cheryl or Laura as they are organising and cooking the meal. Please invite as many friends and family as you can – age or ability is no barrier – watching the dancing and listening to the music is fun too.

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