

## LETTER FROM YOUR MINISTER

JULY/AUGUST 2014



# SUMMER



Dear Messenger Reader.

It looks like 'Summer' is now here for this year! Well, as I write this line, the weather looks summery out there: the sun, in collaboration with the clouds, keeps playing 'Hide and Seek' with me. Only two days ago I saw one of the heaviest downpours, and now I see the people out and about in their summer wear! When will I get the British weather right?

Considering that it is God who has the final say as to whether the weather should be rain or shine, I stop complaining and get on with thanking God for the ways in which He continues to bless us with His love and care. Whether at home or away on holiday - let us adore God - and not the sun - for the beauty of Summer. Let our love, kindness and patience not be because the weather is "brilliant" but because the brilliant God who controls the weather commands us to show love, kindness and patience to one another, as a way of reverence.

I understand church attendance in the U.K. drops significantly during the months of summer, purportedly "because many people are away." While that may be true, I wonder if it is not equally true that our local communities - for instance - also receive a good number of visitors, friends and families in the same period! I am not totally convinced that drop in church attendance, when the weather is good, is purely because members are away. I suspect some people simply subordinate church-going to either sitting in their gardens and enjoying the sun, or enjoying walking their dogs!

Another thing, I am greatly disappointed when I hear people explain that they couldn't come to church because they had their families and/or friends staying the weekend with them.

As a visitor I have enjoyed worshipping in away churches here in London, Oxford, Saint Andrews in Scotland, Seattle in the US, Brisbane in Australia, Katwijk in Holland, and other places.

In most cases I was accompanying the hosting families. Here at The Hyde, I have, indeed, noticed a few members coming along with their loved ones - an example that others ought to follow!

We must not be ashamed of letting others know that we believe in God, and that we enjoy a faithful relationship with Christ? We are not contributing to the growth of God's Kingdom if we are shy or ashamed of letting others know that God is in the centre of our lives. Matthew 10: 32 reminds us of the dire consequences: "Whoever acknowledges Me publicly, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven."

While it is true that Christ does not force us to do anything, God's commands are for us to obey. Whatever you choose to do with God's commands, be aware of its consequence! This summer, choose to do the right thing in honour of God. Considering that there are many wrong ways of doing the right thing, pray that God might help you do His will well.

We seem to have lost sight of the need for us to always be true to the love of God; the need for us to surrender fully to the lordship of Christ over our lives. The church of Christ here on earth must NOT forget the fact that God's Words are often double edged: bringing comfort on the one hand, and challenge on the other - yes, even discomfort!

Should the church be preoccupied with singing the tunes of her subscribers in order to keep them happy, or must she sing the tunes of the good Lord, to keep Christ always happy? Whose responsibility is it - if it is not the church's - to call sin "sin", and to condemn (and not condone) sin in its entirety?

The message for you this summer is: Return to the Lord. Let Christ become your closest friend - one whom you are proud of introducing to others both home and abroad. It is not too late for you to let Jesus' Spirit free your life. Our church has now reached a point of real Revival. The Holy Spirit has brooded long enough within the life of our church. It is time we opened ourselves to the Holy Spirit's activities in our daily living.

That aside, I would like everybody who has not yet been baptized or formally received into Church Membership to see me or their Elder so we can start to talk around (and pray for) that side of things.

I must shut up right now and allow you to enjoy your Summer.

Love,

Revd. Owiny Lab



# NEWS AND NOTICES FROM THE CHURCH



## FLOWER LIST



## JULY/AUGUST 2014



*We are very grateful to members of our Church who have given donations for flowers as this makes a real difference to the feel of our Church and enhances our worship. Please continue with your donations towards the flowers during 2014.*

The following are thanked for their donations during JULY AND AUGUST

### JULY

MR. & MRS MAYCOCK  
MR. H. THOMPSON  
MR. & MRS DAY  
MR. C. THOMPSON

### AUGUST

MR. & MRS. EDDISFORD  
MRS. L. O'NEALE  
MR. & MRS THEURI  
MR & MRS C. THOMPSON

We also thank our team of flower arrangers and would always welcome anyone who feels they would like to join us on the flower arranging rota – talk to Sheila or Vivien.

Pam Maycock, Vivien Crispe, Sheila Mortimore, Susan Day, Christina Eddisford.



### MINISTER'S AVAILABILITY

*Please note that the Minister will not be available from Monday 28<sup>th</sup> July until Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August when he resumes his ministry.*

*Please also note that the Minister will not be available from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> August until Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September when he will again resume his ministry.*

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## BIRTHDAYS



### BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS DURING JULY AND AUGUST

#### JULY

MARY  
GLORIA  
PAM  
SHEILA  
JOYCE  
COLIN  
KOFI

#### AUGUST

TABITHA  
JOSHUA  
CATHERINE  
MERCY  
LUKE  
DENISE

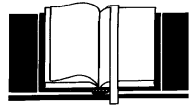
## CONGRATULATIONS

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The smile on my face doesn't mean my life is perfect. It means I appreciate what I have and what I have been blessed with. I choose to be happy.

(Shared by friends on my iPad this week – Sheila Mortimore)





**PREACHING PLANS for  
JULY/AUGUST 2014**

**JULY 2014**

July 6<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. John Hawkins  
July 13<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. O. Laber  
July 20<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Communion  
Rev.O. Laber  
July 27<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Rev.O. Laber

**AUGUST 2014**

Aug. 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Ms. Toni Anthony  
Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Rev. O. Laber  
6.30 p.m. - Communion  
- Rev.O. Laber  
Aug. 17<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Communion  
Rev. O. Laber  
Aug. 24<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Mr. Ted Maycock  
and Elders  
Aug. 31<sup>st</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Songs of Praise  
Junior Church

**SEPTEMBER 2014**

September 7<sup>th</sup> - 10.00 a.m. - Mr. Allan Down

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**MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR**



I have just spent two weeks in glorious sunshine, swimming in clear blue seas and relaxing with good company in the Bahamas. It was really idyllic but extremely hot, sometimes too hot to actually sit out and sunbathe. It was quite uncanny that on the day I returned home it was the hottest day of the year here, so I was well prepared and happy to be back in Colindale!!



Now it's a case of getting back to reality, so may I please have all material for the next issue of The Messenger for September 2014 by Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August. Thank you.

**Vivien Crispe**

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**DIARY FOR JULY/AUGUST 2014**

**JULY 2014**

Wed. 9<sup>th</sup> - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service  
Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> - 9.00 a.m. - Mens Breakfast  
10.00 a.m. - Junior Church Training  
Wed. 16<sup>th</sup> - 11.00 a.m. - Housegroup  
1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service  
Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup> - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service  
7.30 p.m. - Elders Meeting  
SAT. 26<sup>th</sup> - 9.30 am. for 10 a.m. - CHURCH MEETING  
2.00 P.M. - CREAM TEAS  
Wed. 30<sup>th</sup> - 1.15pm. - Lunchtime service

**AUGUST**

Wed. 6<sup>th</sup> - 1.15 pm. - Lunchtime service  
Wed. 13<sup>th</sup> - 1.15 pm. - Lunchtime service  
Wed. 20<sup>th</sup> - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime service  
Wed. 27<sup>th</sup> - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service

**SEPTEMBER**

Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> - 11.00 a.m. - Coffee Morning and  
12 noon - Lunches  
Wed. 10<sup>th</sup> - 1.15 p.m. - Lunchtime Service

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**CHURCH MEETING**

Will ALL Church Members be aware that on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> July at 9.30 a.m. for 10 a.m. we will be holding our quarterly Church Meeting.

We meet at 9.30 a.m. for Croissants and tea or coffee and then start the meeting at 10 a.m. The meeting is open to non Church Members.

If you are unable to attend, please forward your apologies to the Minister or your Elder.



All of us are one body, for we all share the same loaf.  
1 Corinthians 10.17

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# A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY



## CREAM TEAS

SATURDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY

AT

67 WAKEMANS HILL AVENUE

COME ALONG ANY TIME -  
FROM 2.00 P.M. TO 5 P.M.



SCONES, BUTTER JAM AND CREAM -  
£2.50 PER HEAD

STRAWBERRIES AND CREAM  
£1.50 PER HEAD



PLUS TEA, COFFEE OR COLD DRINK.



FOR THE WHOLE TEA -  
£4.00 PER HEAD

PROCEEDS RAISED FROM THE  
CREAM TEAS WILL GO TOWARDS THE  
CURRENT CHURCH PROJECT FOR  
THE LONDON AIR AMBULANCE



COME ALONG AND ENJOY THE CREAM TEA WHILE  
SUPPORTING OUR PROJECT.

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Please pray for our Junior Church teachers, who this Saturday will be meeting with teachers and helpers from the Chinese Church. We will spend time together with a trainer from the U.R.C. who will be advising and discussing how best we can teach our children and young people.

This should be an interesting and informative time working together.



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## HOLIDAYS

On behalf of the Church, we wish all of you, including our distant readers, a very happy and refreshing holiday time.

Greetings go to Families and Friends far away who we may be meeting during our holidays.

Wherever you go, enjoy yourselves and for those of you at The Hyde, please come back refreshed and renewed.

# HAPPY HOLIDAYS

**OUR SPOTLIGHT THIS MONTH**

This month's SPOTLIGHT falls on:-

**NATALIE WARDROP-DAY**



My name is Natalie. I am 7 years old and I live with my sister Sarah and my Mum and Dad. My favourite food is plain pasta and I go to The Hyde School.

At school I have lots of friends and I am in Year 2. I'm about to go into Year 3. I like school and my favourite subjects are History and English. I just got the Headteacher's award for my maths: I did some good column addition.

I like to tell jokes to my sister, and I have fun putting on shows with Sarah and our friends Robin and Hayden.

I enjoy Sunday School. My teachers are Vivien, Abiola and Josephine. My favourite moment in Sunday School was when we learnt about God being next to you to guide you. We had to wear a blindfold and two balls were put around the room. You had to get the balls in a minute and put them in a bowl. Your partner then shouted instructions to you and it taught us God was always next to you helping you like your partner was.

This summer our family are going to Denmark, Ireland and Scotland for holidays. We might go to Wales too!

**NATALIE'S SPORTS AND MISFIT TOYS!**

I like being sporty, but I really like sleeping and eating too. And I like my misfit toys my mum makes me. Ask me about them!

*Thank you Natalie, an interesting spotlight – misfit toys? Sounds like fun!*

If anyone has someone they would like Maria to profile, please contact her at -

[Maria682639@yahoo.com](mailto:Maria682639@yahoo.com)

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**COMMUNION OFFERINGS**

Communion Offerings during the months of JULY/AUGUST will be made on behalf of the "TRUSSLE TRUST".

We supported this worthy cause at Christmas, providing packets and tinned food for the Food Bank and have a chance to once again help those who are less fortunate than us. Please give generously for the work of the Trusle Trust.



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**THERE WILL BE NO COFFEE MORNING AND LUNCHES DURING AUGUST – THE NEXT COFFEE MORNING WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER, FROM 11 A.M. WITH LUNCHES BEING SERVED FROM 12 NOON TO 1 P.M.**



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# REFLECTIONS REFLECTIONS

## **GOD WILL PROVIDE**

A young girl ran to her father delighted to tell him that she was getting married. The father was shocked and wanted to know who she was marrying, how long had she known him and where did she meet him.

The daughter responded that she had known him for six whole weeks! He was wonderful and not to worry, he will be meeting him tonight, as he was coming to meet her Dad to ask for her hand in marriage.

That evening there was a knock on the front door. The father opened the door to be greeted by a young man who introduced himself and promptly asked if he could marry his daughter.

Inviting him in, the father then had some questions to ask of the intended husband.

"Do you have any work and what do you do?"

The lad answered, " Well, er, er, no I don't have any work - but God will provide."

"Well then" asked the father, "what are your prospects for getting a job."

"Well, er, er, no, not really I don't have any thoughts about work, but God will provide!"

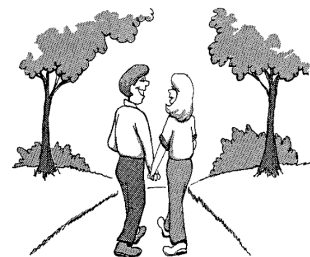
The father was getting very bothered about this young man standing in front of him wanting to marry his daughter.

"Well then, what of your future with my daughter, do you have any shares or stocks to rely on once you are married?"

"Well, er, er, no. I don't have anything to offer for the future, but God will provide."

After the lad had gone the man's wife came in and excitedly asked - "Well, what did you think, will he be good for our daughter and what about their future together."

The father looked at his wife of some years and thought to himself then said "I am not sure what I think about him but he seems to think I am GOD!!!



## **GOD WILL PROVIDE THE WAY AHEAD**

This little story came from the preacher at the church I attended while on holiday in the Bahamas. It was to explain how people need God in their lives to guide and lead the way ahead.

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