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Suk In Lee in Scotland

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Church Diary

August 2008

Sun	24 Aug	10.00	Traditional Worship
		11.30	Interactive Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship
Mon	25 Aug	10:20	Bank Holiday Walk
Wed	27 Aug	10:00	Stay & Play
		13.10	Lunchtime service
Thurs	28 Aug	10:00	Children's Activity Day
Fri	29 Aug	22.00	All night prayers + Street Pastors
			24 hour prayers – linking with Premier Radio listeners praying for London
Sat	30 Aug	14:30	Summer tea dance (£5 inc tea)
		22.00	Street Pastors
Sun	31 Aug	10.00	Traditional Worship
		11.30	Interactive Worship with Communion
		18.30	Reflective Worship

September 2008

Wed	3 Sep	10.45	Men's Forum
		13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.15	Women's Fellowship
Fri	5 Sep	14:00	Not Strictly Dancing – Beginners
		15:30	Not Strictly Dancing – Improvers
		22.00	All night prayers + Street Pastors
Sat	6 Sep	22.00	Street Pastors
Sun	7 Sep	10.00	Traditional Worship with Communion
		11.30	Interactive Worship
		18.30	Reflective Worship
		20.00	Holy Space
Tues	9 Sep	15.00	The Room
Wed	10 Sep	10.45	Men's Forum
		13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.15	Women's Fellowship
Thurs	11 Sep	15.00	The Room
Fri	12 Sep	14:00	Not Strictly Dancing – Beginners
		15:30	Not Strictly Dancing – Improvers
		17:30	Brigades start new term
		22.00	All night prayers + Street Pastors

Sat	13 Sep		Surrey Churches bike ride
Sat	13 Sep		Induction of David McLeod at Union Street Baptist Church
		22.00	Street Pastors
Sun	14 Sep	11.00	Combined Service
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		12.00	Church Meeting
		18.30	LEP Confirmation service
Tues	16 Sep	15.00	The Room
Wed	17 Sep	13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.15	Women's Fellowship
Thurs	18 Sep	15.00	The Room
Fri	19 Sep	14:00	Not Strictly Dancing – Beginners
		15:30	Not Strictly Dancing – Improvers
		22.00	All night prayers + Street Pastors
Sat	20 Sep	morning	Kids Stay & Play
		22.00	Street Pastors
Sun	21 Sep	10.00	Traditional Worship
		11.30	Interactive Worship
		15.15	Pastoral Training afternoon
		18.30	Reflective Worship with Communion
Mon	22 Sep	20.00	Clusters Prayers at New Malden URC
Tues	23 Sep	15.00	The Room
		20.00	Prayers for Peace in Israel/Palestine
Wed	24 Sep	13.10	Lunchtime service
		14.15	Women's Fellowship
Thurs	25 Sep	15.00	The Room
Fri	26 Sep	14:00	Not Strictly Dancing – Beginners
		15:30	Not Strictly Dancing – Improvers
		22.00	All night prayers + Street Pastors
Sat	27 Sep	14.00	Rev Roy Lowes induction as Moderator of West Midlands Synod at Sutton Coldfield
		22.00	Street Pastors
Sun	28 Sep	10:00	Traditional Worship
		11.30	Interactive Worship with Communion
		18.30	Reflective Worship

From the Minister

Dear All,

Our job as a Church is to serve. We are motivated by Jesus and our life together is shaped by Him. His love for each of us means that we are to love others and to try to find ways to help. We are not people who are all the same and we are not people who have to be a certain type of person to be acceptable. We welcome people to join us and even those who disagree with what we believe are worthy of respect and care because that is Jesus' way. Someone may be wrong in what they say about God but that does not stop them from being God's precious child.

This is what motivates us in much of the work we do, for example, in the coffee service where we serve people a cup of coffee and a conversation, and the various groups and activities we run. Many of them have few members of the Church in them. We want to extend this work with another piece of care: we want to put in a shower upstairs. This is for those who are street homeless and have nowhere to wash. We mostly have places we can wash but this is part of our caring for others. It is the thinking outwards and loving others that is following the One who loves us.

For some people it is easy to be a Christian. It is easy to be a wholesome member of society. For others it requires that they get more of a helping hand. This is part of that reaching out in care.

***Best wishes,
Lesley***

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Derek's Comment



We're all very grateful to Vaughan James for taking the initiative in publishing last month's special edition of *Church News*. I understand this is the first time the Elders have been put on the spot with their own edition and we hope you have found it informative and entertaining. The only problem was that he had too much material, so I for one was rationed in the space at my disposal. This is the reason I now want to say some more about the forthcoming Elders' election, by explaining the function of each of the Core and Support groups. Here's a summary:

Core groups (to report monthly)

Worship

Pastoral support

Pastoral co-ordination, pastoral co-ordinators meetings, neighbours, new people group, transport, gifts, photo album, Book of Remembrance

Faith development

Community Ministry

Foyer lounge activities, P&T, International Friendship café, Women's Fellowship, Wednesday Forum, Traidcraft

Support groups (to report annually and as required)

Coffee Club, catering & social

Events, in-house socials, OakTree activities, Sunday coffee, Christmas lunch

Marketing & Communications

Establishing the need for KURC, internal and external communications including the press, our web site, external and foyer notices, information desk, window displays, Church News, Church Meeting organisation, links with Act., Synod, LEP, CTK

Finance

Finance staff, annual budget, quarterly accounts, regular and special collections, appeals, Christian Aid

Premises

Premises staff, building and equipment maintenance, marketing and lettings, stewarding and security, fire officer, storage (inc. wardrobe)

Training

Training programmes for Elders, YSPG, youth workers, listeners, Bible study and any other training agreed by Elders. Premises Manager & cleaner

Worship support

Pulpit supply, service papers, greeters, sidespeople, stage management and equipment, Elders' rota

Youth

Youth staff, youth club, YSPG, BB/GB, Holiday Club, special activities

Staff Care

Providing support and encouraging good practice for salaried employees

One of the reasons I was so keen for us to introduce Core and Support Groups was that I was very concerned when I read an internship report – admittedly from the last century – from a student minister. Let me quote:

“Structures abound in the church and I am only beginning to feel, after six months, that I have “got a handle on it”. Structure is necessary, but at times I have felt it to be rather constraining with “power” (or permission giving) resting in the hands of only a few. However, the church does appear to run like a “well oiled machine”, except when permission givers are absent or cannot be contacted”.

We all need to remember that we all have a personal “sell-by” date and everyone needs to circulate around a range of jobs. I believe that the Church is making a fundamental mistake if anyone is allowed to stay in the same role for too long. So it is now up to you, as far as the Elders are concerned, to bring in new members with a whole range of skills, and then watch us play musical chairs!

Sunday 12 October 2008 is going to be an important date in our autumn calendar, as it marks Lesley’s silver jubilee as a Minister in the United Reformed Church. While I am sure Lesley knows how much we appreciate all she does in her role as our Minister, it is nevertheless very good to be able to say this on special occasions. I suggest this is a Sunday when no one should be away!

Derek Winsor

Pastoral News

We heard the sad news of the death of **Martin Daldorph's** father recently and our sympathy is with Martin and his family at this time. However, there was some good news for the family as Dora was married in August.

We also heard the sad news that **Phyllis Cochrane's** daughter died recently after being ill for some time. Our thoughts are with Phyllis and her family in their time of grieving.

As most people probably know, **Cecil Davis** was in Kingston Hospital at the end of July and the beginning of August causing much concern to June and his daughters. Cecil had an emergency operation and was very ill in the peri-operative period but has done really well to recover and returned home on 9 August.

Ken Trigg had an operation on his hand in the Day Surgery Unit at Kingston Hospital this month and we hope that Ken will soon recover.

Lorna Tarbutt had a second cataract operation recently and is recovering well.

We continue to think of **Graham Carstens** in his ongoing treatment.

Congratulations to all our young people on their examination results. We wish lots of luck to all who are commencing a new school year or changing schools. We also think and pray for those about to start university.

We pray for **Lesley** in her pastoral and spiritual support to our congregation.

We remember and pray for those on our regular prayer list:

Muriel Adam, Enid Clark, Alan Clegg, Patty Davies, Margaret Fiskén, Malcolm Levy, Ann Mackay, Joan and Munro Mackay, Philip, Olwen and William Sawney, Hilda Tunley, Colin Veale, Olive and Jim Webb.

Maggie Arnold

KGVI Officers Training



Recently as part of my work with the Brigade I went to Felden Lodge, the Boys' Brigade HQ in Hemel Hempstead, where I completed my KGVI course. This is the Brigade's National Officers training course. So here is a little insight into the week.

During the week I had fun from having serious debates and discussions on current issues affecting the Brigade's current youth work to having to act purposefully as a 5 year old in order for my colleagues to complete their practical assessments. As part of the training we had to plan and execute a mystery day out for the younger lads on the course. So we did a competitive Murder Mystery at the Science Museum in teams, with some free time to go round London itself as well. The funny thing is though I was the only person on the course from London; so, for some bizarre reason unknown to me, my team won the Murder Mystery.

There were lots of social activities, including a quiz one night in which the quiz master (Vaughn - one of our course co-ordinators) planned and ran an entire 20 minute round on "Eurovision" including footage. The lads – myself included - were not best amused. So in the true Brigade style there was only one way to sort it. In Brigade we had always been taught the importance of working together as a team for the greater good and encouraging discipline through it. So with this in mind we worked together and successfully abducted the Eurovision DVD without detection and then proceeded to hold it for ransom. This ransom then concluded after unsuccessful negotiations in a spectacular way at the end of the week. All the lads were organising the end-of-week tradition of raising the flag first thing on the last day of the course, but there was one major difference this year, as we had attached Vaughn's Eurovision DVD to the flag! So, as the flag was rising, we sang "God save the Queen", with a sheer look of terror on Vaughn's face as he saw his beloved Eurovision DVD high in the sky and knew it wasn't coming down until dawn.

But overall the week itself was good. I now have fellowship with other young Brigade officers nationwide, I have gained the recognition as an officer but most importantly of all I realised that the officers can in fact behave worse than the kids, which means we'll always be one step ahead which is a real blessing to know.

God Bless.

Chris Wheeler

Throw Another Sausage on the Barbie...

So what do you need to host a barbeque for the older 'youth' of the Church? That's what Mike and I wondered as we arranged to have young people from about 16 to early 20s to our house one evening in July. We bought in supplies and then, as it was actually a night when it did not rain, lit the barbie, got cooking and serving drinks and left the 14 people that came to chat and catch up with each other. We had GCSE, A-level, college and University students, and some working folks too. Some had not seen each other for a while: they just needed somewhere to meet and a date to do it. So that is really all that was required: to facilitate rather than over-organise our guests.

I believe it is important not to lose touch with people, but to allow them to mature and develop and to keep lines of contact open no matter where life is taking them at any given time. It is important for their lives and for the life of the Church. Although we stayed out of the way for much of the evening, we really enjoyed it and we think that they did too. (It vaguely reminded us of when we were young..! And it gave Mike a chance to quiz them on what music to listen to at the moment!) We promised another evening for the end of the summer before everyone goes off to study once more. Let us know if you or someone you know would like to be on the guest list.

Jane Butcher

So What did He say? The Answers!

You will recall that Martyn Verge set us all a challenge in the August 2008 *Church News*. The question was: what did Jesus say?

The wait is over, and here are the answers.

He said:

<p>"Answer a stranger's cry for help" "Love your brother as you loved yourself" "You only have to seek and you will find" "Forgive your enemy and drop that grudge" "Do not judge others and you will not be judged" "Only knock and the door will open wide"</p>

STUDENTS!

For most people aged between 5 and 21, and for their family and friends, September means the beginning of the academic year. This means new shoes, school uniform and PE kit; stationery shopping; course work; reading lists; opening a student bank account; moving into university accommodation....

For the Kingston churches it means the University Freshers' Fair. At this event, around 15,000 students will come to find out information on local shops, businesses, societies and leisure facilities. We, Kingston's Christian community, want to be there, together welcoming the students.

Last year, 2007:

- 300 students contacts were taken and responded to by either email or texts;
- 211 people visited the wantachurch website between Friday 22 September and Monday 1 October;
- 40 students, of whom 20 were first years, attended a "big roast lunch";
- 18 Churches worked together for 79 people hours to create this welcome.

2008 will be the third year in which Kingston churches share a stall at the two-day Freshers' Fair, with co-ordinated teams of volunteers who will welcome students, taking names and addresses and giving cards out with details of the www.wantachurch.org.uk website.

The main focus of this year's event will be to invite the students to attend "one big curry" on Sunday 5 October 2008 (in our Mayo Hall!), at which churches will be on hand with another welcome, as well as information packs and displays. There will be a follow-up with all the contacts once a term with a mail-out listing other local and national Christian events, alpha courses, church times, websites to get more information from, etc.

And, in the next few weeks, let us include students in our prayers:

- Students who have been waiting for exam results, who have had to make big decisions about what they will study next academic year – which A levels or university course;

- Students who are having to adjust to a new life – at a new college or university, away from their friends and for some away from home and family.

Remember, some of these are students coming to Kingston.

And let us not forget Rev. Stan Brown, Kingston University Ecumenical Chaplain, who over the summer moved to the Penrhyn Road Campus where there will be a new space for prayer and spirituality in the university.

Teresa James
(Secretary Churches Together in Kingston)

The Gift of Life

As most of you must know, in July we used the Church building to promote transplant awareness and to tell people about signing onto the NHS organ donor register. We managed to give out 1,700 leaflets during that period and know for certain that 47 people signed up to the register. Sixteen of us spent some time handing out leaflets and talking to passers-by. We had a very receptive response, finding people were interested, engaged and wanting to ask questions. The most frequent responses were:-

1. I have been meaning to sign up for ages but have never got around to it;
2. I think I am too old for my organs to be of any use;
3. I think I signed up ages ago but I am not sure.

Most people had an opinion and walked past talking about the subject with whoever they were walking along with. And talking about organ donation is exactly what we want to promote! Very many thanks to all those who helped in any way.

We now have displays including a really excellent power-point display, designed by Jane Allden, so, please, if you know of other churches, colleges, doctors etc. where you think a similar promotion exercise could be carried out, please let me know.

(And, if you don't know the answers to the frequent responses 2 and 3 above, ask me or any of the other helpers, and we will be happy to fill you in.)

Olwen Sawney

Suk In Visits Scotland

After the General Assembly Meeting in Edinburgh I tried to touch the first and last house in Scotland. A few years ago I visited Land's End and it seemed a good thing to go from one extreme of Great Britain to the other.

The journey took me from Edinburgh to Oban and from Oban to John O'Groats. I travelled by car so that I could see the places along the way. Oban is a particularly beautiful town with a castle on the hill dominating the town. There are many car ferries in the harbour waiting to carry people to the Iona Community.

Scottish friends own a boat and they invited me to stay with them. We cooked a Korean meal and I slept on the boat. The wind and rain added to the experience lulling me to sleep. This was a good experience for a pilgrimage journey.

During the journey to John O' Groats I passed many lochs and was expecting to see the monster on Loch Ness, but was disappointed! The heather looks soft and comfortable, but when I went to touch it I found it was bushy and hard. Nevertheless it was very beautiful to see from a distance covering the hills as I drove along. There were many sheep and cows, but I didn't see many Highland Cattle, which I had been told to look out for.



When I arrived at the most northerly point of the land I was surprised by my own reaction of overwhelming delight. There was a great space with no trees: it was windy and barren and at this place the North Sea looked very clean and cold. I took a picture of a seal, which reared its head to look at me as I looked at it. I saw the Douner Head Light House with its big horn to warn

shipping of the danger of rocks, but did not hear its roar as the day was clear. I could see very few houses, because living is very tough in that area. However this part of Scotland with its challenges has produced many famous creative people.

On the journey home I visited Inverness. It was from Chapel Hill Church outside Inverness that Rev. John Ross travelled to China and visited Korea. He was the first to translate the Bible into Korean two hundred years ago. The Korean language had no words for the Biblical God or angel or Holy Spirit so he invented them for us. Additionally he wrote a dictionary and grammar books in the Korean language. I visited his house where the present owner welcomed me warmly and gave me tea and a tour of the church. The owner of the house was interested that I was the first ordained British Korean minister to visit the place. Finally I passed through Edinburgh and visited the burial place of Rev. John Ross where I said "Thank You" to him.

This journey had been an opportunity for me to reflect and I felt my spirit refreshed and uplifted by the experience I had. Suddenly I felt I was very far from home and wondered whether the amount of petrol was justified by the amazing experience. It was!

Rev. Suk In Lee

Alice in Wonderland: Young People in Kingston URC

On a Monday at the end of July, sixteen 19 and 20 year olds came to Kingston to prepare for taking a performance of Alice in Wonderland to the Edinburgh festival. Will Sawney had organised the four-day get-together which culminated in a performance at 2pm on a very hot Thursday afternoon (choc ices provided).

I heard lots of feedback from the young people about how kind and welcoming everyone at Church had been. They were genuinely touched by the kindness and love shown to them. So, I feel moved to pass this information on.

Equally, many of the people who are regular helpers at Church told me how much they had enjoyed having the young people around, how polite, interesting and positive they were.

This all seems very good news, worth sharing and being pleased about.

Olwen Sawney

Christmas Shoe-Boxes for Romania

This is an early reminder that next month we shall be launching our annual project to fill a shoe-box for a family in Romania at Christmas. The leaflets with all the details will be available on Sunday 28 September 2008, but if anyone wants to get ahead just ask me for one now.

I think this may well be the last year we shall organise it so if there is anyone out there who would like to take on this job I will be happy to pass it on. It is enormously rewarding and more or less runs itself. The new Area Collector lives in New Malden and will collect our boxes.

Our Church, together with other local churches and two schools, have filled boxes for families for at least 12 or more years and countless children and parents must have been delighted to receive their gifts – possibly their only Christmas present.

Could we make this our best year yet?

Rosemary Moore

The Ramayana

For those who love myths, art and/or other religions, there is an exhibition on at the British Library on The Ramayana. This is an Indian epic relating Prince Rama's quest to rescue his wife Sita from Ravana, King of Lanka, who has abducted her. The epic is illustrated by a series of brightly-coloured and complex paintings, with a written text.

The exhibition includes an explanation on the interpretation of the paintings (each picture usually contains several episodes of the story), extracts and examples of alternative texts and an assortment of statuary and other visual and auditory aids. The exhibition is on until 14 September 2008 and is well worth a visit. Further information is available from <http://www.bl.uk/onlinegallery/whatson/exhibitions/ramayana/index.html>

Georgina Forbes

Car Boot-less Sale?

I have been clearing out my cupboards and wardrobe – a long overdue task! I now have a hall full of “stuff”. I was considering a car boot sale but have never done one before. I am also lacking a car boot....

It occurs to me that I might not be the only one here. Does anyone else need to clear some space at home? What if we rented the Mayo Hall for a Saturday morning? My idea would be to do a 50:50 sale. Each seller could “purchase” a stall and at the end of the morning give half the proceeds to the Church and keep the other half. Perhaps we could use this event to start fund-raising for the installation of a shower.

So if you would like to:

- Raise a bit of cash for yourself;
- Start the fund-raising for a Church shower;
- Clear the decks at home of accumulated “stuff”

but do not want to do a car boot sale on your own please let me know.

Heather Lodge

A Date for your Diary

How to be more effective in Church Ministry

in the Sanctuary

on Sunday 21 September, at 3.15 for 3.30 pm

Open to everyone – led by Lesley and others

(This is a repeat of the session on 15 June)

London Prayer Relay for Peace: 1 August until 2 September 2008

A wide alliance of London Churches is coming together for 33 nights of prayer in every borough in London. This chain reaction will start on Friday, 1 August at Emmanuel Evangelical Church in Westminster and run through to Tuesday 2 September at Freedom's Ark in Haringey.

The key focus of the prayers will be gun- and knife-related matters. There will be:

- Prayers for young people;
- Prayers for councils, organisations and charities engaged with young people (local and city-wide);
- Prayers for the Peace (Shalom) of our local communities and City Prayers against the spiritual agents and forces influencing young people and perpetrators of crime/related vices;
- Prayers for the churches in London to engage with the issues and young people within/outside the Church.

Remember I wrote in last month's *Church News* about our 24-hour prayer time on Saturday and Sunday 30 and 31 August? Well, it is now even more exciting. Why? Because we will be joined by a number of people from neighbouring churches who are part of a Premier Radio initiative to pray for London with particular emphasis on knife and gun crime. Since we have experienced the effects of knife crime on our doorstep and have been involved through Lesley in the aftermath of this horrible business it is very appropriate that we should join in with the Premier Radio initiative. This initiative has been going on throughout the whole of August with members of churches throughout London meeting each evening from 7.00pm – 10.00pm at a different church in their area. On 30 August they will be in our Church.

I will be around to recruit you so be ready to tell me the time you would like to be involved.

Pat Brooks

Religious Education 1935-style

I have a copy of a book, published 1935, called, *Religious Teaching in the Infant [sic] School*, by S.N.D. [*the writer is known only by her/his initials*]. Arthur E Webb, Southwark Diocesan Inspector for Schools (which means he might be Anglican or Roman Catholic), writing in the Preface, warmly commends the book and says, “The sacred truths to be imparted are of their very nature immense; the mind of the recipient is very small.” Just how small a mind can cope with the questions attached, even after ‘instruction’? How many can you get right? I particularly like the last question, which I am sure must have a follow-up: “... and if you don’t get more than 18 out of 20 right, you will see God anyway!”

1. Who is God?
2. Who made us?
3. Can you see God? Why not?
4. Is a spirit a real person?
5. Can you learn about God?
6. Does God love us?
7. Does God love you more than your mother does?
8. How long have you been living?
9. Did God make us all together or one by one?
10. Did He make us all the same?
11. Do you think God enjoyed making us?
12. Does God forget about us sometimes?
13. Is God beautiful?
14. Is God good to us?
15. Should we love God?
16. Is it easy to love God?
17. If God showed Himself to us now in this room should we be frightened of Him?
18. Are we God's children?
19. Who is our loving Father?
20. Would you like to see God?

I wonder how you think all this relates to the Religious Education children get in church and in school today. More in the next issue.

Tony Wenman

Walking with Peter

For those of you who do not know, Peter Ashdown has been organising some walks and excursions round London and its surroundings. On Wednesday 16 July a group of us met at Waterloo Station at 10.30, ready for his latest trip. We were off to Chislehurst to visit the Caves. The Caves are a short walk from the station and there was just time for a quick cup of coffee before heading underground. Our guide gave us one hurricane lamp between three and were off into the Roman, Druid and Saxon Caves. I shall not spoil it for others who decide they might like to go, only mention that the Caves are of limestone, but there were no stalactites or stalagmites in the area we walked through. However, they were used for munitions storage during the First World War and as an air raid shelter during the Second World War. After a simple lunch, we headed off to Petts Wood and some beautiful wild meadows before catching the train back to London.

For those who love London but have never had the time to explore it, the walks are a joy. Thank you, Peter.

Georgina Forbes

Appeal for Volunteers

Kingston WelCare, a Parenting Support Project, is in urgent need of volunteers willing to become Committee Members. The project is based at 53-55 Canbury Park Road, Kingston.

We are a small Christian-based Voluntary Sector Organisation and we offer a wide range of activities that support local parents struggling with the everyday difficulties of family life. As a charity, Kingston WelCare receives its funding from local Churches, the Royal Borough of Kingston and external funders. The project employs a small team of professional workers and has its own premises to maintain.

The Management Committee has a membership of 12 and meets once every 2 months for 2 hours. Vacancies currently exist for Committee Members and a Secretary. The Committee are keen to recruit members with experience in marketing, fundraising, human resources and parenting.

If you would like to find out more about being a WelCare Committee Member, please contact our Chair, Ed Naylor, for a chat. Please telephone 020 8546 8719.

Bank Holiday Walk: Monday 25 August 2008

10.20am	Meet at Staples Hill Car Park
10.30am	On our way
12.00	The Four Horseshoes, at Burrowhill
1.30pm	Staples Hill Car Park, for second half of walk
1.40pm	On our way again
4.15pm	Back at the cars

Staples Hill car park is on Staple Hill Road, on the right-hand shortly after leaving B386. If you cross the M3 you have gone too far! You need to leave the M25 at Junction 11 and take to the side roads. The walk is on Chobham Common, north of Chobham.

The walk is about 7 miles through heaths and some woodland. It is mainly flat or mildly undulating. We do about 3 miles before lunch and 3 after. We will need to drive to the pub for lunch. As usual, trousers and stout footwear are strongly advisable as we are well into the country and there are some very wet areas. There are also a lot of blackberries, gorse and nettles.

If anyone wishes to join us for lunch they are welcome. There is car parking at the pub (but bear in mind that it is a Bank Holiday and they have said they expect to be busy!) I have timed the start of the walk with a view to arriving for lunch shortly after midday. There is a variety of lunches on offer. Bar meals cost about £6 to £10. There is a selection of beers on tap (and I am told they are good beers).

The walk consists of two circular sections starting and ending at the same car park so doing either the morning or evening section is an option. I shall have a few copies of a map available. I shall have tea and coffee in the car at the end.

Georgina Forbes



Christian Aid Week Fundraising May 2008

All the monies are now in and this year with all the various tasks we raised **£3,306.23**.

Many, many thanks to all those who helped to collect, distribute, count, publicise, serve, bake, make tea, help at stall, donated, walked around London, and participated in the QuizAid.

The amount collected is slightly down on last year, due mainly to two large donations in previous years. The sponsored walk continued to raise a significant sum as did the new Quiz Aid – two events that make collecting a tad more fun than knocking on those doors. However, the door to door gives a good opportunity to chat to those who want to learn about Christian Aid and there is always a few who are pleased to see you. If any of you have other ideas on new ways to raise funds then please let me know.

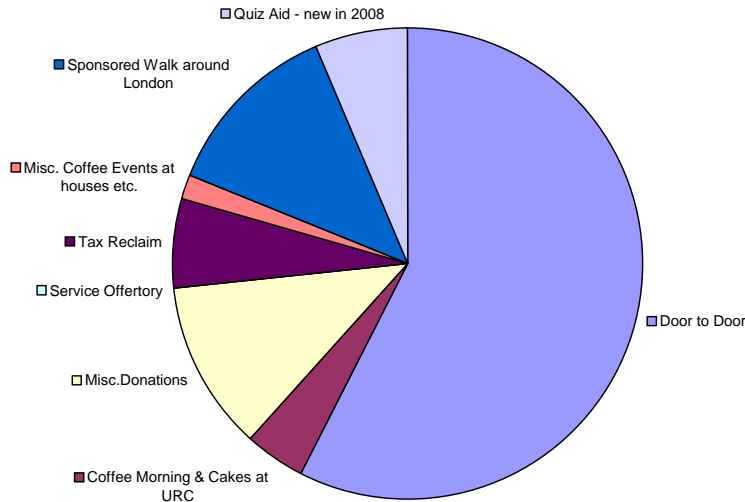
The next event is the Christian Aid Tea Party – 20 September at the Manse, 2.00 – 5.00pm.

The final amounts raised during Christian Aid Week 2008 at the URC are:-

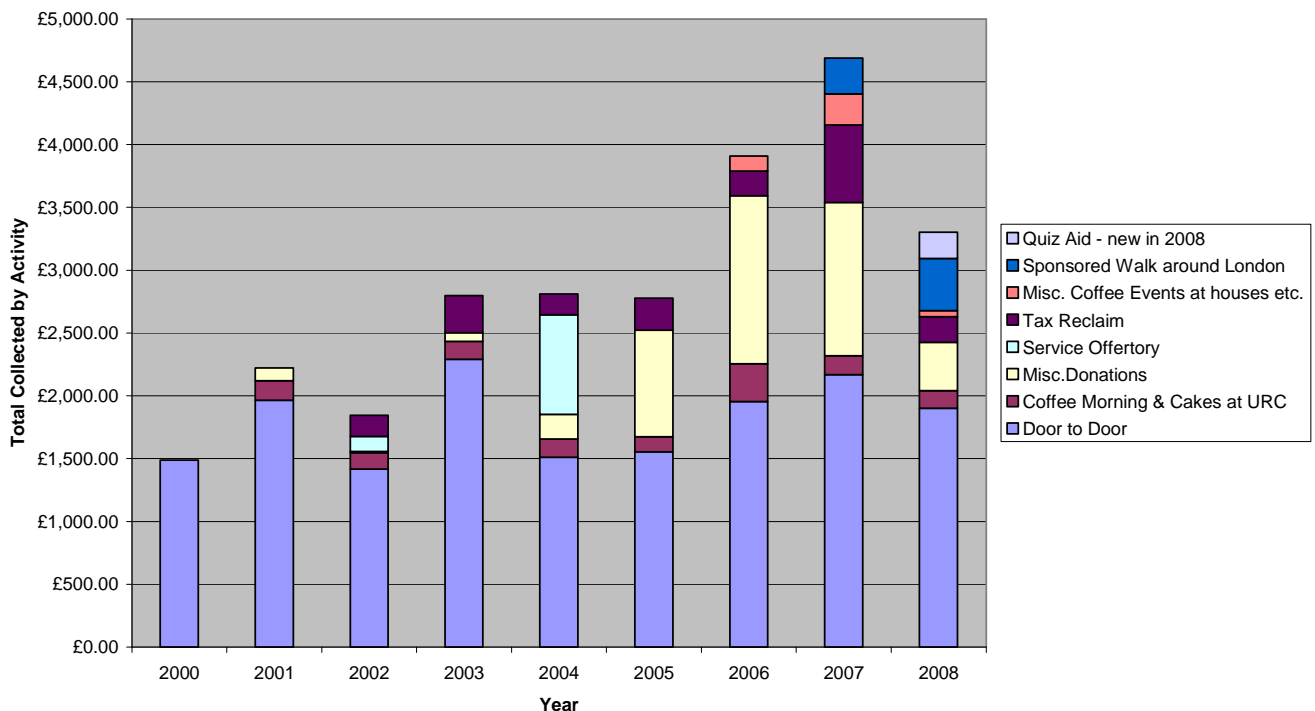
	2008	2007
Door to Door	£1,900.81	£2,167.85
Coffee Morning & Cakes at URC	£140.00	£150.00
Misc.Donations	£387.86	£1,223.91
Estimated Tax Reclaim	£202.99	£615.96
Misc. Coffee Events at houses etc.	£50.00	£245.17
Sponsored Walk around London	£415.00	£286.00
Quiz Aid - new in 2008	£209.57	N/A
Total	£3,306.23	£4,688.89

The following graphs and charts indicate the distribution.

Kingston URC Christian Aid Week 2008 - Amount raised = £3,203 - Where the money came from.
 Note: Service not at URC so not included. Market Stall also not included.



Kingston URC Christian Aid Week 2008 - Amount Raised £ 3,203.19



Christian Aid’s campaigning and projects require a lot of support both in monetary support and action.

Thank you again for your help.

Ray Charlton

Community Services from the Kingston Somali Community Association

The Kingston Somali Community Association (KSCA) is one of the organisations based in the Richard Mayor Centre, in Room 24, on the 2nd floor. Here are details of the services offered.

KSCA offers a drop-in schedule for service users on Mondays and Thursdays at 1.00pm - 3.00pm. Services offered are:

- Advice on housing
- How to bid locata
- Assistance in utility bill problems
- Interpreting services (on the spot calls for urgent matters)
- Appeals for people with hardship
- Volunteering services
- Filling application forms for service users
- Assistance with CV preparation and job search.

The CAP shop at the Cambridge Estate in partnership with African Positive Outlook is available every other Thursday from 1.00 to 5.00pm. Services offered are:

- Assistance with accessing Internet services
- Advice on adult education through the Internet
- Recommendations to LearnDirect

Piper Hall offers children's education every Saturday from 2.30pm – 5.00pm. Services offered are:

- Children's home work assistance
- Social events for women and children.

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Holy Land Pilgrimage Israel 2009

16th – 23rd April 2009

A Final Reminder

Led by Rev Andrew Fairchild and Revd Jean Hall

Day 1 Thursday (16th April) UK - Israel

Arrive at **Ben Gurion** airport, meeting and assistance and transfer to your hotel for dinner at the **Moriah Classic Hotel, Jerusalem.**

Day 2 Friday (17th April) Nazareth

After breakfast you will commence a full day sightseeing to the **Galilee** region and on the way you will visit **Caesarea**, the famous port city where Paul departed from on his journey and the capital of the region at the time of Jesus. You will visit **Mukhraka**, the site where the Prophet Elijah and the Baal clashed. See the fantastic panorama from the viewpoint overlooking the **Jezeel Valley**. Onwards to His hometown of **Nazareth**. Visit the village of **Nazareth** and the **Church of The Annunciation** with its wonderful mosaics. You will visit the small church at **Cana** celebrating where Jesus carried out his first miracle changing the water into wine. Back to Hotel for dinner

Day 3 Saturday (18th April) Galilee

Full day of visiting the sites of Jesus' Ministry. Enjoy a boat ride on the **Sea of Galilee**. Continue to the **Mt. of Beatitudes**, the site of the **Sermon on the Mount**. Then you will visit the Church at **Tabgha**, which commemorates the miracle of the Fishes and Loaves. You will visit the ancient town of **Capernaum** and the House of Peter and see the Synagogue ruins where Jesus preached. You will also visit: **Mensa Christi** known as Peters' Primacy, then the ruins of the fisherman's village of **Bethsaida**, also **Kursi**, where the swine was cast into the sea and finally the baptismal site on the **River Jordan**, where time will be allowed for Baptisms and Rededications. Back to Hotel for dinner

Day 4 Sunday (19th April) Jerusalem

Today you will visit the traditional site of the Transfiguration **Mt. Tabor**. You cross the **Jordan Valley** to visit the oldest city in the world and the lowest - **Jericho**. You will see the remains of the ancient walls and take the cable car to the top of **Mt. of Temptation**. On your climb to Jerusalem, you will pass the traditional site of the Inn of the **Good Samaritan** and you will visit the tomb of Lazarus at **Bethany**. Back to hotel for dinner

Day 5 Monday (20th April)

Free Day for shopping

Day 6 Tuesday (21st April) Jerusalem

Morning - begin on the **Mt. of Olives, Pater Noster**, the church featuring **The Lord's Prayer** in many different languages. Walk down the Palm Sunday route visiting the place where Jesus wept for Jerusalem at **Dominus Flevit** and then onwards to the **Garden of Gethsemane. St Anne's Church, Ecce Homo, Via Dolorosa** - the Way of the Cross - and then to **St. Peter in Gallicantu** and **The Garden Tomb** to celebrate Communion. Back for dinner.

Day 7 Wednesday (22nd April) Jerusalem

In the morning you will visit the **Israel Museum**; see the **Dead Sea Scrolls** and the **Model of the City** at the time of the 2nd Temple. **Mt Zion** - **Caiphas's House**. In the afternoon you will enjoy a walking tour of Old Jerusalem visiting - **The Western Wall**, and **Yad Vashem - The Museum of the Holocaust**. Onwards to **Ein Kerem**, the birthplace of **John the Baptist** where you will enjoy a traditional Passover meal as served at the time of Jesus. Back for Dinner

Day 8 Thursday (23rd April) Israel - UK

Depart **Jerusalem** for **Ben Gurion** airport and your return flight to the UK

Registration: A Deposit of £100 plus insurance should be sent at the time of booking. The balance will be due 8 weeks prior to departure. Cost per person sharing a twin bedded room = £1,090.00. Single room supplement = £221.00

Please contact Revd Jean Hall (0208 677 0711) for further information or to send your completed registration form and deposit (8a Eardley Road, SW16 6BP).

Please note that booking forms and deposits must be received by 31st August 2008.

The Royal Borough of Kingston Adult Placement Scheme - Recruitment of Carers

Kingston Council has launched a recruitment scheme aimed at attracting more carers into its Adult Placement Scheme. The scheme offers vulnerable adults the opportunity to live in a family environment and experience all the benefits that has to offer: accommodation, support, warmth, comfort and friendship. Carers, who are paid approximately £350 per week, welcome these people into their homes to live as part of their family and to help them live a normal life in the community.

The Adult Placement Scheme manager recruits and trains carers and matches them with people wishing to use the service, bearing in mind the needs and preferences of both. Throughout a placement, which can be long- or short-term, the carer is supported to provide the most appropriate type of care, and to feel part of the team.

Carers are carefully matched with people wishing to use the service, bearing in mind the needs and preferences of both. Throughout a placement, which can be long- or short-term, the carer is supported by the Adult Placement Team. There is ongoing training, carer meetings and reviews to help the carer feel supported all the way.

There will be an information session on Wednesday 3 September at 5.00pm in Surbiton. For more information, an application form or to register for the information session, telephone Sheilagh Sollis on 020 8547 6160 or email sheilagh.sollis@rbk.kingston.gov.uk.

A fantastic opportunity awaits...

Do you have the time and energy to support someone to enjoy their life?

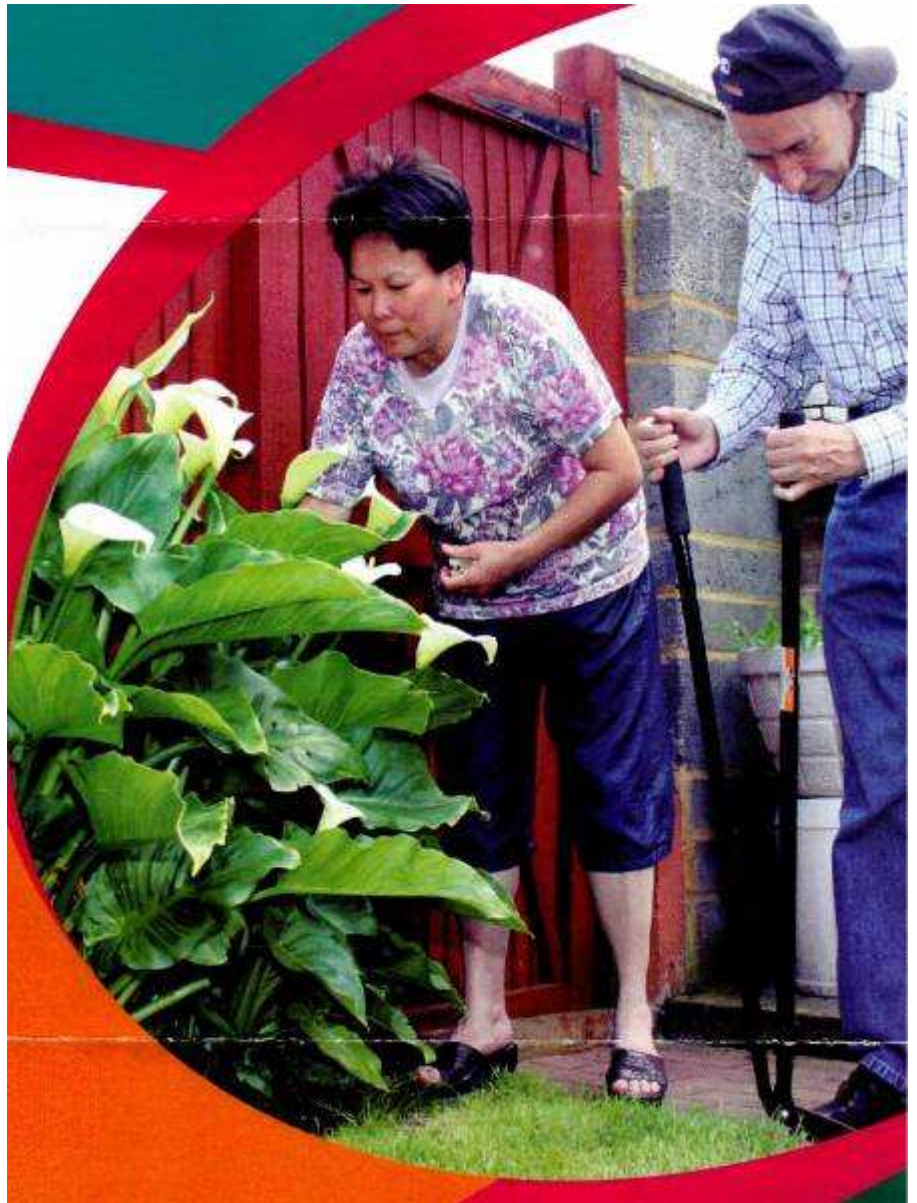
Have you got a spare room?

Could you...

- Look after someone living with you?
- Provide long or short term help and support?
- Give something back to the community?

You will be offered...

- From £350 per week
- Training
- Ongoing support
- A worthwhile job



If you are interested call today...

Call Sheilagh Sollis on 020 8547 6160 or send an email to sheilagh.sollis@rbk.kingston.gov.uk

A WARM INVITATION IS GIVEN TO ALL WHO READ THIS MAGAZINE TO COME AND SHARE IN OUR SERVICES AND ACTIVITIES

Sunday Services:

Traditional worship	10.00 (communion on the first Sunday monthly)
Interactive worship	11.30 (communion on the last Sunday monthly)
Evening worship	18.30 (communion on the third Sunday monthly)
Contemporary worship	20.00 (on the first Sunday monthly)

One the second Sunday of each month a combined service at 11.00 replaces the 10.00 and 11.30 services.

Tea and coffee are normally served between the 10.00 and 11.30 services, before the 11.00 service (second Sunday monthly) and after the 18.30 service.

During the 10.00 service there are optional activities for young people who may wish to leave the service after the second hymn. Visiting children are welcome to join them.

Private Prayer The Sanctuary is open daily from 11.30 until 13.30.

Coffee and Tea Our foyer is normally open **every weekday and Saturday** from 11.00 until 14.00 for coffee and tea.

A Listening Ear If you would like to talk with someone about a matter of concern you should find someone wearing a badge in the foyer between 11.00 and 14.00 on **every weekday and Saturday** who will be pleased to help.

Normal Activities:

Monday:	10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms)
Tuesday:	10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms) 15.00 The Room (during school terms) 20.15 Badminton
Wednesday:	10.00 Parents & Toddlers (during school terms) 10.45 Men's Forum (first Wednesday monthly except August) 13.10 Lunchtime service 14.15 Women's Fellowship (weekly except August) 19.30 Prayer meeting
Thursday:	15.00 The Room (during school terms) 19.30 International Friends Café
Friday:	from 17.30 Girls' Brigade (during school terms) from 17.30 Boys' Brigade (during school terms) 22.00 – 04.00 All night prayers + Street Pastors
Saturday:	22.00 – 04.00 Street Pastors

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