

# St. Mildred's Church

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### June-July 2022



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#### Newsletter Articles

Anyone who regularly attends St Mildred's can contribute articles to the newsletter.

The next Newsletter will be the October Issue 2022. The deadline for contributions is 21 September.

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At the end of June, we are having a prayer week and gift day for the church hall building project. The last gift day we had was in 2015.

The project has been tremendously challenging, but also extremely encouraging. We have seen God act amongst us in amazing ways.



In 2015, we had around £300,000 in the fund. To-day there is around £2 million (and that is after we have spent a fair amount on the project already). Also, in November 2019 we faced the disappointment of an unsuccessful planning application only for it to be fully granted in August 2021 after appeal.

There is still a long way to go and at such a challenging time. The news is filled with stories of the rising cost of living, high inflation, steep fuel costs and the many reasons why this has all happened.

Jesus told us that the Church would live in the midst of crises:

*“When you hear of wars and revolutions, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away. Then he said to them:*

*'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.'*

Luke 21:9-11

The words "when" and "there will be" show that Jesus taught us to expect these things throughout Church history until he returns.

But the Bible is also full of stories of God acting miraculously even when his people were in times of great trial. For example, God promised his beleaguered people, in the days of Haggai, that a shake of his hand was all that is needed for him to provide for them.

*"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In a little while I will once more shake the heavens and the earth, the sea and the dry land. I will shake all nations, and the desired of all nations will come, and I will fill this house with glory,' says the LORD Almighty. 'The silver is mine and the gold is mine,' declares the LORD Almighty. 'The glory of this present house will be greater than the glory of the former house,' says the LORD Almighty. 'And in this place I will grant peace,' declares the LORD Almighty."*

These words were written to a small group of people who had returned from years of exile in Babylon. They arrived back to find a country ruined by destruction. Eventually they decided to rebuild the temple so that they could worship God in the way he had called them to. But resources were thin, opposition difficult and challenges great. The project seemed beyond them. Yet God, who is powerful to work in such circumstances, could provide for them with a shake of his hand. Like a baker sieving flour into the mix, providing "silver" and "gold" was as straightforward for the Lord God.

This does not preclude or remove our need to work, act and contribute. In Haggai's day, and in every age of the Church, God

calls us to co-operate with him. Our responsibility is to engage using prayer, time and talents in what God is doing, and he promises to be with us as we do. God's work is not instead of our effort; it is with and through our effort.

He promises that as we engage, he will. And we will see him do amazing things as we trust and commit to him. We have seen him do it before and we believe he will do it again. And so, fixing our eyes on Jesus, let us pray, commit and act in his name!

***Lord God, you are able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine. You know the circumstances we are in, the pressures we are under and the constraints we face. We fix our eyes on you and ask that you would help and provide for us. As you have provided for your people, and for us so many times in the past, may you act for us now. And may your name be hallowed, your kingdom come and your will be done in Jesus' name. Amen.***



**Tom Lake - Vicar**

Since I last reported here, the PCC has met twice. At our meeting at the end of March we were visited by our safeguarding officers (Laura and Annika) who reported that they would be writing to leaders of all Church ministries to ask them to make sure they have completed risk assessments. The Diocese will be running training on "Safer Recruitment" and it was agreed that Laura, Annika and Tom would all attend.

Good progress is being made towards demolition of the old hall and PCC agreed to delegate the final choice of contractor to the Development Group, once tenders have been received. PCC also agreed to the planning of a prayer week and gift day for the building project before the summer holidays. Stella asked PCC members for offers of help in exploring possible sources of grant funding. A small change to our fundraising policy was agreed to allow display of acknowledgement of a source of grant funding, as long as it is not ostentatious.

Following up the earlier discussion of the Diocesan Anti-Racism Charter, PCC agreed to make Unconscious Bias training (run by the Diocese) compulsory for PCC members and for everyone who serves in roles where safeguarding training is also compulsory.

PCC also agreed to: the setting up of a Paypal account to allow anyone selling on Ebay to donate some or all of the proceeds to the church, registering with Amazon Smile to get a small commission on all purchases, expenditure of £150 for clearing of shrubs in the churchyard, exploring the possibility of engaging a professional fundraiser in connection with the development project, purchase of software to assist with managing our church directory and electoral roll, re-advertising the youth and children's worker posts and offering a subsidy on MWCC camp fees if needed.

In May our Treasurer reported that cash in the Development fund had reached the milestone of £2m, but giving to the general fund was a little behind budget. PCC approved

the Trustees' Report and Accounts to be presented at the APCM.

Tom reported figures for attendance at church services which have not fully recovered as we have emerged from the pandemic. PCC split into smaller groups to discuss what might need to be done to encourage remaining people back. One factor affecting people with young children has been the lack of crèche facilities and it was agreed that the crèche area at the back of church should be reinstated.

Finally PCC approved expenditure of up to £150 to provide lunch after the APCM. This is my last PCC page as I move to the new role of churchwarden and Katie Doores takes over as PCC secretary.

**Trevor Gill**

## APCM Report



Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting took place after the service on 15<sup>th</sup> May.

### **Churchwardens**

Ian Christie is planning to move away from Lee and Matthew felt it was time to move to a new role after 6 years as Churchwarden. Shimona Gayle and Trevor Gill were elected unopposed as Churchwardens.

### **PCC**

With extra places on the PCC left by the resignation of Jan Wiszniewski and Shimona,

there were six vacancies. Denise Estcourt, Serena Atkins-Bibow, Andrew Beck, Katie Doores, Edna Petzen and Matthew Shimwell were elected to PCC unopposed.

### **Independent Examiner**

Following Sterling Libs' moving away, PCC had appointed Thomas Burton as Independent Examiner and were grateful for his examination of the 2021 accounts. A new examiner will need to be appointed by PCC before the end of the year.

### **Accounts**

Paul Nicolson (Treasurer) highlighted the key points of the accounts. Given that we spent over £25,000 on stonework in 2021, he was pleased that the deficit in the general fund at year end was only £4,135. Paul offered a big thank you to all who contribute faithfully week by week. Tom thanked Paul and reiterated how gracious God has been to us. He mentioned that in the current year our income is running a bit below budget.

### **Electoral Roll**

The Electoral Roll stands at 131, just below last year's figure of 133 which was the highest since 2012.

Tom was encouraged that the Electoral Roll figures show that there is a substantial commitment to the church. He explained that we keep estimates of attendance at services and presented an analysis of the effect of the pandemic on the church. While the electoral roll is slightly above pre-pandemic levels, average Sunday attendance in April was down by 22% and children by 30%. In contrast on Easter Sunday child attendance was 12% above pre-pandemic levels but adults were still down by 16%. It seems that while people are still committed to church, they are attending less frequently. Average online attendance is currently 18 live viewings and 68 total across the week.

Tom highlighted Acts 2:42 "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer". He noted that they did not devote themselves to growing numbers, but God did that! (v47).

### **Development Project**

Stella began by reminding us that in 2012 we were told there were only a couple of years life left in the hall. It's been a long and frustrating journey, and we might ask "Are we nearly there yet?" The answer is no, but we can begin to see our destination. It took 4 ½ years to get planning permission and there will be more challenges ahead, the most obvious of which is money.

We have to look to the destination – not a building, but an opportunity for new ministry – a new season of outreach and service in the name of Jesus. The new building will be larger, attractive and effective, welcoming, accessible, practical and futureproof. How will we use it? Of course it will enable our work with children. It will allow some carefully managed private hire, but also service of the local community. It may house counselling, job clubs, a limitless range of opportunities for Christian service and outreach. It will help us to teach the word of God and live it. Our vision is to put the church at the heart of the community, to the glory of God.

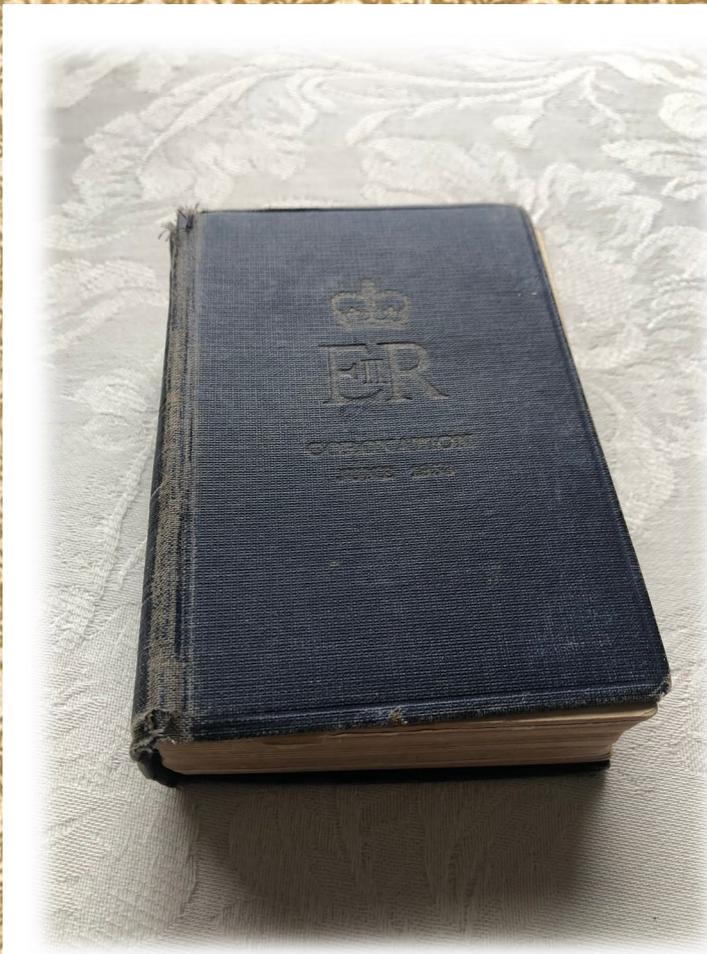
Stella thanked us for praying and explained that we can all give in different ways. We are planning a prayer week and gift day at the end of June. The church family have already been amazingly generous and the Lord has provided from surprising sources. Thank you for every single £1. Not everyone can give financially, but many can give time, skills, prayer and encouragement. There were some ideas on display on a board. The Development Team are always ready to answer questions and Stella has plans if anyone wants to talk through them at any time.

Tom thanked Stella for working unbelievably hard on the project and there was a huge round of applause.

We all then enjoyed an excellent lunch ably provide by Matthew and his assistants.

**Trevor Gill (outgoing PCC secretary).**

# The Queen's Coronation: 2 June 1953



In 1953 a television set cost about £80 (perhaps £2300 in today's money), so only 2 million homes had one early that year - but about half a million more were bought in the last few weeks (bringing the total to about 2.5 million on the day). Given that somewhere between 20 and 25 million actually watched the ceremony suggests some very crowded living rooms! Another 11 million listened in by radio, so 35 million or so (out of 50 million) tuned in all told.

Our family only had a set because my ever-generous godfather gave us his old one as he upgraded. Our set had a 9 inch screen (in a large wooden box), the picture was a flickering black and white

and there was only one channel - the BBC, (ITV came along in 1955). I was six at the time and completely fascinated. The coronation helped to "make" television, (75% of homes had a set by 1960) and television helped "make" the Queen as her public appearances and Christmas broadcasts (1958) came right into our living rooms, establishing a relationship which continues today.

On the day itself - very grey and wet - we saw this young, radiantly happy figure - her husband at her side - waving from a dazzling coach to the cheering crowds, yet as she entered the Abbey, she suddenly seemed small and frail. Some 8200 were packed into specially built stands in the nave and chancel. She now walked without her consort. Six ladies in waiting carried the heavy train of her outer robe. She was

flanked in the procession by tall life-guards with plumed helmets and metal breastplates.

Suddenly, the beauty and solemnity of the music emphasized the serious holiness of the vows, the prayers, the anointing and the giving of homage which was to come. The service was to last three hours. and somewhere between Parry's "I was glad" (a dramatic setting of Psalm 126) with the half sung/half shouted lines: "Vivat Regina Elizabetha!" - and Handel's "Zadok the Priest" (at the Anointing) - I was so overwhelmed by it all that I burst into tears!

Like many children I was fascinated by royalty - especially in grey, post-war

austerity, (rationing had not yet ended), but I had never seen or heard anything like this - it was all too much!

A few weeks before all this. the children's author, Enid Blyton, in her monthly magazine, made souvenir Coronation Bibles available, (5 shillings each - 25p) to her readers. A blue covered Bible with a Royal crest on the cover duly arrived and inside was a printed letter which said: - "Here is the greatest book in the world. I hope that you will read it every day. Love from your friend, Enid Blyton."

Many tens if not hundreds of thousands of these Bibles must have been sent out, but soon parents were asking "How and where do we start reading the Bible with young children?" - a good question, especially where the Authorised Version is concerned! So Bible-reading notes were recommended (and sent for) and for the first few years my mother read to me every night at bed-time. Eventually I read for myself and I have attempted to follow the aspiration to read it every day. As I have done so it has turned my life upside down.

More than a decade later I heard the Gospel presented in such a way that I knew demanded a response - I needed to be saved by Him, not by my own feeble efforts.

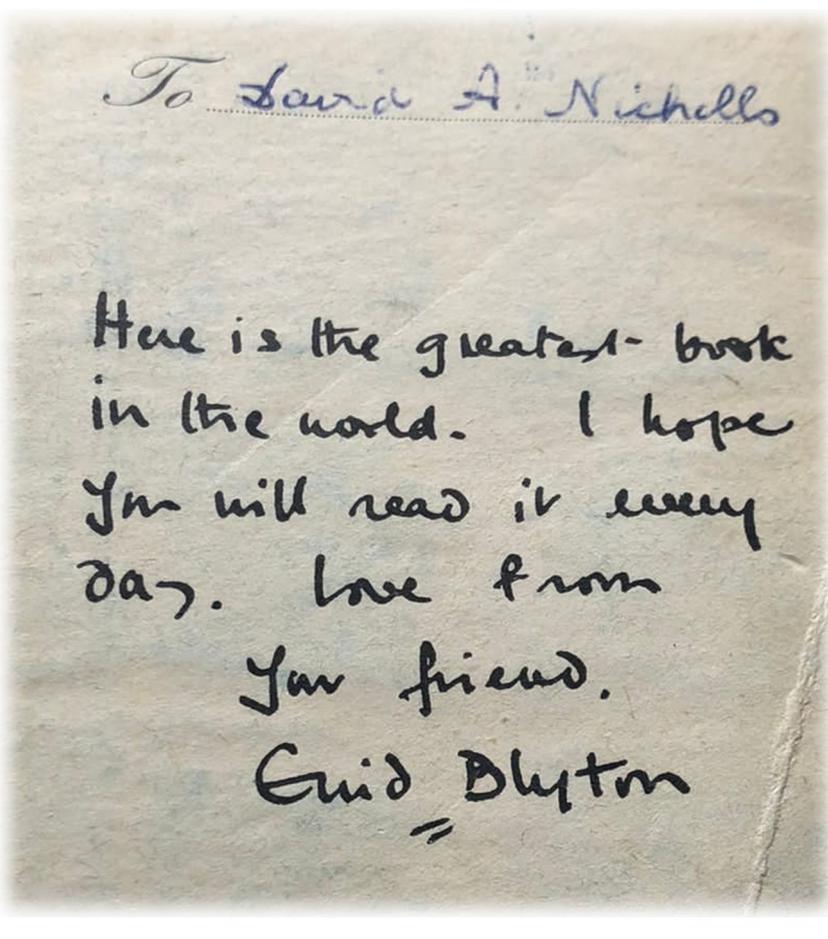
During the Coronation service the Moderator of the Church of Scotland gave the Queen (now crowned, sceptred and glittering with thousands of gem stones) a Bible,

saying: "We present to you this Book, the MOST precious thing this world affords"!

Truly this Word of God, if read, attended to, applied, believed and obeyed, can bring us to our own vows, prayers, anointing and giving of homage. Not just for a three hour service but from now into the vastness of eternity. Yes it will be challenging, solemn at times, beautiful and even overwhelming - there may be tears arising from fear, repentance and pure worship.....

***"Till we cast our  
crowns before Thee,  
Lost in wonder,  
love and praise!"***

**David Nicholls**



## *Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee 2022*

*As we all celebrate her 70 years of earthly service as Queen. We pray that the heavenly King Of Kings will reign in her mind and heart at home and at work. We pray for Queen Elizabeth II that she will continue to seek you and that you will bless her and make your face to shine upon her and be gracious to her.*



# Jubilee Cuppa and Cake

**Festive banners and creatively decorated tables and good company combined to make Friday 10 June Cuppa and Cake a memorable occasion. Jenny's delicious cakes included the Queen's favourite biscuit-chocolate cake...delicious!**



**Iris serves a jubilant Tom at Cuppa & Cake!**

# Jubilee Celebrations



**Maggie and Peter ... Serving at the cake table.**



**Larissa, Adrian and Marcus - Yes Adrian is holding the orb and the sceptre!**



**Monica, Inna and Shimona.**



**Keiko and Pauline**



**The Vicar with an empty plate.**



**Henry, Tunde, Alfred and Jumoke**



**Susanne, Oliver, Katie and Kelly**



**Jane, Uleeta and Kay**



**Maggie, Abna and Keith**



**Angela**



**Daphne and Edna**



**Uleeta, David and Jan**

# Jubilee Memories



Louise and Dot



Happy memories of 11 May 2012 when Horizon Group celebrated the Queen's Diamond Jubilee with an Indoor Street Party. Much fun was had by all, including a singalong and a Conga led round the church by Iris!



Christine Payne shares with us the Book of Common Prayer which she received as a child to commemorate the Queen's coronation.

# Prayer Page

**“Sing to God, you kingdoms  
of the earth,  
sing praise to the Lord.”**

**Pray for the prayer week and gift day**  
at the end of June that God would do  
amazing things amongst us.

Psalm 68:32

**Pray for the advertisements** for a per-  
son(s) to work in our youth and chil-  
dren's work. May God send the right  
person(s) to us.

***We give thanks for  
the life and service of Doxey.  
Pray for her family and friends as her funeral  
takes place Tuesday 28 June at 11.30am***

**Pray for the new PCC meeting** on  
14th June. May God fill us with wisdom,  
grace and strength by the Holy Spirit.

***We give thanks for her time  
spent with us at St. Mildred's.***

**Give Thanks for the AGM**, for our new  
wardens PCC members, Secretary. We  
give thanks for all those serving in  
these area. Pray for all those taking up  
new roles that they will know your  
strength and the encouragement of  
others in their roles.

**Merciful Father,**

we cry to you from the depths of our concern  
for those wrongly imprisoned or held captive:  
for those trying to secure their release,  
that the ways of peace and diplomacy may  
prevail over acts of violence and aggression,  
that their captors may know a change of heart;  
through him who was sent to proclaim liberty  
for captives and to set free those who are op-  
pressed, your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Amen.

**Thank you for the blessings** of fellow-  
ship over refreshments both at the  
AGM and Jubilee celebrations.

**O Lord God,**

your Son Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.

**Let us join together in praying for our  
loved ones** that they may be blessed  
with knowing the work of God in their  
lives wherever they are and whatever  
their circumstances.

In his resurrection

he restores life and peace in all creation.  
Comfort, we pray, all victims of intolerance  
and those oppressed by their fellow humans.  
Remember in your kingdom those who have  
died.

**Please pray for Adrian's mum** that by  
God's grace she will soon be well and  
recover her confidence. Lord, please  
replace fear with faith. **AMEN**

Lead the oppressors towards compassion  
and give hope to the suffering.

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

**We pray for all who are caring for a  
loved one.** For strength and for encour-  
agement from the Lord and from  
friends and family.

**Please, pray for all who are suffering** and for  
friends, family and services supporting them.  
We pray that those who do not have adequate  
support might have their needs met promptly.

**Pray for the next steps committee**  
considering responses to the Living in  
Love and Faith initiative.

**Pray for all those who are seeking employ-  
ment** that the Lord may guide them and that  
they would receive timely and wise counsel  
from friends and family.

# Building project update – June 2022



First: we need to give thanks! We now have Faculty permission for the demolition of the church hall, with no difficult conditions. This brings demolition a stage closer. Relevant people at the Diocese including in particular Alastair Cutting, the Archdeacon, have been really helpful. There is much to give thanks for.

The other main hurdle that we have to cross in order to commence demolition is to discharge six pre-commencement planning conditions. We are beginning to make some positive progress on this. Please pray that we receive confirmation soon from Lewisham Council planning department that these conditions are all discharged.

We are very close to selecting and appointing a demolition contractor. There are some practical points to resolve before we can finalise plans for demolition but we hope that matters can be progressed so that we will have a firm start date fairly soon. We might possibly be able to start demolition work before the next newsletter is published!

As well as planning the demolition of the old hall, we are making some progress on the new building. The next newsletter will include more information on that. In the meantime, please continue to pray that the Lord will guide us as we move forward, and provide all of the funds and other resources that we need for the whole project.

Details of our forthcoming Prayer Week for the building project are set out elsewhere in this newsletter. If you would like to receive regular fortnightly prayer updates on the building project, please email [developmentproject@stmildreds.org.uk](mailto:developmentproject@stmildreds.org.uk) or speak to Stella.

**Thank you!**

# PRAYER WEEK

## 26 June to 3 July 2022 - Gift Day 3 July 2022

As Tom has mentioned in Sunday morning notices, we will be having a “Prayer Week” for the building project, concluded by a “Gift Day” 3 July.

The timetable for the week (see below) offers various opportunities for praying together – and there will be times where space is set aside in the church for quiet private prayer. Wherever you are, though – the most important thing is just to pray, in whatever way suits you best.

The building project has been a long journey for us but we are beginning to see our destination! We are encouraged to pray around three themes:

1. **Giving thanks to God:**

- For his ever-present guidance and encouragement to this point in the project.
- For his faithfulness and provision of generous funds from unexpected sources.

2. **Praying about the “journey”:**

- For the Lord’s continuing guidance, and for wisdom in all of our decisions.
- For the funds required to complete the building, and for all the other resources required.

3. **Looking towards the “destination”:**

- That our faithful God will provide a new building as a means of blessing the local community.
- That God will use the new building to equip St Mildred’s for a new season of outreach and service; for teaching God’s word and for showing love to our neighbours.

Prayers can simply follow these three headings – but if you would like to pray in more detail, you will find on the following pages daily prayer points plus a suggested Bible text for each day.

The Gift Day at the end of the Prayer Week will provide an opportunity for all members of the church family to commit to support the building project financially. We are hugely grateful to all those who have already made gifts of money, including those who pledged for five years back in 2015 and those who were able to extend their pledges.

A commitment on 3<sup>rd</sup> July could be a one-off donation, or a promise to give on a regular basis for a defined period. We are encouraging any church members who are able to do so to pledge for five years from now (as we did in 2015). Small sums are welcomed and appreciated just as much as larger sums. Every pound given will be received gratefully and spent carefully.

We fully recognise and completely respect that – particularly in a time when the cost of living is increasing – not everybody can commit to giving financially. However, whether or not you are in a position to give money, church members can support the building project by regular prayer, and in other practical ways. Please would you consider prayerfully whether you can respond on Gift Day by agreeing to support the building project, whether financially, by a commitment to pray regularly or by offering to use your time and skills?

**Thank you very much!**

# St Mildred's Church Development Project –

	GIVING THANKS	PRAYING ABOUT THE “JOURNEY”
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>	Praise God for success in the planning appeal. Give thanks for our good working relationship with Lewisham Council planning officers.	Pray for the successful discharge of planning conditions as we go forward with demolition and plan the construction of the new building.
<b>Monday 27 June</b>	Give thanks for positive feedback and ongoing assistance from Diocesan representatives. Give thanks for support and encouragement from our Bishops and our Archdeacon.	Pray for satisfactory conclusion of the “faculty” process (to get Diocese consent). Pray for Bishop Christopher, Bishop Karowei and our Archdeacon, Alastair Cutting, in their respective ministries.
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	Give thanks for good relationships with our MP, Janet Daby, and with the Grove Park ward councillors: Hilary Moore, Susannah Clarke and (newly elected) Mark Jackson.	Pray for continuation of our good working relationship with the Lewisham Council planning department. Pray for ongoing local support for the building project.
<b>Wednesday 29 June</b>	Praise God for the consultant team engaged on the project and for their professional skills. Give thanks for their commitment to the project and for their willingness to go “above and beyond” to assist us.	Pray for wisdom and integrity in all design work, costing and project management. Pray for guidance in selecting the building contractor of God’s choice and for a fair price to be agreed for the work.
<b>Thursday 30 June</b>	Praise God for answering prayer and for providing necessary resources and solutions to problems. Give thanks for the Greater London Authority grant of £5,000 to fund an energy options study.	Pray for wisdom in decisions to be made concerning energy use in the new building. Pray that, through God’s grace, there will be no unpleasant surprises or unexpected obstacles to the building project.
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	Praise God for providing the buses and for the improvement work recently carried out. Give thanks for those who have worked faithfully to enable the buses and gazebos to be used safely.	Pray for protection from any kind of harm: for safety in construction work and for disruption to neighbours to be minimised. Pray for patience when things don’t go according to plan, and for good solutions.
<b>Saturday 2 July</b>	Give thanks for the PCC, the Development Group and the many people in the church family who have been praying and providing help on the project and encouragement in different ways	Pray for wisdom for the PCC and the Development Group in all the decisions they make. Pray for unity in the church family and for continuing willingness to give time and skills to help with the project.
<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	Give thanks for the amazing sum of money contributed to the building project so far, much of it from sources that we could not possibly have anticipated.	Pray for the remaining money required. Pray in particular that our generous God will provide more funds from unexpected sources. Pray for wisdom in the use of the 10% Development Fund tithe.

	LOOKING TO THE “DESTINATION”	BIBLE TEXT FOR THE DAY
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>	Pray that the word of God will continue to be taught faithfully at St Mildred’s. Pray that we will be obedient witnesses to Jesus, using the new building to make the word of God known.	<i>“Pray...that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ. Pray that we may proclaim it clearly, as we should.”</i> Colossians 4:3-4
<b>Monday 27 June</b>	Pray for the ministry of St Mildred’s among children of all ages and their parents and carers. Pray also that teenagers and young adults will be guided in the Christian faith and encouraged to be wise in all that they do.	<i>“We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.. so the next generation would know them.. and they in turn would tell their children.”</i> Psalm 78: 4-6
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	Pray for our MP and ward councillors in their work for the community. Pray for uniformed organisations and other community groups who might wish to use the new building. Pray that the completed building will enable us to develop new links in the neighbourhood.	<i>“I urge then... that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”</i> 1 Timothy 2:1-2
<b>Wednesday 29 June</b>	Pray that the new building will be suitable for whatever work our heavenly Father wants us to do. Pray that we will be obedient to God in the ways in which the new building is used.	<i>“Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; .. I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark Noah did everything just as God commanded him.”</i> Genesis 6:14-22
<b>Thursday 30 June</b>	Pray for the sick and housebound locally. Pray for appropriate and respectful ways to connect with people who are lonely or needing support. Pray that refugees settling locally will find friendship and feel “at home”.	<i>“When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.”</i> Mark 6: 34
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	Pray that the completed building will be long-lasting and free from defects. Pray against damage or interference of any kind. In particular, pray for protection for the building, for activities within it and for all those using it.	<i>“The name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are safe.”</i> Proverbs 18:10 <i>“For you have been my refuge, a strong tower against the foe.”</i> Psalm 61:3
<b>Saturday 2 July</b>	Pray that the new building will open up new opportunities for loving our neighbour. Pray for church members to feel encouraged and equipped to serve the Lord in practical ways.	<i>“I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without me.”</i> John 15:5
<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	Pray for the church family to show love and generosity to by using the new building for acts of service the local community. Pray that our heavenly Father will use the new building to grow His kingdom on earth.	<i>“But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”</i> 1 Chronicles 29:14

# PRAYER WEEK TIMETABLE

SUNDAY 26 JUNE to SUNDAY 3 JULY 2022

Day	AM	PM/evening
<b>Sunday 26 June</b>	10.00am - Morning Worship in Church  Prayer Week "launch"	3.30pm to 5.00pm -  Afternoon tea in church  Delicious cakes and tea served, with space set aside for quiet prayer. Opportunities to pray in small groups while walking around the construction site.
<b>Monday 27 June</b>	9.30am - Prayer meeting in Church and online	
<b>Tuesday 28 June</b>	Pray wherever and however you like!	
<b>Wednes- day 29 June</b>	8.00pm - Prayer meeting in Church and online	
<b>Thursday 30 June</b>	Pray wherever and however you like!	
<b>Friday 1 July</b>	8.30am – Prayer followed by breakfast at 21 Winn Road	7.00pm: Worship in Church
<b>Saturday 2 July</b>	Church open for prayer all day. 7.00am to 8.30am – quiet private prayer 8.30am to 9.00am – morning worship 9.00am to 10.00am – breakfast 11.00am – 12.30pm – prayer walk led by Henry starting at the Church 2.00pm to 4.00pm – child-friendly family prayer activities in Church 2.00pm to 4.00pm – prayer activity outside Church or on the buses 4.30pm to 6.00pm - prayer activity in Church with tea 6.30pm to 7.00pm – service to conclude the day	
<b>Sunday 3 July</b>	10.00am - Holy Communion and Gift Day service in Church	

Week Beginning	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
6/06/22	Deut. 5:22-33	Deut. 6:1-25	Deut. 7:1-11	Deut. 7:12-26	Deut. 8:1-20	Deut. 9:1-14
13/06/22	Deut. 9:15-29	Deut. 10:1-11	Deut. 10:12-22	Deut. 11:1-15	Deut. 11:16-32	Deut. 12:1-19
20/06/22	Deut. 12:20-32	Deut. 13:1-18	Deut. 14:1-21	Deut. 14:22-29	Deut. 15:1-11	Deut. 15:12-23
27/06/22	Deut. 16:1-17	Deut. 16:18-17:13	Deut. 17:14-18:8	Deut. 18:9-22	Deut. 19:1-21	Deut. 20:1-20
04/07/22	Deut. 21:1-21	Deut. 21:22-22:12	Deut. 22:13-30	Deut. 23:1-25	Deut. 24:1-9	Deut. 24:10-22
11/07/22	Deut. 25:1-19	Deut. 26:1-19	Deut. 27:1-26	Deut. 28:1-14	Deut. 28:15-42	Deut. 28:43-68
18/07/22	Deut. 29:1-15	Deut. 29:16-29	Deut. 30:1-20	Deut. 31:1-13	Deut. 31:14-29	Deut. 31:30-32:18
25/07/22	Deut. 32:19-38	Deut. 32:39-52	Deut. 33:1-12	Deut. 33:13-29	Deut. 34:1-12	John 1:1-28
01/08/22	John 1:29-51	John 2:1-25	John 3:1-21	John 3:22-36	John 4:1-26	John 4:27-54
08/08/22	John 5:1-15	John 5:16-47	John 6:1-24	John 6:25-59	John 6:60-7:13	John 7:14-44
15/08/22	John 7:45-8:11	John 8:12-30	John 8:31-59	John 9:1-34	John 9:35-10:21	John 10:22-42
22/08/22	John 11:1-37	John 11:38-57	John 12:1-19	John 12:20-50	John 13:1-30	John 13:31-14:14
29/08/22	John 14:15-31	John 15:1-17	John 15:18-27	John 16:1-16	John 16:17-33	John 17:1-12
05/09/22	John 17:13-26	John 18:1-24	John 18:25-40	John 19:1-16	John 19:17-42	John 20:1-23
12/09/22	John 20:24-21:14	John 21:15-25	Psalm 81	Psalm 82	Psalm 83	Psalm 84
19/09/22	Psalm 85	Psalm 86	Psalm 87	Psalm 88	Psalm 89	Psalm 90
26/09/22	1 Sam. 1:1-20	1 Sam. 1:21-2:11	1 Sam. 2:12-36	1 Sam. 3:1-21	1 Sam. 4:1-22	1 Sam. 5:1-12
03/10/22	1 Sam. 6:1-21	1 Sam. 7:1-17	1 Sam. 8:1-22	1 Sam. 9:1-27	1 Sam. 10:1-27	1 Sam. 11:1-15

# Diary ~ June 2022

Wednesday	1	Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>5</b>	10am Holy Communion
Monday	6	9.30 am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	7	8pm Home Group
Wednesday	8	8pm Home Group
Thursday	9	8pm Home Group
Friday	10	11am-1pm Cuppa and Cake
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12</b>	10am All Age Worship 4pm Kool Kidz leader's meeting 6pm Sunday@six
Monday	13	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	14	Parent and Toddlers 8pm PCC
Wednesday	15	8pm Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion 6pm Sunday@six
Monday	20	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	21	Parent and Toddlers 8pm Home Group
Wednesday	22	8pm Home Group
Thursday	23	8pm Home Group
<b>Sunday 26th June – Sunday 3rd July Prayer Week and Gift Day</b>		
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>10am</b> Morning Worship 6pm Sunday@six
Monday	27	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	28	Parent and Toddlers visit to Swanley Barn Park
Wednesday	29	8pm Prayer Meeting
Saturday	2	Prayer Day (See Prayer timetable page 18)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10am</b> Holy Communion & Gift Day 6pm Sunday@six

# Diary ~ July 2022

Monday	4	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	5	Parent and Toddlers 8pm Home Group
Wednesday	6	8pm Home Group
Thursday	7	8pm Home Group
Friday	8	11am-1pm Cuppa and Cake
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10</b>	10am All Age Worship 6pm Sunday@six
Monday	11	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	12	Parent and Toddlers 8pm PCC
Wednesday	13	8pm Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>17</b>	10am Holy Communion 6pm Sunday@six
Monday	18	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	19	Parent and Toddlers 8pm Home Group
Wednesday	20	8pm Home Group
Thursday	21	8pm Home Group
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>24</b>	10am Morning Worship
Monday	25	9.30am Prayer Meeting
Wednesday	27	8pm Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>31</b>	10am Morning Worship
Monday	1	9.30am Prayer Meeting

**Please, see page 18 for additional  
dates for your diary**

# Follow the Yellow Brick Road



*Follow The Yellow Brick Road* was a song from the popular 1939 film *The Wizard of Oz* and since the film business began thousands of mainly young people have flocked to Hollywood, as indeed they still do, to find fame and fortune in the city of dreams. Some of them became successful in a major or minor way but most didn't and ended up for example waiting tables in restaurants and hotels and sometimes much worse. For them The Yellow Brick Road led to disappointment and misery

In the movie *The Wizard Of Oz* the four main characters follow the yellow brick road and the Tin Man finds a heart, the Scarecrow finds a brain, the Cowardly Lion finds courage and Dorothy (and not forgetting Toto the dog) find a way to get back home from the land of Oz to Kansas. For them The Yellow Brick Road led to the fulfilment and happiness. Now we all know that life isn't a yellow brick road paved with gold. We know the road of life has its ups and downs, it has its disappointments and sorrows. But we also know that life has its joys and its consolations.

The early Christians weren't called Christians they were called Followers of the Way which signified that not only was Jesus the Way for them but with their faith in him they could walk that road of faith. The road that leads up and down, as we know. The road of valleys and the road of peaks. The writer C. S. Lewis calls it "the law of undulation". And who better to go on life's journey with than walking with our Lord. Put your trust in Him and there you will have the best companion for the road. Go on the way His way and you won't get lost.

And at the end of the road? Well it's something much better than the city of Oz, it's something much better than Hollywood, Tinseltown, the city of dreams. It's where our heavenly Father dwells, it's actually being in His presence in the heavenly kingdom. In most films there is a happy ending. Do the followers of Jesus have one? Indeed, it's the greatest happy ending of all time. There's not really a film that captures this wonderful and true story but there is a book. I think it's called the Bible. Well worth a read!

**Henry Girling**

# Gardening Friends

**Knowing I am a keen gardener my friend sent me the following poem:**

My garden is my heaven where I go to sit  
and dream.

Watch the clouds go drifting by  
To hear a tinkling stream.

Surrounded by the flowers  
Of every glorious hue  
Roses, lilies, sweet peas,  
Delphiniums of blue.

Honey bees are busy  
Gathering nectar from the flowers,  
While butterflies and lady birds  
Enjoy the sunshine hours.

Nature in her wonder  
Heals my soul and mind.  
All my worries disappear  
And peace remains behind.

**By Mo**

**My reply:**

**The Rhyme of the Gardening Addict**

The verses you sent me are so sweet.  
I read them with delight  
But if you really knew the truth  
You would have a fright.

When I'm in the garden  
Trying to grow the seeds,  
I hardly see the beauty,  
All I see is weeds.

Slugs and snails have gobbled up  
Costly plants of blue and yellow,  
I meekly go and buy some more,  
Don't even moan or bellow.

Some plants hardly grow at all,  
Some grow much too big.  
To cope with this dilemma  
I dig and dig and dig.

To sit and enjoy is hard for me  
Unless my friend should visit.  
A gardening junkie needs a friend  
To stop them going round the bend.

**By Joyce Heelan**



# St. Mildred's Women's Meetup



What's this?! Ladies in the park in the shade of a tree - the dappled light playing all around, lending a cozy or maybe even a hyggeligt atmosphere to this momentous event.

Yes, momentous. After all how many of us have wanted to get together. The last women's breakfast was a couple of years ago and as you know they were such a blessing, not only for our church members but to other churches and local women.

Thank you to Laura and Keiko for helping us arrange this first meetup and thanks to God for beautiful weather on the day.

14 of us sat on two long, narrow, very slightly wobbly picnic tables, (If we'd fallen we'd have all gone down together!) outside the café.

Time flew as we shared, laughed and drank our preferred morning drinks from the café.

Some of us did meander our way around the nearby Hither green Festival enjoying the live music, surrounded by locals intent on enjoying this beautifully orchestrated event. Dancing did happen .. Not sure how it happened but a few St. Mildredites were seen practising their Zumba moves.

Hopefully we all went home with greater hope, strength and vision and possibly a few bargain plants!

Anyone wishing to keep up to date with what is happening please contact Victoria: [victoria9t9@gmail.com](mailto:victoria9t9@gmail.com)

Elisabeth Harris



# Development Project - Little Boxes

These little boxes are still in use and can be found at the back of the church. Many of us are still using cash for various reasons.



So if any of you find you have any cash you do not want, maybe in your pocket, purse or just lying around please put it in one of the little boxes.

Thank you to all those who have continued using these throughout the pandemic.

This maybe the first time some of you have heard about these boxes so if you have any questions please speak to Stella Gill or myself. Every little helps to boost the fund. (Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves).

Let me know if you gift aid.

Any foreign coins .. We pass onto the charity Lewisham Churches Care/Ageing Well in Lewisham.

Thank you for your on-going support.

**Sylvia Scott**

# Notices

## Cost of living crisis

**A huge "thank you" to all who responded to our appeal for microwaves and slow cookers to assist people who are struggling financially. We collected five microwaves and eleven slow cookers, which means that sixteen households who couldn't previously afford to cook hot meals can now do so. The picture shows the smiling faces of the team at the Lewisham Donation Hub accepting our delivery.**



# Happy Golden Anniversary!



**David and Kay  
Congratulations**

**With love and prayers**

**your family and  
your St. Mildred's  
Family.**

**"May the Lord make your love  
increase and overflow for each  
other and for everyone else, just  
as ours does for you."**

**17 June 1972 - 17 June 2022**

1 Thessalonians 3:12



## **Cuppa & Cake** 11am to 1pm

**Second Friday of the month (except August)**

**Coffee Tea Chat Homemade cakes Board games**

***A warm welcome awaits you***

# The Back Page

## **Businesses to pray for in June and July 2022**



*Please continue to pray for our  
local businesses, many of whom  
have had to close.*

**Little Bananas  
Pub by Ronver Road  
Natubit UK  
Engineering Minds  
RGIS  
Movo Insurance Co.  
Londis  
Hither Green station  
Blackheath station  
Aroma Beauty Rooms  
TDSA Ltd  
Great British Accountants  
Libs Recruitment Ltd  
Hyperion on Chiltonian es-  
tate  
Visaga beauty  
Timeless Beauty  
The Crown Pub  
Coopers Lane Primary  
School  
CPJ Field Funeral Directors  
Brindishe Schools  
The Lord Northbrook  
Sir Edmund Halley  
(Leegate)  
Trinity School  
Safe Haven shops  
Cafes of Good Hope  
Clifton Consulting**