

# GRAPEVINE

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(Anglican/Free Church)

**PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL**  
**1 Corinthians 12:12-31**

The above passage reminds us that each of us as individuals are significant parts of the body of Jesus because we are united together in him. We each have our own experiences, our histories, of how we came to the faith we hold. But we belong together making our own contributions to the whole and we need each other.

There are different kinds of gifts but the same spirit, different kinds of service but the same Lord and the same God works all of them in all people. Whatever our gifts, great or small, everybody has something to offer.

What is the most important thing is that we discover our own gift, or gifts, and develop them as our opportunities present themselves. As Paul reminds us our responsibility is to play our part in representing Jesus in whatever parts of our community we live. It is not primarily about bringing people into the church building, but taking the church into the homes and meeting places when we meet others. Or making our homes an extension of the church. Of making our lives clear indicators of whose we are and who we serve, as he enables us to do.

*John Williams*

# NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

## BELMONT ROAD

This tribute has been received following the sad news that **John Southall** passed away early on the 6<sup>th</sup> October. (*See also separate 'News of the Fellowship'*)

### **John Southall – Man of faith**

#### **Member of Belmont Road Baptist Church – 1967-2020**

The earliest record of John's involvement at Belmont Road Church is that his is the first name in the register of baptisms in 1961. He became a member of the church on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 1967, and he served as Church Secretary from 1989 to 1994. He was a deacon for several years about that time.

John Williams recalled that John was involved, with Men's Contact Club, in assembling the prefabricated church hall building. That was during 1961/62.

Tim Keightley was the church minister during the 1980's and he wanted to start a house group. This duly commenced at John and Nina's house on Friday mornings with Tim leading it. John and Nina and latterly John himself continued to host the group until March this year when everything locked down due to the virus pandemic.

The new church hall was completed early 1997. Following enquiries from Dacorum Borough Council to hold a weekly luncheon club for senior citizens, Nina with her catering skills organised the staff and the first meeting took place on 29<sup>th</sup> April 1997. John collected the food and with the other helper's set-up tables, served the food and washed the dishes etc. Twenty plus years later John was still doing those jobs and he picked up members in his car when collecting the food until the virus lockdown closed the club. The club flourished and activities expanded to days out, parties and holidays by the sea. John was an enthusiastic participant in these events. He was always involved in the entertainment at the parties and on the last evenings of the holidays, singing songs in silly costumes with the men's group.

About 1997 the churches in Hemel Hempstead, (in conjunction with Dacorum Council) organised Dacorum Emergency Night Shelter for the homeless and rough sleepers. During the winter months December to February, DENS moved from church hall to church hall each night

throughout the week. John and Nina became involved each week when it was at Carey Baptist Church. They went early in the morning to help prepare breakfast for the guests.

The church fabric group was formed around 2005 on to which John, with his gas and pipe work skills, was seconded. I had the pleasure working with him on jobs around the church. He would recall his early experiences working with the Gas Board. He used to cycle round West London, usually with a mate, doing domestic jobs. They had to provide their own bicycles, and load everything they needed the days work onto them. This included pipes, blow lamps, metres, and their tool bags. It was not uncommon for a policeman to stop them and inform them that they were grossly over loaded. John remained on the fabric group until it disbanded three or four years ago.

For several years John and Nina visited the prison as part of the chaplaincy group, talking to the prisoners and being involved with church services there. They had at least one prisoner, who was on release or near the end of his sentence to their house for tea. Their visits to the prison continued until Nina passed away. The Belmont Road Baptist Church motto is 'Passion for Jesus, compassion for others'. Over the years John had more than his fair share of health issues, yet he soldiered on. He remained totally committed to his faith in the Lord, and the work of the church and had a quiet 'passion for Jesus'. The church motto sums him up. He was a lovely man, much respected and will be greatly missed.

After a good Sunday lunch with his friends, he used to say, 'all I need now is my armchair'. I am absolutely sure that, job done, he is now resting peacefully with the Lord.

*Martin Legg, with the help of John and Carole Williams, Sandra Shipton, Keith Fern, and the Church History Book 60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary edition*

**Preaching plan for November for Belmont Zoom services is as follows.**

**1st November** - Worship led by Carolyn Kirk from the Hertfordshire Fellowship of Baptist Preachers.

**8th November** - Remembrance Service led by our Moderator Tim Keightley.

**15th November** - an open service with a pre-recorded message from Austin Janes, the ecumenical vicar at Grovehill.

**22nd November** - Communion Service led by Colin Cartwright from Carey.

**29th November** - Worship led by Trevor Ransome from Peterborough.

## CAREY

### ***Sunday worship***

A Special Church Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October voted not to return to the church building for worship for our Anniversary Service on 18<sup>th</sup> October. The decision was based on the uncertainty about the increase in the rate of the virus locally and the fact that we were unable to turn on the heating at that time (due to the boiler room door having been swollen by the rain), We are continuing to meet via zoom on Sunday mornings for the time being. Colin is also continuing to make a short recording for the website each week. **Please watch out for further announcements in the weekly newsletter.**

### ***Baby and Toddler Group***

The Baby and Toddler Group has re-started as planned, with a booking system via Facebook. There are two short sessions with a maximum of four families at a time because of social distancing, and 15 minutes in between for cleaning. Please contact Olivia on <https://m.facebook.com/careybabytoddlergroup>

### ***Open Church for private prayer***

The church will continue to be open for private prayer on **Mondays from 6.00-7.30pm till the end of October. At the moment we still do not have enough volunteers to open once a week at lunchtime, 12.30-1.30pm, possibly on Thursdays. Please contact Colin if you can offer to help.**

### ***Church AGM Part I and Ordinary Meeting***

The Church AGM Part I, followed by an Ordinary Church Meeting, will be held at **7.30pm on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November via Zoom.** The AGM will include the election of deacons. (Andrew B and Kathleen M are retiring from the diaconate, but are eligible for re-election. There are also two other vacancies.) Nomination forms should be returned to **David Blunden by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November.** Please contact him with any queries. There will be a postal vote. The Church Appointments list will also be reviewed and there are a number of vacancies that need to be filled. Please think about how you could help and speak to David Blunden or Colin Cartwright.

(See weekly newsletter for more details.)

### **'Socially distanced' walks**

Groups of up to six continue to meet up for short walks in the local area, mainly in and around Gadebridge Park and usually on a Wednesday or Thursday at 10.30am. If you would be interested in meeting up with others from Carey in this way, please contact Hilary Donovan.

### **Mission Partners**

Please continue to pray for our Mission Partners, Phil and Louise and Peter and Louise and the country of Bangladesh. Phil and Louise are still in the UK at the moment. Peter and Louise have now returned to the UK for their delayed Home Assignment. BMS has decided to suspend all face-to-face visits to churches for the time being, so Peter and Louise will be sending us a video message, which we plan to show one Sunday in November.

## **GROVEHILL**

For all Zoom events, please send an email to: [revaustin@sky.com](mailto:revaustin@sky.com) to receive an invite.

- **Sundays 11am** - Communion Service in Church and on Facebook 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection - The Church behind the Chippy' page. (Services can also be found on the 'Grovehill Church of the Resurrection' YouTube Channel.)
- **Sundays 12 noon** - Zoom Coffee
- **Mondays 9am to 12noon** - Church open for private prayer
- **Thursdays 11am to 1pm** - Church open for private prayer
- **Wednesdays 12 noon** - Ladies Bible Study Zoom
- **Wednesdays 7pm** - Prayer and Meditation in church
- **Mondays to Wednesdays and Fridays 9.30pm** - Night Prayer by Zoom

**Hard COR Youth Group** for 10-13 year olds **6pm on Zoom on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday** of the month. We play games like Uno, Bingo, Guess Who, the Yes No Game and talk about our week and see where God is at work.

### ***Ladies' Bible Study and Catch-ups***

Tuesdays 27th October, 10<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> November ladies' evening via Zoom  
7:30pm

Wednesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> (also in church with social distancing), 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>  
November Ladies' Bible Study via Zoom 12:00

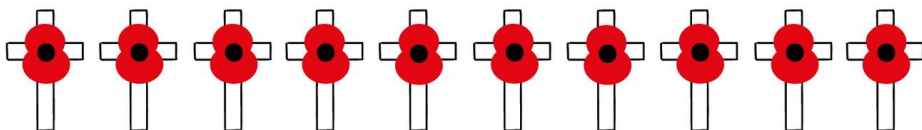
For more information please contact Sally Anderson on:  
sallyanderson26@hotmail.com

### ***Candle Lighting and Remembrance Service***

**Sunday 1st November 11.00am**

This year (if we are still allowed to have a public service) we will be reading out first names of loved ones and candles will be lit on behalf of the families. We are sorry there won't be any refreshments, but please do contact Rev'd Austin if you would like a safe visit or call. The service will also be broadcast on Facebook and YouTube.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> 11.00am** Remembrance Service with 2-minute silence and Holy Communion.



## **CHURCHES TOGETHER NEWS**

### ***Prayer Calendar for November***

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|-------------------------|--|
| Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>  | Our local Ambulance and Paramedic Service  |
| Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Our Lady, Queen of All Creation – Bennetts End area<br>(RC)                                      |
| Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> | South Hill Church – Town Centre  |
| Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup> | Street Pastors –A Christian presence late night on the<br>street, offering reassurance and help. |
| Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup> | The Salvation Army – Town Centre   |

## LIBERTY TEA ROOMS

Sorry, but Liberty Tea Rooms & Community Hub is still closed until further notice.

***However, we are STILL supporting local families through our work with CAP and still need your financial support - this is a crucial time for all!***

***2020 has been a year of CHALLENGE!***

***Covid-19 has cost us dearly!***

*It's forced us to close our doors for a while longer than expected  
It's also very sadly taken the lives of dear friends, loved ones and  
cherished guests to LTR*

***BUT... we DO intend to reopen***

*We STILL have a vision to partner with 100 #PeopleLikeYou to sign up  
to regular giving*

***This will enable us to continue to help local families and go even further this year!***

***\* 24 PEOPLE HAVE ALREADY SIGNED UP! \****

***Thank you x***

(Please go to the Liberty Tea Rooms website if you would like to sign up to give regularly to their work – [www.libertytearooms.co.uk](http://www.libertytearooms.co.uk) )

## DENS/FOODBANK NEWS

### ***Foodbank donations***

We have been overwhelmed by the food donations we have received thanks to the generosity of our community. As such, our current stock levels are high, leaving very little extra storage. **However, we still need your help...**

The pandemic has hit us hard financially and to help stop the spread of Covid, we'd prefer financial donations towards our Harvest Collection where possible please.

By making a donation, you can help towards the preparation and distribution of food parcels to struggling local families who are relying on a Foodbank to see them through the next three days.

***Your Sleepout***

**Date:** Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November

**Location:** Anywhere other than your bed

### **What is Your Sleepout?**

- An action packed evening for everybody, with music and activities that highlight the issues of those facing homelessness, poverty and crisis
- A live streaming event, direct from DENS HQ. Interactive activities from **7-9pm for ages 6-10**. Join us **from 9pm for the main event** with an exclusive tour inside DENS services
- A chance to experience homelessness for one night, while raising money to support local people who face the reality of sleeping rough through the cold winter months

**SLEEP OUT TO HELP OUT** by swapping your cosy bed for a sleeping bag

Put yourself in the shoes of those facing homelessness during the cold winter months and all throughout the year by taking part in **YOUR SLEEPOUT**

- It doesn't matter where you sleep as long as it's not in your bed!
- Sleep in YOUR garden, YOUR office or camp out in YOUR living room
- If you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch with the team by emailing us at [fundraising@dens.org.uk](mailto:fundraising@dens.org.uk) or give us a call on 01442 800268

Thank you for your support

Register online (£5) – [www.dens.org.uk](http://www.dens.org.uk)

## **OPERATION AGRICULTURE WEBINAR**

**OA's first Supporters' Webinar via Zoom will be on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November 7pm-8pm.** Trustees will bring news, supporters can ask questions and we'll discuss ideas for OA's 60th anniversary in the coming year.

Some have registered but there are still spaces. To register please email: [admin@operationagri.org.uk](mailto:admin@operationagri.org.uk)



## CHRISTIAN AID ONLINE SERVICE

### **From Darkness to Light – An online service of reflection Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November 5.30pm**

This year our service will be pre-recorded and streamed online, and we warmly welcome you to join together with us to remember and reflect. The recording will also be available *on the website* ([www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)) afterwards, for anyone unable to join at the time above.

We've all been through enormous change and loss during the coronavirus pandemic, especially those who have lost a loved one. This special service of reflection is a time to come together in our grief in this difficult year and to remember and celebrate those we love, who are no longer here.

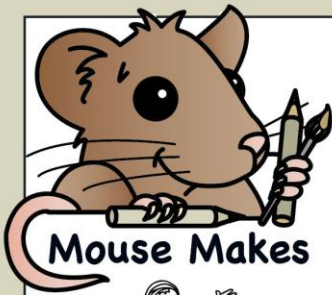
It is also a chance for those feeling a more general sense of loss to carve out time to acknowledge this and to reflect on it.

The service will be introduced by Amanda Mukwashi, our Chief Executive, and include a sermon from Dr Rowan Williams. It will give time and space for personal reflection, and an opportunity to light a candle in memory, should you wish.

If you would like to see the name of a loved one on the screen during a moment of reflection within the service, we can arrange that. Please email all names to us by 5pm on 28 October to ensure that they are included in our service. Just email Kerry at [legacyteam@christian-aid.org](mailto:legacyteam@christian-aid.org)

**Sign up on Christian Aid Facebook link or watch on YouTube**





## REMEMBERING

How do you remember things?

In bible times God's people would remember what God had done for them by building monuments made of stones and by holding festivals and celebrations to give thanks to God.



**READ** Joshua 4:1-9 and Exodus 12:1-14

Today we too build monuments to remember and hold services of thanksgiving like **Harvest** and **Remembrance Sunday**.



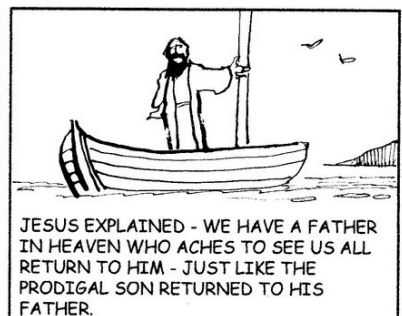
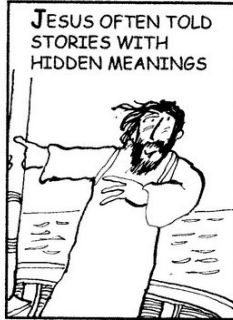
*Is there anything you would like to thank God for?*

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# The tale of the Prodigal Son



## A ROCHA EQUIPPING CHURCHES TO CARE FOR THE ENVIRONMENT

**A Rocha UK (ARUK) is a Christian charity working for the protection and restoration of the natural world and committed to mobilising Christians and churches in the UK to care for the environment. (A Rocha, which means "the rock" in Portuguese was founded in Portugal in 1983 - Wikipedia).**

*The following outline of A Rocha's work is taken from their website: [www.arocha.org.uk](http://www.arocha.org.uk)*

Responding to the biblical mandate to care for the earth, and demonstrating the Christian hope for God's world, we are working with:

**Churches** through our [Eco Church programme](#)

**Christian environmental leaders** through our interdenominational convening work

**Families and individuals** through our [Wild Christian](#) scheme and community, supporting people to enjoy, nurture and defend nature in their own homes and communities, and by campaigning

**Christian land managers** through our [Partners in Action](#) network. This network includes our own two nature reserves, [Foxearth Meadows](#) and [Wolf Fields](#), which are also demonstration sites to inspire and enable others to manage small or larger areas of land for the benefit of people and nature

### **Equipping churches**

The gospel is good news for the whole of creation, as well as for human beings. So A Rocha UK equips the Church to demonstrate this good news for God's earth. We operate Eco-Church to help churches reflect the full scope of the gospel in their congregational life, and to acknowledge their achievement in that.

Through Eco-Church, A Rocha UK provides ideas, resources, speakers and support for churches who put caring for God's earth at the heart of mission. We connect churches with each other to:

- be inspired by stories of what really works
- share creative ideas
- encourage each other

The Eco-Church award recognises churches taking steps to become greener in their spiritual life, practical management and community outreach.

### ***Carey's journey as an Eco-Church***

On 16<sup>th</sup> September 2020, the Carey Church Meeting agreed to register our interest with the Eco-Church programme run by A Rocha. Carey hopes in the near future to be able to achieve a bronze Eco-Church award, and then work towards a gold award, as we seek to encourage our church to become more environmentally aware and more active in creation care. We hope to learn from A Rocha, Christain Aid and similar organisations, as well as drawing on the experience of other churches, such as High Street Baptist Church, Tring, which has recently been given a gold award. We know this will be a long and challenging journey, but we seek God's help in playing our part of caring for our planet in this time of environmental crisis.

## **INTER FAITH WEEK**

### **GROWING INTER FAITH UNDERSTANDING AND COOPERATION**

**Inter Faith Week 2020 will take place from Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> November.**

Inter Faith Week's aims are to:

- Strengthen good inter faith relations at all levels
- Increase awareness of the different and distinct faith communities in the UK, in particular celebrating and building on the contribution which their members make to their neighbourhoods and to wider society
- Increase understanding between people of religious and non-religious beliefs

(see website for information about online events

[www.interfaithweek.org](http://www.interfaithweek.org) )

**Dacorum Interfaith Network** promotes mutual respect, understanding, acceptance, trust and friendship between communities of different faiths and beliefs in Dacorum.

The group explores shared values and works to eliminate religious prejudices and barriers to create a multi-cultural society where all members live together in peace and harmony.

## EVAN ROBERTS AND THE WELSH REVIVAL

During Lockdown I have been reading a lot more and Evan Roberts was a name that I came across whilst doing my quiet time on Lectio365. He may not be a name you are familiar with, but he was the main figure in the churches' Welsh Revival, as God's Holy Spirit was poured out and many people turned to God. The revival was started back in 1904 and it is sad to say that Evan Roberts' life and legacy has nearly disappeared from our memory. He came from a humble background growing up in a coal mining community and left school at an early age of twelve to become a coal miner.

He received Christ as his saviour at the age of thirteen and was sensitive to spiritual things. It was at a church service shortly after his conversion that he heard a sermon about the outpouring of the Holy Spirit. He was so influenced that he wanted to be at every service and event he could, as he wanted to be there when the Holy Spirit came.

Later he had an experience he would never forget and this baptism in the Holy Spirit, (as he described it) transformed him. Before that time, he had tended to be quite a serious and somewhat mild personality, but afterwards he radiated tremendous joy. Also, before this experience he had been a timid and hesitant speaker, but now spoke with an authority and boldness that could hardly be resisted. God's instrument was now fully equipped and ready for active service.

He soon knew God was calling him to share his love of Jesus and he did what seemed to be the logical thing - he started to preach God's word. He spoke about a fullness of the Holy Spirit that was available for all Christians, highlighting four conditions. Confession of sins; putting away all doubtful habits; obeying the Holy Spirit swiftly and confessing Jesus Christ publicly.

Although Evan Roberts seemed to be God's chosen instrument to spearhead the revival, he was by no means the whole of it. As word of what God was doing spread, prayer for awakening went out all over Wales and those prayers were heard almost immediately. Within weeks the fires of revival were spreading all through the nation. The effects were astonishing, churches which had been only half full were now unable to hold all the people eagerly coming to find Christ.

Sadly, the revival only lasted a few years, but in that time many thousands of lives were changed as people gave their lives to Christ. Unfortunately, Evan became ill through the stress and pressure put upon him, but nobody could take away what God had achieved through his preaching and commitment. It's amazing what God can do with someone's life if they allow him.

*Eric Moore*

## TOMORROW

*Supporters of Tearfund have recently received the following in an email from the Christian development charity:*

To mark National Poetry Day, we wanted to share a new poem by Gideon Heugh on the theme of 'tomorrow'.

### **Tomorrow**

Do not worry about tomorrow,  
said the Lord. Love  
drives out fear, said the Lord.  
I think I understand. So today  
I reach into his good earth and I sow  
a little kindness here,  
a little gentleness there,  
and all and everywhere  
grace. And as the soil  
closes over them I know  
that tomorrow will contain  
their sweet, sacred fruit,  
and I worry no more.

*Gideon Heugh*

None of us know what tomorrow will bring, but we do know that we are safe in God's hands. **We can hold onto the hope that every seed we sow in love and faith today will grow and be used by God – even beyond our lifetime....**

If you are interested in finding out more about the life-changing impact of leaving a gift to Tearfund in your will, you can find out more on our website [www.tearfund.org](http://www.tearfund.org)

## THIS MONTH 100 YEARS AGO

*Continuing our series looking at church life at Marlowes Baptist Church in 1920, with material copied from The Baptist Home Messenger. . We have an additional source of material for this month – the June 1920 issue of the BMS magazine, 'Missionary Herald', which Colin found earlier in the year in a box of old books and papers near the organ!*

*November 1920 was a busy month at Marlowes - there was Temperance Sunday, a Young People's Social, the Christian Endeavour Anniversary and their Annual Business Meeting, but the main event was a 'Sale' in aid of the **Baptist United Fund**. When writing about the forthcoming Baptist Union Assembly in May, the Marlowes minister, T. Percy George, had said:*

*'Amongst other things the Assembly is to deal with the question of raising a large fund with a view to increasing the minimum under the Sustentation Fund (the forerunner of the Home Work Fund and, later, Home Mission)....It is no secret that many of our ministers in aided churches are finding a great difficulty in making both ends meet on their slender incomes. A great plan of campaign has been decided upon for the autumn and I have no doubt the Denomination will rise to the occasion.*

*From the June issue of the 'Missionary Herald' we learn more about this 'plan of campaign':*

*'The most important practical matter brought before the Assembly was the Baptist United Fund of £250,000 (approx. £11,247,500 today), to be gathered in the week of November 21-28, half of it to be for the Baptist Missionary Society and half for the Baptist Union. Never before have these two organisations shared in a united appeal, though in a large measure they depend on the same constituency... If the present course had not been adopted there would, this year, have been at least six special appeals to the Churches. Now there will only be one....Unity here means simplicity...*

*The Baptist Union portion is to be devoted to ministry - the increase of sustentation allowances, an absolute necessity under present conditions; the training of women for the new opportunities that await them; and the furtherance of the Gospel on the Continent of Europe... The Baptist Missionary Society portion will just meet the need of the year. Only after prolonged calculation and prayerful conference did it appear necessary for such a relatively large sum as £125,000 extra on the income of the*



year...'

*Writing in the August issue of the Marlowes Notes, Mr George reported on a meeting in July of the Hertfordshire churches, when it was announced that:*

'The amount allocated to our county is £3,500, and it was unanimously and enthusiastically agreed to make that the minimum, and if possible to secure £5,000. If this is to be done it will mean, that everyone will have to do his and her share, and I trust that Marlowes will not fail in making a liberal response. November 21-28 is the week set apart when the money will be collected, but the organisers must set to work at once....

*In December, Mr George wrote:*

'My first word must be one of the heartiest congratulation concerning our effort of Victory week. The results far exceeded my most sanguine expectations. I thought there was a good chance of realising £150, as the personal gifts came in, but I'm sure the most optimistic among us never thought we should reach £238:7:5. The explanation is simple. In the words of Nehemiah, "the people had a mind to work", yes and a mind to give, and through everyone doing a little, this magnificent total has been reached... I have no hesitation in saying that no church had a more representative response to the appeal that we, for everyone seem to give either in cash or in kind... As we go to press news has just been received that the Denomination has raised the £250,000. It is impossible yet to give the actual total, as the result from some churches is unknown... Our own county has raised £5,518 and there is more to follow. It truly is magnificent and all our hearts go out in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for this wonderful response.'

*£108 of the Marlowes total was raised at the 'Sale' on 24<sup>th</sup> November, "Women's Day", for which many of the church organisations had been working hard:*

'For many weeks past active brains and busy fingers at working parties and in homes, had been preparing articles of use and beauty for personal and household adornment. The Schoolroom (*Kensworth Hall*) was daintily decorated with flags and offered a bright welcome to all...The tea arrangements were excellent, abundance of good things tastefully served with unfailing courtesy. A happier company of all ages could hardly be possible, everyone seemed bent on being and doing her or his level best. B.T.P. '

## GRAPEVINE

Items for the **December** issue of 'Grapevine' should be with Hilary Donovan ([hilary.donovan@hotmail.com](mailto:hilary.donovan@hotmail.com) / 01442 258268) or Paula Moore (Belmont Road) by **Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**. We will continue to send 'Grapevine' by email to all those for whom we have addresses in the coming months, but will print a few copies for those not connected to the internet or with only limited access. 'News of the Fellowship' has been produced as a separate document, as Carey is now posting 'Grapevine' on their website and we do not want personal information to be available to everyone who might access it there.

## ADVENT RESOURCES FROM EMBRACE

**'Tidings of Comfort and Joy'** (*Exclusive to Embrace the Middle East*)

25 reflections for Advent inspired by your favourite Christmas carols. This book contains daily devotions to help you experience God's wonder shining through the busyness of the season. Look afresh at the poetry and meaning of some of your favourite carols and discover the very present help Jesus is still bringing to the Middle East and its people today.

**Perfect for individual, small group and church use.**

Also available as a **pack of 6**.

**'The Promise and the Gift'** - available to access on the website ([www.embraceme.com](http://www.embraceme.com)) from the end of November.

Travel with Mary, Joseph and the Magi as they trust God's promise and make their way to Bethlehem to encounter the greatest gift of all. This new and exciting online resource is designed to look like an Advent Calendar. Each Advent window will take you to a reflection and prayer. These have been written by a variety of people including friends from the Middle East, bishops and other church leaders, writers and theologians.



# NOVEMBER DIARY

## **BELMONT ROAD**

*(Services on Zoom and in church)*

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Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Worship led by Trevor Ransome from Peterborough

## **CAREY**

*(Services on Zoom unless otherwise notified and audio recording on website)*

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Tony Graham from Hitchin
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Remembrance Service
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Church AGM Part I and Ordinary Church Meeting via Zoom (page 5)
Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship including Communion
Sunday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship led by Jon Neall
Sunday 29 <sup>th</sup>	10.30am	Morning Worship for 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

## **GROVEHILL**

*(Services in church, on Facebook and on YouTube)*

Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup>	11.00am	Candle lighting and Remembering Loved Ones (page 6)
	3.30pm	Causeway by Skype
Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup>	11.00am	Remembrance Service
	6.00pm	Hard COR Youth Group by Zoom

## **OTHER EVENTS**

Sunday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup>	Interfaith Week (page 13)
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	'Your Sleepout' for DENS (page 8)

# HEMEL HEMPSTEAD BAPTIST CHURCHES

## SUNDAY SERVICES

(see pages 4-8 for current variations to this pattern)

### BELMONT ROAD

(Bennetts End)

[www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk](http://www.belmontroadbaptist.co.uk)

#### **Morning Worship - 10.30am**

Sunday Club (5 - 15 years)

Occasional All Age Family Worship on 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

#### **Evening – 7.30pm**

14+ group every Sunday at Belmont Road, except last in month when at Carey

### CAREY

(Marlowes)

[www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk](http://www.careybaptisthemel.org.uk)

#### **Morning Worship - 10.30am** – Junior Church and crèche

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month All Age Family Worship

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in month includes Communion

#### **Evening – 7.30pm**

14+ group every Sunday at Belmont Road, except last in month when at Carey

### GROVEHILL ANGLICAN/FREE CHURCH

(Church of the Resurrection, Henry Wells Square)

[www.grovehillchurch.org.uk](http://www.grovehillchurch.org.uk)

#### **Morning Worship - 11.00am** - with Junior Church

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in month: All Age Worship

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