

UNITY



The Newsletter of the Ealing Green Church
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'Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.'
Hosea 10.12

Every church has seasons in its life, and every minister in her ministry. What an adventure to begin this next season together with you at Ealing Green, and in the Circuit!

I have had a sense of holding back in these last months leading up to September, as if accompanied in my weekly round by a gentle companion whispering, 'not yet -' In our Methodist system of stationing, I continued in my past station for a further eight months after 'matching,' so my sense of professional anticipation has been high. I suspect there are things in the life of this church where there has been an equal sense of holding back, of preparation. And not just among those faithful people getting the manse in such a welcoming state!

Finally, it is time to begin: 'Now is the time to break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek the Lord,' says the prophet Hosea. The context of Hosea's call is the festival of Sukkoth, a celebration of Harvest and of the memory of Israel's time in the wilderness. For me, arriving here and beginning work does feel like a time of harvest, having waited and planned for so long to come. But even with the focus on the good things at hand, the prophet reminds us to look to the future. Now is the time for looking ourselves, our surrounding community, and our church life over to see where God is calling us forward.

Where is our fallow ground? What patches of unused, unseen resource have we among us, what talents and ideas, what hopes for the future? What tiredness or anxiety? This process is not about the scrutiny of inspection, but more like a child shaking wrapped gifts under a tree on Christmas morning – and we should approach it with equal joy, and gentleness.

Make no mistake, breaking up 'fallow' ground is hard work, as anyone who has cleared a disused allotment will know. It is especially hard as there are not immediate outcomes, but only the promise of coming years' harvest. It requires we hold our nerve when backs begin to ache and hands blister. But God's promise is sure: the rain of steadfast love and righteousness will come.

I look forward to this first season with you immensely.

I have attached a brief description of myself so that you know a little bit more about me when I see you in the very near future. This is over the page.

Always be a first-rate version of yourself, instead of a second-rate version of somebody else.

Judy Garland

Dr. Jennifer Smith

A bit more about me:

I was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts in 1971, and my parents still live outside Boston in the US. My younger brother Andrew lives adjacent to the beach in southern California, with his wife Alison and their daughter Clementine. My parents are active members of a congregational church in the United Church of Christ, in which denomination I was brought up; I became a member of the Episcopal Church during University in Charlottesville, Virginia, and came to the UK for a teaching job in 1993. During the time I was married (to a British fellow) I finished doctoral studies in politics, for which I studied the development of religious liberty in the ideas of Roger Williams, a mad but loveable sometime-Baptist who founded the colony that would become Rhode Island. I also joined the Methodist Church in Leicester, where I was working at the university. I still keep a hobby in 17th century ideas, though they are not as central now as they were when I was lecturing. Many will find this a relief!

I trained for the ministry at the Queens Foundation at the University of Birmingham, writing an MPhil in theology that concerned more contemporary issues of urban church life in the UK. I do occasional research and teaching outside of Circuit to enrich my pastoral role, and I'll be coordinating teaching and discipleship in the Circuit from September as well. I will travel for the second year now in January, to lecture with the Cliff College International Learning Centre, teaching ministers and Bishops in the Methodist Church Nigeria. Aside from that, I have a long time affiliation with the Nigeria Health Care Project and the Uzuakoli Support Group, two UK charities that support work in Nigeria.

Most importantly, I am engaged to the Revd Dr Keith Riglin, who works in the parish of St Clement and St James Norlands: I will look forward to introducing him to you, and he has offered some evening services to our Superintendent so you may meet him in worship as well. He has two grown daughters, Lucy and Anna, in University and on a GAP year respectively.

Luncheon Club

Can you spare half a day once a month? Washers-up needed.

Aprons and rubber gloves provided.

We would welcome you to join our friendly team,(and you'd get a free lunch too!).

Please contact Helen

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Well that was summer. Promised to be a barbecue summer and, after a few weeks of indecision it turned out to be all right – at least up until I wrote this. Now we are back to the grindstone, or already anticipating autumnal things.

Some of us are heading for new and challenging things over the coming months and years. Helen Martin got married and has that to start getting used to. Nyiko and Jan Willem were christened and have a whole lifetime's worth of experiences to start getting under their respective belts.

But that's it, isn't it? We all need something to live for and something to look forward to. Christmas is a little far away at the minute, so I am concentrating on other things, like looking forward to see how daughter number three is getting on in Malawi, where she is seeing if she can do anything to help others out there. I know some who are already looking forward to half term!

The bottom line is that most of us have a lot going for us and time is passing, so we need to make the most of what we have here and now. The Christian Aid slogan is 'We believe in life before death' which makes it pretty plain that we are asked to do what we can while we can to make the world a better place for others.

There are several appeals to you, in this edition of **UNITY** to see if you can find the money to support those who need it in places that we are coming to know better and better. Martin wrote in the last edition of an amazingly dedicated person in Kenya, who believes that he has to help where others fear to. He is 28, but according to one source who knows and highly respects him, our man may not see too many more years as he is up against the powers of corruption in a place where opponents are not just ignored, they are simply killed. His bravery earns our respect. It also calls for our support.

The absence of a rule of law in Zimbabwe is a similarly tragic fact of life and one that continues to compound the misery of that benighted country. The church in Chinhoyi is less able than it was to pay its way and look after the weakest in its society. Some members of our congregation have committed to sending more support. It is desperately needed. Can you help?

And in India, Stalin is seeking individual support for children who cannot afford schooling, which is the only way out of their plight. Can you spare something so that collectively we can make a difference, even a small one, to those at the bottom of the pile, through no fault of their own.

Are you willing to commit, even a small amount each month to one of the above causes? Our church is a relatively wealthy one, not just for the money in our pockets, but also because of the generosity of our hearts. Can we help those, so much less fortunate than ourselves. Please let Martin, Stalin, Jonathan or myself know.

God bless you



Letters

From Frank Bedwell

Dear Friends

I enjoyed my holiday at Pontins Centre at Prestatyn Sands in North Wales. The weather was excellent. The entertainment from the Blue Coats in the Queen Vic, where we went for drinks, was very good. I shared a chalet with our senior member of staff, Frances for the whole week.

We liked going to Wales and brought Wales rugby shirts. We also went to Merseyside, where we went on the yellow submarine and sang all the Beatles songs. On our last night in Wales we went for a meal in a Chinese restaurant which we all enjoyed.

Now that we are back in Ealing, I am sharing my shower with Leslie, who fell down and broke his leg. I have also received my Certificate from the Ealing and Hammersmith College.

We are looking forward to our new Dr. Jennifer Smith's welcome service

God bless you all
Frank W Bedwell

From Christine Edwards Memorial Service for Denis Edwards

I would like to thank all the Church members who helped to make the service on August 14th such a special occasion. It was good to have Ralph Eveleigh among us again, leading the service. The choir, with augmented numbers, gave a sensitive rendering of the anthem and the congregational singing was up to the best Methodist standards! Thanks to Fleur to who was not only directing the music but arranged the flowers beautifully.

We were very fortunate to have Jan Cunningham on the organ, particularly enjoying her playing of two of Denis' favourite Bach organ pieces.

Thanks to John Collingbourne for producing an order of service so everything went smoothly, avoiding the visitors having to find their way through the Methodist hymnbook. Thanks to Ron, the sound system worked perfectly and the family much appreciated the recording he made of the service.

In spite of holidays and the service occurring on a working day there were church members who knew Denis well and were supportive and welcoming to visitors.

Last but by no means least, Helen and her army of helpers did a wonderful job providing a buffet lunch of a high quality which was much commented on and very welcome to friends and family, many of whom had travelled some distance to attend the service.

His membership of Ealing Green Church, was very important to Denis and many of us felt that he was with us in spirit enjoying the service, giving us a dazzling smile and singing the hymns with his usual enthusiasm.

Christine Edwards

From Rene & Doug Edwards

We would both like to thank all our friends for the many prayers and good wishes that we have received on our wedding anniversary. Thank you one and all.

Rene & Doug Edwards

From Des, Lirea and Jan-Willem

Dear friends at Ealing Green,

The baptism of our son Jan-Willem on the 12th of July was a very special occasion for us. After so many years at Ealing Green and with all the love and support we have always received we knew that christening our son at Ealing Green was the natural choice. Some of our family members thought we would have waited to have Jan-Willem baptised in South Africa once we go and visit, but we said that Ealing Green was the church family where we felt at home and there is no church anywhere else in the world where it would have felt 'right'.

So we want to thank all - we felt blessed to see so many of you there and it was wonderful that so many of you were able to join us and also that you were so welcoming to our family and friends. Of course there are always those who work 'behind the scenes' on these occasions and a special word of thanks go to Colin, Helen and her team, Carien, Fleur, Bill and to Michaela for the grace and sincerity with which she conducted the ceremony.

Also thanks to Nyintini, Mosima and Nyiko Mokoena that we could have shared this special day with them.

At the same time we have now realised that we need to find another congregation a bit closer to where we live. It is called Dundonald Church and is in Raynes Park and we believe that we will, in time, become part of this new church family. It does go without saying that it will be impossible for us to not keep popping into Ealing Green and will hopefully never miss a potluck lunch!

God bless and all our love,

Des, Lirea and Jan-Willem

From The Fikelela project St Thomas's Church in in Rondebosch

Dear Parishioners of Ealing Green,

As you already know, we are so delighted to have linked up with your Parish and are grateful for the generosity you have shown right away. The Chairlady of our Fikelela Task Team wrote to thank you for your wonderful donation and promised that photos would follow- and here they are (see Page 13). The Task team has several projects on the go - all, of course, in support of those suffering from or affected by HIV/AIDS.

In the pictures (see Page 12 of this newsletter) you will see our latest meeting with the St Mary Magdalene Grannies. We have been supporting this group for some time as these elderly ladies (and some gentlemen) find themselves in the difficult position of outliving their own children because of AIDS, and are now faced with raising their grandchildren. Our aim is to acknowledge their loss and the good parenting they are doing, often on very meagre pensions or child grants. We try to provide them with an outing and slap up tea to enable them to get away from their responsibilities for a morning. This we do once a quarter and we have now built wonderful friendships and a humbling level of trust. At our last tea (pictures attached) several of the ladies stood up and told us their personal stories all very moving and such a testimony to their faith and trust in the Lord. There was hardly a dry eye as we sang and prayed together. Your support helps us to transport the grannies, provide refreshments and small presents for them too.

I have included pictures of a typical monthly food parcel pack. As you know these parcels go to child headed families where the breadwinner is either ill or has passed away. We pack 120 parcels a month and we are delighted that one of the local boys' schools is now assisting us with the labour - we get it done in half the time!! Your support helps with the purchase of the food which costs about R8000 per month.

We also support AIDS orphans, purchasing sweaters and warm tops for the children on a regular basis and also helping with the cost of school uniforms. You will see one of Task Team with our latest batch of fleece tops -50 in all for the Fikelela AIDS Orphanage. Your support helps with this too.

Andy Paige has returned from a visit to the UK and to Ealing Green Church with a huge bag of clothing organised by Mrs. Jenny Gardner. I have handed them to the Main Diocesan Office of Fikelela for distribution but managed to get some photos of the hand knitted baby things ,which are absolutely beautiful. The children wearing the garments are all HIV positive as are their mothers. They are pictured at a skills development centre where the mothers are learning to weave. Please send grateful thanks to Mrs. Gardner and forward the photos.

We will try to keep you updated about our activities and hope that you will keep in touch too.

Kind regards and many thanks to you all,
Jenny Masterson (Fikelela Task Team)

News of the Church Family

David Groves has been an in-patient in the 'National Hospital', Queen's Square, on a couple of occasions in the past two months undergoing tests and scans.

Alma Baker fell in early July, badly bruising her face and neck and fracturing her kneecap. She has had her leg in plaster which restricted her 'special' birthday celebrations. She is recovering but not as quickly as she would like!

We were pleased to see **Kathleen Sheridan** back in church with **Kafero** after a few months of medical investigations in USA. She has to return to the clinic shortly and would value our prayers for good results.

Deon Scheppel has been unable to work for a couple of months due to severe back problems. He is waiting for a date for surgery. **Diane & Deon** would appreciate prayers that this will soon happen.

Sadly, there have been several deaths in the past couple of months involving members of our Church Family:-

Denis Edwards, Bill Lovell's father, Sigrid Schnittler and **Max Cross** (Hazel Humphries' father).

We extend our love and sympathy to all the families involved.

A Thanksgiving service for the life of **Denis Edwards** was held at Ealing Green on 14th August, with a full church in attendance. **Rev Ralph Eveleigh** who knew Denis well, officiated at this service.

We particularly pray for those mentioned above, and also remember in our prayers those who are elderly or housebound, and their carers.

At the beginning of July, we were delighted to welcome into the family of the Church, by Baptism:- **Marthinus Jan-Willem**, son of **Lirea & Des Beylefeld** and **Nyiko**, son of **Mosima & Nyimpini Mabunda**. This was a very happy occasion, as was:

The wedding of **Helen Martin and Adam Brown** on Saturday 25th July.

Two further items of good news for which we send our congratulations!

Ruth Lovell has become engaged to **Mike Bradley**;

Sandra & Riaan Kinghorn are expecting a baby, due in late November.

Gill Hatherall

Plan for this world as if you expect to live forever; but plan for the hereafter as if you expect to die tomorrow.

Solomon Ibn Gabirol

Updates from the Church Secretary

Diary Reminders:-

6 th Sep	Welcome service to our new Minister followed by potluck lunch
13 th Sep	Church Meeting following morning worship
20 th Sep	Harvest Festival

Preachers during September:-

6 th Sep	Our own Minister – Rev Jen Smith
13 th Sep	Mr Peter Green – Local Preacher from Southall Methodist
20 th Sep	Rev Jen Smith
27 th Sep	Miss Vera Marston – a Local Preacher & one of our members

Welcome to Rev Dr Jen Smith

Rev Smith officially starts at the beginning of September and her first service will be on the 6th, when she will lead us in morning worship, including Holy Communion, at 11.00am.

Following the service, we will celebrate Jen's arrival by sharing a Potluck Lunch together in the main hall. This will give you an opportunity to meet her and introduce yourselves. We hope that her fiancé, Keith with his daughters Anna & Lucy, will also be able to join us.

In the evening at 6.30pm, the Circuit welcome service for Rev Smith will be held at Ealing Green. This service formally welcomes her into the Circuit and accepts her as a minister in the URC. As well as Circuit ministers, there will be civic dignitaries and representatives from The United Reformed Church and other local churches. Refreshments will be served after this service.

Please do make a special effort to support our new minister, by attending both services on this special day. May we also remind you to bring a 'dish' for the Potluck Lunch – main meal, salad or dessert, so we have plenty to share. On this occasion, we also ask for your help in providing some cakes or savouries for the evening refreshments. Please let Helen Harper know, in advance, that you will be bringing a contribution.

URC Prayer Handbook

The Prayer Handbook 2010 is now available. Please pass orders to Frances at the Bookstall. This Handbook is a collection of unique prayers and meditations and will appeal to individual Christians wishing to follow a contemporary weekly prayer life. It is size A5 and is spiral bound – and costs only £4.90.

Also available is **2010 Pocket Diary** comes in choice of 4 colours. £5.95 each

HARVEST FESTIVAL

As Summer gives way to Autumn, we start to prepare for our Harvest Festival which this year will take place on Sunday, 20th September at 11.00am. The service will be led by our minister, Rev Jen Smith.

Harvest is a time when we reflect on the world around us, and give thanks to God for its creation. We praise him for all the things which make our world such a wonderful place, thanking him for supplying us with our material needs and for the food we eat.

We shall be decorating the church with flowers & greenery, fruit & vegetables, tinned & packaged food etc. Remember if you have surplus produce from your garden or allotment this would be most appropriate for the Harvest service. Please do come along and help us with the decoration on Saturday 19th September from 10.00am. – 12 noon. Please bring your contributions on Saturday morning, as soon after 9.45am as possible.

We will also be very grateful for help in dismantling the display and distributing the gifts after the service. One of the recipients is Ealing Soup Kitchen, based at St John's Church. They appreciate non-perishable food, including:- pasta, tinned and packet soup, rice, tea, biscuits, jam & tinned food. If you know of anyone or any organisation who would appreciate a gift please let Gill Hatherall know.

If you are unable to come on the Saturday morning, but wish to bring Harvest gifts, these may be brought to Church on Sunday morning..

Colin Hatherall

From the desk of the Administrator.

Directory of Members and Friends.

I plan to have the next directory available by late September or early October. If you wish to have your email address included or you have some amendments to make to your address or telephone number, please let me have them in writing or by email to collingbourne@btinternet.com as soon as possible.

Annual Report Booklet.

Please let me have your reports for inclusion in the booklet by **Sunday 18th October** at the latest. Thank you.

Festival of Church Music.

Ealing Green Choir will be taking part in the Festival of Church Music, which this year will be held in Coventry Cathedral on Saturday 17th October 2009 at 7.00pm. A choir of 400 voices from the Midlands and the South of England will sing a wide variety of anthems old and new. The programme will include some rarely sung pieces such as the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Beethoven's 'Mount of Olives' and the chorus 'All that hath breath praise the Lord.' from Mendelssohn's 'Hymn of Praise'.

For the first time, the choir will have an orchestra to accompany it as well as the organ. The orchestra is the Hillingdon Philharmonic Orchestra.

Ealing Green Choir has been attending the monthly joint rehearsals which have been held at Ickenham URC. Around 60 -70 people have been attending these rehearsals from a wide local area, some are even travelling up from Kent.

Saturday 17th October should be a feast of music and it would be great to see some folk from Ealing in the audience.

*John Collingbourne,
Choir Secretary*

Ealing and Brentford Consolidated Charity (EBCC)

EBCC is a small local charity that helps those with limited means, by providing grants, sheltered housing for older people and allotments. The charity has been in existence for over a hundred years - indeed some parts of the charity go back to the 16th century. The charity has been chosen to run the Governments Grassroots scheme for the Borough of Ealing.

The Grassroots Scheme is a national drive by the Government to support thousands of groups and projects working to improve the local community. Part of the scheme means EBCC is being given half a million pounds to distribute to groups in Ealing over a three year period - details can be found on the website (www.e-bcc.org.uk).

However there is a catch - the Governments scheme only lasts three years. To be able to continue to give grants EBCC has to raise capital to provide an endowment fund to continue this work after the Government grants ceases. We are seeking to raise this money by appeals to individuals, organisations and businesses. For every £ the charity raises before the end of the three years the Government will give it a further pound up to a maximum of £302,000 - and if the sum raised is gift aided it raises a further 28%. If any individual member of churches or, the church as a whole would like to help with a donation it will be most welcome.

Please send a donation to EBCC, 65 Tawney Close, Ealing, London W13 9LX. or contact me for further details.

Examples of the type of group activity helped are as follows:

- Arts workshops for local people with learning disabilities.
- Holiday activities for children in Ealing
- Healthy living programmes for Ealing's older people, to improve fitness and wellbeing.
- A home visiting service for older people to combat isolation.
- Language classes
- English and Maths classes
- Support for those facing domestic abuse.
- Sports equipment
- Training for volunteers and coaching.
- Cultural and community events.

*Vera Marston
EBCC Trustee*

Fikelele

Some of the 'grannies' (see 'Letters')



Preparing the food parcels



Wedding

Adam and Helen got married. We wish them all the best in their lives together.



We also had two christenings

Nyiko Mabunda



Grappling with Rev. Michaela Youngson at the christening



In a more relaxed mood, at home.

Jan-Willem



with friends.



The two families

News

Church of Scotland welcomes release of Lockerbie bomb prisoner

By staff writers 20 Aug 2009

The Church of Scotland has praised the decision by the Justice Minister, Kenny MacAskill, who made the decision to release the Lockerbie bomber, Abdelbaset Ali al-Megrahi, from prison on compassionate grounds. But there are deep frustrations that the end of al-Megrahi's appeal and his release will now allow the British government and the Libyan authorities to get away with what some believe to be a cover-up over the true circumstances of the terror tragedy in December 1988.

The Rev Ian Galloway, convener of the Kirk's Church and Society Council, commented: "This decision has sent a message to the world about what it is to be Scottish. We are defined as a nation by how we treat those who have chosen to hurt us. Do we choose mercy even when they did not chose mercy?"

"This was not about whether one man was guilty or innocent," he added. "Nor is it about whether he had a right to mercy but whether we as a nation, despite the continuing pain of many, are willing to be merciful."

Galloway went on: "I understand the deep anger and grief that still grips the souls of the victims' families and I respect their views. But to them I would say justice is not lost in acting in mercy. Instead, our deepest humanity is expressed for the better. To choose mercy is the tough choice and today our nation met that challenge."

He concluded: "We have gained something significant as a nation by this decision. It is a defining moment for all of us."

Megrahi has always strongly protested his innocence and legal rights activists are concerned that the basis of his conviction is not sound.

Many relatives of those killed by the bombing in Britain also have doubts over the conviction and wanted the appeal to go ahead so that evidence which the courts have not seen could be brought forward and more material would be put into the public domain. But the families of US victims were adamant that the appeal should be rejected and al-Megrahi kept in prison, in spite of the concerns and his terminal illness.

There are now moves to seek a formal public enquiry into the events surrounding the bombing and the court proceedings. But the government has announced that it will resist these. Sceptics believe it has much to hide in its own dealings with the Libyan government, particularly in relation to the release of oil reserves.

British relatives of the victims of the Lockerbie disaster said two days ago they feared vital evidence that could shed more light on the attack would remain hidden after the courts in Scotland granted Megrahi's request to drop his appeal.

This article is reprinted from Ekkleisia.co.uk

Always go to the bathroom when you have a chance.

King George V

Collection Point Collection Point

*“There’s a man holding my hand who says
we’ve been married for 50 years.”*

This month’s appeal is on behalf of Alzheimer's Concern Ealing

Alzheimer's Concern Ealing is a local organisation that provides emotional support and practical services to meet the changing needs of people with dementia and their carers.

Mission Statement

Our objective is to relieve the distress and isolation experienced by people with dementia and their carers by providing emotional support and practical help through the provision of community-based services in the London Borough of Ealing.

Three of the main aims of the charity are:

- To advocate the rights of people with dementia and their carers to respect, dignity and choice.
- To empower people with dementia and their carers to understand their rights and enable them to recognise their own individual needs.
- To provide services which enable people with dementia to retain life skills and abilities so that they can remain living at home in the community as independently as possible.

As we all know, this is a growing problem in our society. Alzheimer’s Concern Ealing is a local charity providing the sort of local support that is so important. Please give generously to this most important charity.

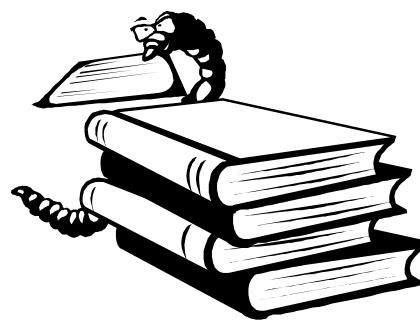
Thankyou

Even if you are a minority of one, the truth is the truth.

Mohandas Gandhi

From the Bookstall

Books and Sundries for September 2009



“The Power of Praying for your Adult Children”

by Stormie O’Martian

Perhaps you are watching your grown children step out into the world, and wishing you could do more to support them while giving them the freedom they crave. You can. It doesn’t matter how young or old they are, you can rest in the power of God working through your prayers.

In the important follow-up to “The Power of a Praying Parent”, (more than 17 million sold), Stormie O’Martian. Addresses your unique concerns as a parent of grown-up children. With stories from other parents and insight gleaned from personal experience, Stormie provides fresh direction on praying with the power of God’s word over your adult children and their

- 1) Career choices and sense of purpose
- 2) Marriages and other vital relationships
- 3) Financial struggles and emotional trials

“When we take our concerns to the Lord – trusting that God hears our prayers and answers them on behalf of our adult children – it means our prayers have power to effect change in their lives” says Stormie “And that gives us a peace we can find no other way”

Stormie O’Martian is the best-selling author of “The Power of Praying” series (more than 13 million copies sold world-wide), which includes “The Power of a Praying Wife” and “The Power of a Praying Husband”. Stormie and her husband Michael have been married more than 35 years, and are the parents of 2 adult children.

This book is obtainable on the bookstall at £8.99 a copy.

“Autumn Leave – a Season in France” by Michele Guinness.

She and her husband always believed they would live in France one day – but were amazed when a series of minor miracles made it possible to buy a house in the Limousine. Dreams, however don’t simply come true – not in real life!

In this frank and funny account of their ups and downs based on Michele’s diary of her husband’s 3-month sabbatical, we meet a host of extraordinary characters as she pursues the truth behind some of the hamlet’s tortuous relationships, and meets the beleaguered French Church. Setting up rural life was more stressful than she could have imagined, so was the local feuding, the potentially expensive legal wrangling the moral dilemmas about owning land and dealing with their more furry neighbours.

Michele Guinness is a prolific author and has worked as a presenter, researcher and writer for national TV and radio, and speaks at events all over the country, including Spring Harvest, New Wine, Green Belt and Detling. Her books include *Child of the Covenant*, *Chosen* and *Heavenly Party*.

Cindy Kent, Premier Radio, says:

‘A Year in Provence meets Finding Sanctuary. Fabulous insights into Creating a New Life, and Church – without being Preachy. Excellent story telling. You can almost smell the hot

croissants, fresh baguettes, wonderful cheeses and good red wine – as well as feel the pain of a struggling Christian Community and laugh and cry at the DIY attempts!
Adrian Plass, says: 'Michele has produced a book in her usual style – bright intelligent and always entertaining. A great read!'

Also available at £8.99 a copy

“Healing Prayers” by Clift & Kathleen Richards

God's Word is filled with God's promises and many of these promises relate to health and healing. “Healing Prayers,” helps you pray the promises of God in your quest for healing of your body, emotions and mind. It also contains prayers for you to use in your intercession for the healing of others.

As you pray these topically arranged Bible-based prayers, your faith will rise to receive all God has in store for you. This will change your perspective concerning illness, and it will restore your hope for healing, health, happiness and wholeness. Over 100 specific prayers present the Bible's answer to your needs

This book may be obtained from the Book stall for only £5.50 a copy

“Walking with God” by John Eldredge – New York Times – Best-selling Author

We have a lot to sort through on any given day. A whole lot to navigate over the course of a week or a month. Am I in the right relationships? How am I going to come up with enough money to do all the things I want to do? And what about love – is this the right one? Why can't I overcome those “Habits?” that look more and more like “addictions?” Am I at the right Church? What is God doing in my life? All day long we are making choices. How do we know what to do next?

We have 2 options – which one do we pick?

We can trudge through on our own, doing our best to figure it all out – or we can walk with God – as if learning to hear his voice. Really! He offers to speak to us and guide us. Every day. It is an incredible offer. To accept that offer is to enter into an adventure filled with joy and risk transformation and break-through. And more clarity than we ever thought possible.

“Walking with God” is available from the Bookstall – at ONLY £9.50 a copy!

*Ealing Green Bookstall
Frances J. Groves*

Ealing Green Players

Ealing Green Players are hoping to put on a full-length play in the Spring.

It's a gentle piece by Noel Coward called "Waiting in the Wings" about elderly leading ladies in a residential home who through age or misfortune have been reduced to poverty.

No actress under the age of sixty is eligible for admittance to "The Wings". In spite of its cast we do need lots of help on and off stage - much work to do.

So whatever your age, you will be very welcome to join us in "The "Wings".

Please contact Helen.

September Rotas

September		Preacher	Readers	Prayers	Communion Stewards	Coffee Duty *
6 th	11:00 am	Rev Jen Smith	Charles Kenny	Jane Horwich	HH,JM,SA-L,VJ	<u>Marion</u> and Valerie
	6:30 pm					
13 th	11:00 am	Mr Peter Green	Shirley Shallis	Colin Hatherall		<u>Joan</u> and Louise
	6:30 pm					
20 th	11:00 am	Rev Jen Smith	Marian Martin	Jonathan Morris	Harvest Festival	<u>Susanne</u> and Peter
	6:30 pm					
27 th	11:00 am	Miss Vera Marston	Tina Berry	Martin Sarbicki		Margaret Lewis and <u>Martin</u>
	6:30 pm					

*Notes: Could we please have some volunteers for the Coffee Rota. All help is welcome - and it would be nice to see other faces behind the counter (no offence to those who already volunteer). Please could the underlined person bring milk. Readers as follows:

Bible Readers for:

October

4th Yvonne Moyo
 11th Robina Thexton
 18th Boni Moyo
 25th Hazel Humphries

November

1st Bernard Scott Rose
 8th Janette Pender
 15th Ramesh Khanna
 22nd Fleur Hatherall
 29th Ron Honor

If any of the above dates is inconvenient, please arrange for a substitute.