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**WOODFORD METHODIST CHURCH
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ALL GOOD GIFTS AROUND US

OCTOBER & NOVEMBER 2018

AN INVITATION

To all who are weary and need rest
To all who are friendless and desire friendship
To all who believe in God and wish to worship Him
To all who are grateful and would give thanks
To all who hunger for prayer and wish to pray
To all who know sin and need the Saviour
This Church opens wide its doors
And in the Name of the Lord Jesus bids

WELCOME

WOODFORD METHODIST CHURCH

New ways to get in touch with us

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OUR DOOR

O God, make the door of this house wide enough to receive all who need human love and fellowship, narrow enough to shut out all envy, pride and strife. Make its threshold smooth enough to be no stumbling block to children, nor to straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God, make the door of this house the gateway to thine eternal kingdom. Amen.

(Inscription over the door of a church)

<p>The Methodist Church Woodford Congregation in Forest Circuit (35/33)</p>
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Our Vision:

“United in God’s Love & in

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Service for the Glory of God!”

Please visit our website:

Be generous and faithful

It is incredible and amazing how much God is faithful to us. In many ways God provides us all we need and more. In fact, those who live in the Western Hemisphere have so much in proportion with those who live in the South.

The abundance that is found in our country doesn’t mean we are better looked after than others by God. There are various factors like economic, social and historic developments throughout centuries that brought this wealth to us. Also we have to bear in mind blessings are followed by responsibilities and engagement.

The festival of Harvest has been an invitation for human beings to give thanks to the One who created everything for our enjoyment and pleasure. God’s grace was delivered from the beginning providing various and different resources accordingly where we live. Wherever we go around the world, we can find a specific natural thing that is grown in that place.

I grew up in Brazil and there, I had a great privilege to enjoy many kinds of fruits that they are not available in this country. So many kinds of bananas, oranges, mangos, papayas and so on. Even more, when I was young adult I had the opportunity to visit the north of the country — Amazon - and there I also had the chance to eat other fruits that I never had before, the fruits from the Rain Forest.

I am thankful for the incredible experience of having provisions from different places and cultures. God has provided everything for our existence and we have to be grateful.

Psalm 116.15 says: *What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?*

Let me list a few things that I do in trying to respond to the Psalmist question:

- 1) Being thankful and grateful for God's provision
- 2) Being generous and compassionate
- 3) Being in solidarity with those who have less than me
- 4) Being aware of those who live in poverty in this country and overseas
- 5) Being a channel of peace for the disadvantage

Harvest Festival is a special time that can be shown in celebration, in practical ways, in awareness and in commitment to live out a lifestyle that demonstrates God's presence through our witnesses in the world.

I hope you can celebrate loudly in thanksgiving for all you are and have. Enjoy Harvest!

Rev. Oseias Da Silva

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

Please pray for:

Those who are travelling; all children and young people who have changed classes; going to college or university; starting work for the first time; all members and friends who have worries or have difficulties in one way or another. For Cherilee's family as they cope with various health issues.

For Marilyn and Geoff. Good to see Marilyn at church when she is able.

Those who have been injured or died worldwide, either as a result of war, gun or knife crime, natural disasters; the families, friends and communities, who tend to the injured or are anxious and mourn the loss of loved ones; some with the uncertainty of not knowing what has happened to them. We pray especially at this time for those in Indonesia. (see below) Also those who are re-living the horrors of the Grenfell Tower fire and the Westminster terrorist attack as they recount the events of the tragedies in the inquiries.

Ellis on his return from Ghana; Kate and David who will be confirmed on 14th October and their daughter, Menai, as she is baptised on 28th October. Also for Helen as she is confirmed on 28th October.

Revd. Ildio as he takes important exams.

Congratulations to all those who are celebrating special birthdays and anniversaries.

If you have any news that you wish to share or prayers that you would like to be included, for someone or something, please let Sheila know. (If Consent form signed!)

The Methodist Church in Britain and All We Can, the Methodist relief and development charity, have launched an urgent appeal for the people of Indonesia.

On Friday 28 September, a 7.5 magnitude earthquake struck just off the central island of Sulawesi in Indonesia, setting off a tsunami that engulfed the city of Palu.

Waves more than three metres high swept across the land destroying almost everything in their wake. At least 1,300 are already confirmed dead, though the true impact of this disaster may not be known for weeks with many neighbouring towns and villages cut off by landslides and debris.

At the time of writing, three communities had yet to be reached.

The President and Vice-President of the Methodist Conference, the Revd Michaela A Youngson and Bala Gnanapragasam, said that they shared in the shock of all who are following the news of the devastating tsunami:

"Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have lost so much; those who have been bereaved, those who have been injured and those searching in fear and dismay for their loved ones."

"We know that our Methodist family will respond generously to appeals for money and will pray for the swift rebuilding of the communities so devastated by this disaster."

All We Can's Humanitarian Aid Coordinator Laura Cook said: "People who have lost everything are in desperate need of water, food, shelter and access to medical care. The final death toll could rise in to the thousands, and thousands more are left in a dire situation. We urge people to give generously so we are able to respond quickly."

Conditions in the devastated area are extremely difficult. The tsunami tore up roads, washed away homes and cut off lines of communication.

At least 42,000 people are displaced and more than 1.5 million have been affected.

All We Can is already working with a trusted partner in Sulawesi to get help to those who need it most while assessing the most crucial needs going forward.

There will be retiring collections for the next two or three weeks for this appeal.

DATES AND FUTURE EVENTS

The Woodford Festival will run from Saturday 6th October until Sunday 14thth October. On Sunday, 7th October there will be a concert by the Woodford Singers at 4pm and on Tuesday 9th, a concert by Ultrasound.

During the week there will be other events in the community and further details will be found on the Woodford Festival website: www.woodfordfestival.org.uk

As part of the festival, Woodford Symphony Orchestra have a concert here at 4pm on Sunday afternoon, 7th October; Ultrasound on Tuesday evening at 7.30pm and on Wednesday, Woodford Singers, Mama Mia Sing Along is at 7.30pm. The End of Festival Celebration will be at Woodford Wells Ecumenical Church, Bancroft's School Chapel on Sunday, 14th October. James Bluff will be playing the organ for this service.

Sunday 7th October will be our Harvest Festival Service and we are collecting tinned and long life food stuffs for The Redbridge Food Bank.

Thursday, 11th October – Church Council – 7.30pm in the Haven.

Shern Hall are holding their annual Black History Month Concert – Windrush 70, NHS and More on **Saturday 20th October**, at 6.30am. Tickets £8. They are also having a Jazz Concert on Saturday **1st December**. Details for that will be in the notices nearer the time.

There will be the annual ecumenical Bereavement Service at St. Mary's on Saturday, 3rd November at 2pm.

ADVANCE NOTICE

The Gift Service will be on Sunday 2nd December. Gifts will be received for Whitechapel Mission (clothing-not necessarily new-and toiletries). Details will be in the weekly notices.

DATES FOR BIBLE STUDY – THURSDAYS – 7PM

Planned well ahead so that we can put in our diaries now!

18th & 25th October: 8th & 22nd November: 6th & 13th December: 10th & 24th January
 7th & 14th February: 14th & 28th March: 4th & 25th April: 9th & 23rd May:
 13th & 27th June: 18th & 25th July

MESSY CHURCH

We held another successful Messy Church session on Sunday 16th September from 3.30 to 5.30 p.m. Approximately 30 people attended – children and adults – including the helpers.

The theme on this occasion was 'The Creation' and craft activities included completing a Creation Scene, experiencing 'primordial slime' (cornflour and food colouring), making fruit kebabs, earth balloons and thank you cards.

The celebration included the story of the Creation and singing songs as well as the Lord's Prayer and Grace with actions.

We then enjoyed a hot meal of lasagne or pasta with cheese/tomato sauce, cooked by Roger, followed by individual apple pies and custard courtesy of Maureen.

All involved enjoyed the occasion and feedback received was again positive. We put out some buckets for voluntary donations and £40 was received. This does not yet make the Messy Church self-supporting, but we hope that it will eventually do so. Kathy and George have joined the Messy Church Planning Committee and Roger has taken on the role of catering co-ordinator. We are grateful for the help and support of all from the church who have taken part in any way including coming along to see what it is all about.

Our next session will be on Sunday 16th December with a Christmas theme which will hopefully include a pop-up nativity. Following that Messy Church will happen on the third Sunday in every month ongoing. Please continue to pray for the success of this venture.

Ann Hunter on behalf of Maxine Ansah

HAVEN COFFEE BAR

Our relaunch of the new-style coffee bar with children's play area combined with the MacMillan Coffee Morning on Tuesday 25th September 2018 was very successful. We raised £220 for MacMillan and the atmosphere was warm and friendly. Quite a few mums with children attended, and some gave the impression they would return on future Tuesday mornings. Thanks to all who made this event possible and so successful.

From 9th October we will have a new coffee machine (thanks to George for all his help with this) which can make espresso coffee as well as cappuccino and latte coffees. Training will be provided as necessary, and the machine will be available for use on Sunday mornings as well.

We hope to have some storage cupboards in the Haven soon which should prove useful for small items of equipment for the coffee bar and for other groups such as Young Church, Messy Church etc.

Don't forget if you're around on a Tuesday between 10 and 12 we would love to see you. We have take-out cups as well so if you're in a hurry you can still call in.....

We hope to arrange for free WiFi to be available in the near future which will add to the coffee bar facilities. Initially this will be available only on Tuesday mornings but if successful it may be possible to extend this facility to other activities in the Haven/Worship area.

Thanks are due to all the helpers and to members of the Property Committee for their support and commitment to this project. Please keep us in your prayers as we continue to provide a space for people of all ages to relax and socialise on a Tuesday morning.

Ann Hunter, Co-

ordinator.

AUTUMN FUN FAYRE Saturday 17th November 2018

We will be holding our Autumn Fun Fayre on Saturday 17th November between 12.30 and 4 p.m. There should be flyers available soon, please take some and deliver to your friends and neighbours.

There will be entertainment including the Shern Hall Steel Band, activities and games for all ages, refreshments etc. Please put the date in your diaries now and share the information with as many people as you can.

If you are able to offer any help on the day or would like further information please speak to one of the Stewards. All help is welcome, even if you can only spare half an hour, or can bake a cake or scones.

Maxine Ansah and Ann Hunter

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Autumn Fun Fayre

Saturday, 17 November 2018

Raffle prizes

12:30pm – 4:00pm

- ❖ Cakes and refreshments
- ❖ Bouncy Castle
- ❖ Stalls
- ❖ Steel Band
- ❖ Children's Crafts
- ❖ Face Painting
- ❖ Nail bar
- ❖ Ball bucket, pick a Prize

and many many more activities

Free Entry

**COME ALONG AND JOIN
IN THE FUN
EVERYONE WELCOME**

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT 07967 168703

Rosh Hashanah

Last month, Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year was celebrated by millions of people across the world. The joyous occasion of the festival commemorates the creation of the world and is a time for family gatherings, special meals and sweet foods.

Rosh Hashanah also marks the beginning of the “Days of Awe” - known as 10 days of Repentance. Days of Awe is also the 10 first days of the Hebrew month of Tishrei, which always starts with Rosh Hashanah and ends with Yom Kippur - the holiest day of the year in Judaism. On this day, also known as the Day of Atonement, Jews ask God for forgiveness for their sins.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are known as the two “High Holy Days” in Judaism.

Rosh Hashanah literally translates into “Head (i.e. beginning) of the year” and is marked by the blowing of a “shofar” - a ram’s horn.

The Jewish New Year is celebrated in many ways, including prayers at the synagogue and the blowing of the “shofar”. However, the maybe most known tradition is the sweet food Jews eat on the occasion.

The sweet food Jews eat during the festival of Rosh Hashanah is meant to symbolise the hope for a sweet and happy new year. The most popular customs are apples and honey. Jews will say a special song before dipping apple slices in honey, which is said to have healing properties. This is a tradition that has been in the Jewish religion for centuries and the honey, again, signifies the hope for the new year to be sweet.

Another traditional food eaten during the Jewish New Year is the braided bread “challah”. The bread is often baked in a bulbous shape to symbolise the cyclical nature of life or the crown of God. In conjunction with eating the bread, some Jews practice a custom known as “tashlich” meaning “casting off”. Jews will throw pieces of bread into a body of water while reciting prayers, and as the bread is set away Jews will be spiritually cleansed and renewed.

In addition to the sweet foods eaten during the holy festival, Jews spend most of their time during Rosh Hashanah in a synagogue. The prayer services often include distinct liturgical texts, as well as songs and customs and rabbis will read from a special book known as “the machzor”.

The ancient instrument “shofar” - a trumpet made from a ram’s horn - is also an essential part of the festival. The horn’s cry is a call to repentance and a reminder to Jews that God is their king. Rosh Hashanah is also called “Yom Teruah” by some and means “the day of the sounding of the shofar”.

In the lost property office at Central Hall is a shofar which was recently left behind after a meeting!

Pause for Thought from Julia Neuberger Senior Rabbi at the west London Synagogue:

After this broadcast, I'm off 'on the road' with one of my rabbi colleagues, to visit some of our housebound members and blow the shofar- the ram's horn- for them, for the second day of Jewish new year. We won't blow it as well as our shofar blower at the services yesterday who managed a full four minutes for the final blast, with people holding their breath as his puff gradually ran out. But at least they will get to hear the haunting sound of the New Year, calling us Jews to account. For the tension in synagogue during the day is quite considerable, the level of concentration very high, and you can feel how important people feel it is to be there, to meet their fellow congregants, to be part of the community once again.

The centrepiece of the service, the reading from the Torah, is from Genesis, the story of the binding of Isaac. For Christians this is the sacrifice of Isaac. But for us Jews, the whole point is that God doesn't want Abraham to sacrifice his son, that the angel says 'Stop!' There's a ram caught in the thicket behind you. You can sacrifice that.' The message is that human sacrifice is wrong- and, ultimately, all human life is sacred. That's why our toast is 'L'chayyim', 'to life', when we drink. That's why we think you must do everything to preserve life.

But it also means we can't put out of our minds the atrocities and killing of people world-wide. And for us in Europe we need to remember the desperate migrants who are trying to reach our shores, whom Europe does not want, and the huge number of them dying- 1,530 feared drowned so far in 2018- in their attempt. If 'l'chayyim' is to mean anything, it must be to save the lives of these desperate people, children amongst them. This Jewish New Year, as migrants are largely forgotten, we need to remember them, and fight for their lives. L'chayyim. To life. Happy New Year.

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

The **2018 theme**, "African Americans in Times of War," commemorates the centennial of the end of the First World War in 1918. Look on Black History Month website for more info. The following is a story of our own of a young man with a mixed heritage.

Folkestone Museum is presenting an exhibition celebrating the life and legacy of Walter Tull. Walter was born in Folkestone on 28th April 1888. His father was a carpenter from Barbados who had moved to Folkestone and married a local woman. By the age of nine, Walter had lost both his parents, and when he was 10 he and his brother Edward were sent to the National Children's Home in Bethnal Green.

Walter became one of the first black outfield footballers to play at the highest level, for Tottenham Hotspur, Northampton Town and Clapton. He also signed for Rangers of Glasgow in February, 1917 intending to play for them after the First World War. In December 1914 Walter enlisted with the 17th (Service) Battalion, Middlesex Regiment, otherwise known as the Footballer's Battalion. It was part of the Pals battalion scheme that allowed people from the same town or workplace to serve together. He was promoted to sergeant and fought in the Battle of the Somme in 1916, where the downside of the Pals scheme was exposed because large numbers of men from single villages and towns were killed en masse.

Tull survived and began training as an officer the following year, despite army rules forbidding "any negro or person of colour" from serving in such a role. He became the first black officer to lead white men in battle. Tull, gained his commission as a second lieutenant in 1917, having served as a non-commissioned officer in the Somme and in other battles in France and Italy.

Tragically, like so many, Walter was killed in action on 25th March 1918, a month before his 30th birthday & in the early stages of the German spring offensive.

To coincide with Armistice centenary commemorations in November and Black History Month in October 2018, 100 years after Walter's death, the Museum will bring Walter's story to a new generation. Included in the first extensive exhibition about Walter Tull, will be objects, letters, diaries and photographs which have been generously loaned to the museum. The exhibition will also investigate what it meant to be part of a mixed-heritage family in 19th century Britain, over 70 years before the Empire Windrush brought larger numbers of Caribbean British Citizen migrants to the UK.

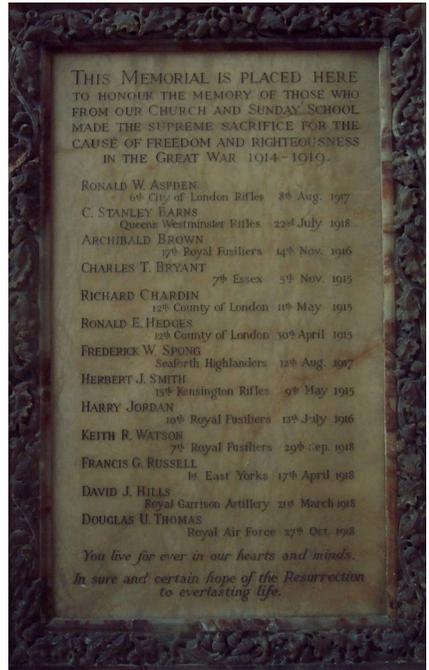
Calls are growing for Walter Tull, the first black person to serve as an officer in the British Army, to be posthumously awarded a military cross. A crossbench group of 127 MPs has written to the prime minister asking that Tull be awarded the medal, calling him a "true British hero" and saying his achievements "in the face of the bitter prejudice that he faced throughout his life should be recognised and celebrated". Given the widespread prejudice that existed in society at this time and his position as a black officer in an army that did not permit black officers, Walter's race was clearly a factor in explaining why he was never awarded the military cross that he was recommended for."

The MPs asked Theresa May to “take this opportunity to right the wrong that has unjustly denied 2nd Lieutenant Tull the military cross”.

The current Northampton Town manager, Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink, told the BBC’s Football Focus programme: “What he has done on the pitch opened doors for me, as a black man, to make life easier. But, also, was a role model for the white man, who he fought together with for his country.”

Adapted from the Folkestone Museum Website

The Centenary of the ending of the First World War – 11th of November, 1918



Our Roll of Honour lists the 57 young men from this church who enlisted in the First World War. The War Memorial lists the 13 men who were killed and did not return. At

the bottom of the Roll of Honour is the 14th young man who was killed (not known at the time the Memorial was created).

Prayer of Peace

God of serenity, as we think of the cost of war, we are reminded of the price of peace. Watch over and protect all people who dutifully serve you in areas of conflict throughout the world. May their presence achieve the stability sought and may harmony be restored. Amen.

Rev. Hilary Cheng (from Prayer Manual – 2014/2015)



PRAYERS FOR OCTOBER & NOVEMBER

*Heavenly Father,
you visit the earth and bless it,
you crown the year with your goodness:
We bless you for the fruits of the earth
which you have given for our use,
and we pray you
to sow the seed of your word in our hearts,
that it may bear fruit in our lives,
until we are gathered into your heavenly kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Today stretches ahead of me, waiting to be shaped.
And here am I, the sculptor who gets to do the shaping.
Today, every hour is entirely up to me
And I can make or break each minute, don't you see?
Today I can complain because the day is wet,
Or I can be thankful that the grass is watered, free!
Today I can grumble about my state of health;
Or I can rejoice that I am still alive!!
Today I can whine because I've got to go to work;
Or I can shout for joy because I've got a job to do.
Today I can whinge - there's vacuuming and cleaning;
Or I can sing and dance and whistle while I work.
TODAY is the day that the Lord has made.
TODAY I will rejoice and be glad in it!

DIARY – OCTOBER 2018

Sunday 7th

10.30 am

Harvest Festival – Worship Leaders

Monday 8 th	12 - 1.15 pm	Lunch Club in the Hall
Tuesday 9 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven
Thursday 11 th	7.30 am	Church Council
Sunday 14 th	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Revd. O da Silva (S)
Tuesday 16 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven
Thursday 18 th	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Haven
Sunday 21 st	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Worship Leaders
Tuesday 23 rd	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven
Thursday 25 th	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Haven
Sunday 28 th	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Revd. O da Silva
Tuesday 30 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven

DIARY – NOVEMBER 2018

Saturday 3 rd	2.00pm	Bereavement Service @ St Mary's
Sunday 4 th	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Miss G. Barber
Tuesday 6 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven
Thursday 8 th	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Vestry/Parlour
Sunday 11 th	10.30 am	Remembrance Service – Revd. O. da Silva
Monday 12 th	12 – 1.15 pm	Lunch Club in the Hall
Tuesday 13 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven
Sunday 18 th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Miss G. Barber
Tuesday 20 th	10 – 12 noon	Coffee in the Haven
Thursday 22 nd	7.00 pm	Bible Study in the Vestry/Parlour
Sunday 25 th	10.30 am	Morning Worship – Mrs D. Roye
Tuesday 27 th	10.00 – 12.00pm	Coffee in the Haven
Thursday 29 th	8.00pm	Circuit Meeting (provisional)

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3:30pm - 5:30pm
16 September 2018
16 December 2018
20 January 2019
17 February 2019 etc.,

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Activities day by day

Sunday	10.30 - 11.30am	Worship Service For other services, see noticeboard
Monday	9.30-11.30am) 12.30- 3.30pm) 12.00 - 1.15pm 2.00 - 4.00pm 6.00 - 7.30pm 8.00 - 9.00pm	Dizzi Tots (neither session meets on 2 nd in month) Lunch Club (2 nd in month) Singing for Fun U3A (3 rd in month) Brownie Pack (term time) Karate Class
Tuesday	10.00 - 12noon 1.30 - 3.30pm 4.15 - 5.45pm 7.30 - 9.00pm 6.30 - 8.05pm 7.45 - 9.45pm	Coffee in the Haven Flower-arranging U3A (2 nd in month) Tudor Rose Dance School Ultrasound Ladies Choir Boys' Brigade (Anchor Boys & Juniors) Boys' Brigade (Company Section)
Wednesday	9.30 - 12noon 10.00 - 11.00am 4.15 - 7.30pm 7.30 - 9.30pm	Monkey Music (term-time) Music & Movement U3A (1st & 3rd in month) Tudor Rose Dance School Woodford Singers
Thursday	10.30 - 11.15am 4.15 - 5.45pm	Hey Diddle Diddle Tudor Rose Dance School

Friday	9.45 – 11.45am	Sounds Right
	4.15 - 8.30pm	Tudor Rose Dance School
Saturday	9.30 - 2.30pm	Tudor Rose Dance School
	6.30 – 9.30pm	Jagannath Hall Alumni Association (monthly)

When preparing for a show The Thistles Musical Theatre Company
meet Monday and Friday 8.00pm – 10.00pm plus occasional Sundays

**If you have any changes in your usual activities, please let Cherilee,
Lettings Steward know as soon as possible.**