

Silent Visitor



November 2019

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An Olive branch

After one church meeting the 3 item 'to do' list I shared last month is already down to two items! Our thanks to George and Janet for putting their names forward, and on the 3rd November we will induct them as elders to serve as we renew promises together.

The other two items, broadening membership and reviewing our Mission Plan, will take a bit longer and we'll begin taking the first one further at our next church meeting. That meeting will be a little different but also the same. I have drafted a plan, which elders will help refine, for us to experience cafe style worship while also acting as church meeting on **Sunday 24 November**. How we arrange our space and our time will be altered, but many of the parts of it you will be used to. We will talk together, sing, share prayers, explore a Bible passage, deal with formal business and share lunch together. We will be doing church meeting and worship differently, and all we ask of each other is to come along and see.

All we can ask of each other when we try new things is to come with open minds and see what happens; to trust that the elders and I aren't actively trying to ruin your day, and will not force permanent change for the sake of it. We will only truly know what works for us if we experience different things and then review to discern together what helps us draw ourselves, and others, closer to God and more able to follow the way of Christ.

I can also share that our invitation to Richard Lewney and Diane Poulding to speak about their trip to Israel and the occupied Palestinian territory has been warmly accepted. They will be sharing in our worship on **Sunday 5 January**. As the first date I offered them was Advent Sunday I began reflecting upon a project they are promoting to fund the planting of olive trees on Palestinian land. This led to me writing a hymn and an Advent candle liturgy, and proposing to elders that over Advent we raise funds for this project. (I'm also considering a trip next October to experience the olive harvest.)



The image of the dove with an olive branch in the story of Noah is a symbol of peace and restoration. Let us prayerfully hold it before us.

With every blessing, *Rev'd David R. Coaker*

Have a little faith? Trust a little bit more?

Luke 17:5-10; Psalm 37: 1-9

Faith and trust are interchangeable words; belief is something different. Faith and trust are feelings in your gut. Belief is forms of words in your head. Faith and trust well up in times of silence, when you see something that affirms them, and are the emotions that gladden the heart and bring peace to your spirit. Belief is how you try to put that experience into words, and words can never fully encompass it. Words can be misunderstood, misinterpreted, and miss the spot. Our faith and our trust shine out through who we are. Our character, our behaviour, what we say and what we do. Beliefs can too often leave us feeling guilty, being hypocrites, and arguing amongst ourselves.

So let us echo the disciples' plea for our faith to increase and holding tight to the consolation the psalmist offers us to trust in God and live accordingly. I truly believe that God calls us to faith and to trust; to live faithfully, placing our trust in the ground of our being, and that the life of Jesus gives us an archetype, an outstanding example, of this happening.

That last sentence did start with the word believe, and in its entirety it is a statement that I would strongly defend, declare and encourage others to ascribe to. But beyond that I believe any belief statements must be humbly asserted as secondary. To me they are in the realm of tradition, domination and opinion. I would still state them, but I would couch them in a personal, informational, and I would hope, in an open affirmative way.

So we have the call of God to faith and trust, and the example of Christ to model our lives upon. So a simple belief statement, but an incredibly complicated one in practice. But what is wrong with that? Life is incredibly complicated. A glance around our congregation reminds us of the variety of people who share our lives, a passing thought about friends and family broadens the horizon further, the intricacies of this planet and every other living inhabitant make our heads begin to ache even before we ponder the mind-blowing enormity of the universe in which we are placed, and the incredible complexity of our own bodies.

So, in the face of all that, praise God for simplicity. For simply trusting that beyond what we can sense, within everything that is, God is. To positively affirm that we cannot fully express this, that we cannot argue someone into feeling it too, and face up to the overwhelming challenge that it is what we do and say that most clearly shows what we truly believe.

And if we truly believe that God calls us to faith and to trust, to live faithfully, placing in the ground of our being, and that the life of Jesus gives us an archetype, an outstanding example, of this happening; then others will see this in positive ways, will trust us with their questions, and may open themselves up to a relationship with God and with us. So I am not going to tell you what to believe, but I am going to challenge you to trust in God, follow Jesus, and be alongside as we discover what that means for you, me, and us all, as Grays United Reformed Church.

In recent times, but in a mood that has been growing stronger over decades, there does seem to be little trust going around. People have little faith in the institutions that structure and govern our lives. There is a lack of trust in the people who have positions of authority, responsibility and honour within them. We have become increasingly polarised on a whole variety of issues. We have separated into tribes, moved to the edges and hurl abuse at those who take an opposing view. We hold on to one fact, ignore any interpretation that opens up complexity and call our opponents liars and deniers. Whether it will be climate change, Brexit, faith, immigration, or a whole host of other issues, we have taken the reality of complexity and taken binary positions, or have warmly embraced apathy and disengagement.

We are not going to regain trust within our society overnight, and it may take radical change or a deeply regrettable event to instigate it, but we can make a start ourselves. So trust in God, and follow the example of Jesus. Listen to opposing views. State your opinion, as your opinion, and not as if it's a stone tablet from on high. See your neighbour as your fellow child of God, not as an enemy. Trust in God, follow Jesus' example, be patient, and hope for peace. Amen

With every blessing, Rev'd David R. Coaker

From the desk of the Secretary

First off may I thank everyone for their best wishes in taking on the role of secretary after the amazing work of Elaine. This is a tough act to follow and I would like to say after the last few months a real baptism of fire.

The saga of the wall / fence and water pipes is one that we would all like to forget but I feel obliged to fill everyone in.

The wall fell down in the high winds at the start of March (I think my wedding photos are the last photos of the wall). After many issues and a temporary fence installed we managed to get the fencing contractor agreed and started. No sooner had the fence been started than we discovered a big water leak which was affecting the whole of the church grounds.

The fencing company could not continue the work until it was rectified. We decided on the work to be carried out by a suitable company called URS.

For those who attended church over the August Bank Holiday weekend you would have seen these guys (team of three) hard at work in 30 deg C plus. The team leader on his daily update told me they had worked 16 hour days to try and get this completed in three days. Unfortunately this was not going to be the case and they had to return the week after. However, the Lord works in mysterious ways! I was desperate to get the water fixed and was not too happy we were going to have a delay of another week. It was at this point I was very glad and extremely fortunate that we have two people in our church community that spotted there may be an issue with the water and drew sketches that helped me in getting the water works smoothly completed. Without Tim Webb and Phil King this would not have been such a smooth job. We owe them a huge thank you for spotting the issue and helping to bring this to a successful conclusion.

The projector in the church and the blinds in the hall have now been cleaned and in the case of the blinds have also been repaired. I would like to extend my massive thanks to David Lock for giving up his Sunday afternoon and Monday morning to make sure that I had the tower set up correctly. Being 12 metres up in the air cleaning the projector he was also there to act as my ground crew too. The blinds have been tied up so they cannot be

moved but they can be spun to block out the sun as required – hence saving the blinds for the future.

There are still regular jobs to be done around the church and your help will be greatly appreciated if we are to keep the building looking smart. With "fellowship through cleaning" we should be able to achieve this. It seems that Saturdays are the best days to organise them so I will start to plan for a date in November ready to get the church ready for a joyous and busy Christmas period.

I thought the BBQ/Paella harvest lunch was a great success and from where I could see everyone enjoyed themselves. I hope as a group and as a fellowship we enjoyed sharing each others' company and I hope in the future these could be regular occurrences so we can keep up with the users of the church facilities and the uniformed organisations. Again a big thank you to Denise & Alan Beckley, Charlotte Webb and to Peter Marshall for helping with the cooking.

What a joy it was to see that George and Janet have been elected at the church meeting to serve as Elders. We are now up to five of us and please if you have any concerns or ideas please speak to either myself, Dave, Denise, Alf, Janet or George. If you have an idea please let us know as we are always eager to try new things and to help grow the church ready for future generations.

Speaking of the future generations, Laura as my soundboard, has been fantastic and has listened to many of my ideas to try and increase numbers of younger people attending Sunday services or other church activities during the week, Including this idea:-

As a church we are not just a Sunday morning service and that needs to be reflected in our advertising and our development as a church. With the Elders' permission I am looking to start a pilot project to advertise and to develop our social media and our presence in the local community. You may see me and Laura in church with cameras and doing different things to try and encourage people to engage with us on social media and to attend the church in some form. We will be looking at different events and looking at pushing services, clubs, uniformed organisations and what the church can offer such as baptisms and weddings. This is something that I feel very passionate about and will let you all know in due course what the plan will be and how I will be trying to engage with the wider community.

Again may I please say thank you for your thoughts and prayers over the last few weeks, they have been very tough and I am glad we can now see the light at the end of the tunnel concerning the driveway and I can now focus my attention on pushing and growing the church in the local community.

God Bless, Ben

Harvest at Bradleigh Avenue

Once again the church was displayed with an array of flowers, fruits, vegetables and gifts of cereals, biscuits, tinned food and many other items of produce that would be enjoyed by our chosen charities – The Thurrock Women's Refuge and St Luke's Hospice – who were both delighted and grateful for them.

Below are some photographs showing the church decorated for Harvest 2019. Amongst the gifts was the sheaf of bread made by Inger (with a harvest mouse!). The bread was later enjoyed at the harvest BBQ/Paella lunch.



It all looked splendid!

Margaret Datlen's selection of Desert Island Discs



When I read Alan's sharing of some of his favourite music for Desert Island Discs with us the other month, I thought I would also like to share with you mine - with a few words about each of them:-

1. **"She's not there"** by the Zombies sung by Colin Blunstone and on keyboards Rod Argent who wrote the song. It reached the charts in England and USA in September 1964. Colin and Rod were both friends of mine, so it was an exciting time.
2. **"Lyric Pieces"** a classical CD by Rod Argent. He formed his own band called the Argent. I chose "Arietta" from the Album, It was very hard choosing one track.
3. **"All Things Bright and Beautiful"** the John Rutter arrangement sung by Cambridge Singers. Robert and I had this hymn at our wedding but unfortunately not this arrangement.
4. **"Here Comes the Sun"** by Nina Simone. I just found this song very uplifting and have loved her music since I was young.
5. **"Have a talk with God"** by Stevie Wonder. This song's title speaks for itself. Our son gave us tickets to see Stevie Wonder in concert at the O2 a while back.
6. **"Love and Affection"** by Joan Armatrading. I had the pleasure to see her at the BBC studio and then at The Palace Theatre, Southend, both with Robert.
7. **The Walking Man** by James Taylor. This is a very soulful song and reminds me of the day I spent at Wintershell Estate, Surrey to see the Life of Christ. I went to see this re-enactment as an outing arranged by the Grays Convent School when I worked as a learning support to a lovely deaf girl.
8. **Take me to the Pilot** by Elton John. I really love this very early song of Elton's. I have had the pleasure of meeting Elton and his Mum at Watford Football Club. My father was invited as a guest many times and I accompanied him. I have also seen him in concert twice.

Margaret Datlen

Recipe

A suggestion from Lynne De'Ath - “now the nights are growing longer, it might be nice to sample a few different recipes to keep out the cold and damp and make us feel cosy”.

Here is a recipe from Lynne to start us off. It may be that some of us may have a recipe for a favourite dish that could be shared in Silent Visitor from time to time. Ed.

Sausage, Tomato & Fennel Pasta

serves 4

300g Fusilli pasta	1x400g chopped tomatoes
3tsp Fennel seeds	Handful flat-leaf parsley
1 red chilli chopped(optional)	chopped
2tbs olive oil	3tbs parmesan finely grated
6 Italian sausages (or your favourite kind)	sea-salt & freshly ground
1tbs dried oregano	pepper.
200ml red wine	

1. crush fennel seeds & set aside.
2. in a large saucepan, heat olive oil over a medium heat and squeeze sausage meat out of skins, place in pan
3. using a wooden spoon break up the meat so that it resembles a coarse mince. Add the fennel seeds and chilli (if using) and cook for 5-10 mins until the meat turns brown in colour.
4. Meanwhile, cook the pasta according to pack instructions.
5. once the meat has changed colour, stir in the oregano and red wine and allow to reduce by half.
6. add the chopped tomatoes and allow to simmer for 5-10 mins.
7. When the pasta has cooked, drain and gently combine with the sausage meat and sauce.
8. add the parsley and 2/3 of the Parmesan and stir.
9. Serve immediately and season with sea-salt, freshly ground black pepper and the remaining Parmesan.

NB: Lynne says any leftovers may be stored in the fridge for another day!

Thank you Lynne, you never know, you may have started something!! Ed.



Carpet Bowls at Grays URC



For the past 24 years or so carpet bowls have been played in the Church Hall on Monday afternoons and evenings.

This was started by George and Edna Lazell who used to attend the Baptist Church and play carpet bowls there.

Edna and George brought carpet bowls to Grays United Reformed Church and obtained a loan from the Church to purchase the equipment – two carpets and, of course, some bowls. Since George sadly died, Edna has carried on organising the sessions.

There has been a healthy number of people from both the church and from around the area that have joined in the fun on a Monday.

However, as in many cases, due to various circumstances, people have stopped coming for one reason or another and the numbers have dwindled. This is a shame, as bowls can, for some, play an important role in their lives as a regular social as well as a competitive activity.

Edna would like to see a few more people getting involved and joining in the fun of playing. You don't need to have any experience and if you are not so active you can still come along and watch and enjoy just being there.

There are, of course, refreshments – tea/coffee and biscuits. There is also a small subscription of £1.50 a week.

If you would like any further information please see Edna or come down on a Monday. The sessions are from 2pm in the afternoon and 7.30pm in the evenings.

A warm welcome awaits.

Notes re the Trussell Trust Thurrock Food Bank



We know Food Banks shouldn't exist, and we know equally of the growing number of people 'falling through the cracks' in our system. Do remind any friends who query the distribution of boxes that applicants must have a signed recommendation form if they are to receive basic supplies for just three days of meals. The size of family dictates the quantity of these supplies.

The rules are very specific, though it is tough to turn away a person who just turns up. With the hint being in the title (Food) the warehouse is allowed to campaign only for food, other than special promotions such as the recent requests for underwear and sanitary protection. Thank you for your generosity last year.

However, such items, along with soap, shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, nappies, dog/cat food, sugar, cooking oil, flour and coffee (yes, coffee, not a basic for the Trussell Trust) are pretty important, and received with enormous gratitude when they happen to appear at the warehouse.

All of these are sent out as 'extras' to the box distribution centres, where the volunteers ask clients if they have a particular request.

I have seen for myself how pleased they can be to have an addition to their bag. Just imagine, soap or shampoo as a special treat, just any soap or shampoo, not one you really like.

The Food Bank's *Wednesday Wire* news email arrives weekly in my inbox and Ben's, with news items and a list of current shortages, e.g. on October 16:

"Our shortages this week are Long life Semi Skimmed Milk, Tinned Fruit, Vegetable Soup, Long life Whole Milk, packs of 80 Tea Bags and Sponge Puddings. We have plenty of Skimmed Milk, Baked Beans and Pasta so if those could be avoided, we would be grateful."

Please let me know if you feel we should post lists on the foyer notice-board.

Elaine

This Time – Two Cathedrals

Provided the editor allows enough space, this records our visit this year to the City of Liverpool. The visit took in two cathedrals, one to the Anglican Cathedral Church of Christ, the other to the Roman Catholic Metropolitan Cathedral of Christ the King.

Our first visit was to the former, an awe-inspiring building and Britain's (and Europe's) largest cathedral, among the fifth largest in the world. Its statistics are impressive. It contains the world's highest and widest Gothic arches; the U.K.'s tallest cathedral tower, 150 metres above sea level; the world's highest and heaviest peal of bells (13 of them weighing 17 tonnes) and it houses the largest cathedral organ in use in the world. It was completed in 1978, being built of local sandstone. Its overall impression is one of vastness.



We entered the cathedral at its west entrance where we were greeted by the figure of "The Risen Christ", a modern sculpture often known as 'the Welcoming Christ'. This was the last major work of the sculptor Dame Elizabeth Frink, who watched on television as her work was installed, only a few days before her death. The cathedral was called by Sir John Betjeman 'one of the great buildings of the world', designed by the late Giles Gilbert Scott when he was only 22. In spite of all this grandeur and within a memorial to the 16th Earl of Derby, set behind the tassels of a cushion, hides the humble church mouse (which we never found)! The cathedral also houses a memorial to the victims of the Hillsborough football tragedy.

As we left the cathedral we approached a street called, significantly, 'Hope Street', a street which connects the city's two 'colossal' cathedrals, sometimes referred to as the street's bookends. If you will forgive the phrase, Liverpool fondly refers to the R.C. Cathedral as 'Paddies Wigwam' owing to its unusual shape and Liverpool's large Irish population. It is also sometimes referred to as 'the Mersey Funnel'.

Half way between these two cathedrals along Hope Street, can be seen two bronze columns facing (and possibly chatting to) each other. One is of a previous Anglican Bishop, Lord Sheppard, previously known as David Sheppard, an English county and test cricketer, twice captain of the England team. He became well



known for his down to earth ecumenism especially in partnership with his Roman Catholic counterpart, the late Archbishop Derek Warlock. Together they wrote 'Better Together' (1988), showing that their joint care for the marginalised was at the core of both their faiths. They even

preached joint sermons which they had prepared together. As you look at the sculpture of them both in Hope Street and let the eye stray to the base of the figure of David Sheppard, one notices a cricket ball!

The R.C. and Anglican Cathedrals compare like chalk and cheese. The former is known as the Mother Church of the Catholics of Northern England. It is built as a circle to seat some 2,300 people, with the altar in the centre with the bishop's chair. It is associated with the phrase, "the largest cathedral which was never built." The famous architect, Sir Edwin Lutyens produced a design in the 1930s for a domed cathedral which would rival the Basilica of St. Peter in Rome. Work was started but was abandoned because of the second world war, after which the cost was prohibitive. However, his crypt had been built and was roofed over. It remains one of the largest cathedral crypts in the world, with four large spaces, each capable of holding 300-500 people. One of its claims to fame is the holding each year of the CAMRA Beer Festival!



The present cathedral was not built over the crypt but alongside it and at a higher level. In fact it took us 56 steps to arrive at the entrance. Perhaps the first few minutes of each service is to enable the congregation to get its breath back. It was consecrated within about ten years of its partner at the other end of Hope

Street. It contains many coloured windows in the round which give it a great sense of peace and occasion. It was interesting to find that the entrance to a chapel in the Lutyens' crypt has a rolling stone set in the side, recalling the stone which sealed the tomb of Christ. It may have been seen as the largest cathedral which was never built but, together with its religious partner down Hope Street, it seals a most memorable visit.

George Semain

Grays URC, Bradleigh Avenue

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Sat 23rd Nov, 10.00am - 1.00pm



Coffee, Tea and mince pies



'Chestnut Guild' Handicraft Stall

Tombola Cakes Plants Books Decorations

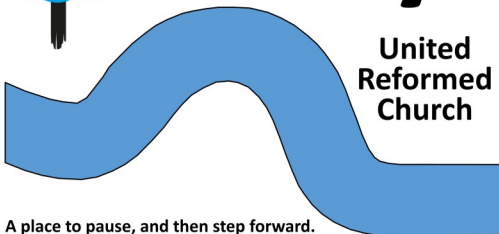
Free Children's craft and stories

Free entry



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Young Families Service

1st Sunday each month

9.30 - 10.10am

An informal service where we will make crafts, explore life and the Bible, sing, and share refreshments together afterwards.



You are WELCOME!



There will be a collection in support of Grays United Reformed Church.



Christmas Services

@ Bradleigh Avenue

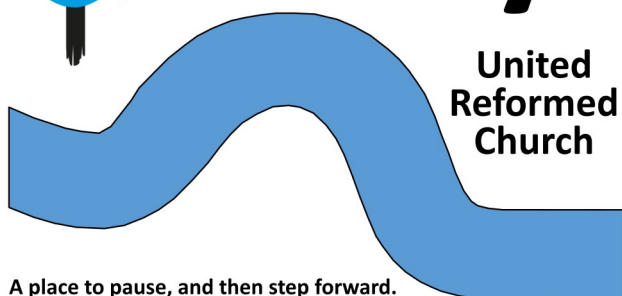


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| Sun 1st Dec | 9.30am | Christmas Service for young families |
| | 10.30am | Advent 1 - The bigger picture - Communion |
| Sun 8th Dec | 10.30am | Advent 2 - Change direction! - family worship |
| Wed 11th Dec | 3.30pm | Christmas Messy Church? |
| Sun 15th Dec | 10.30am | Advent 3 - What do you see? - parade service |
| | 6.30pm | Carol Service and Tilbury Band Concert |
| Sun 22nd Dec | 10.30am | Advent 4 - Christingle Service - family worship |
| | 6.30pm | Service of lessons and carols |
| Tue 24th Dec | 2.30-3pm | Family Christmas worship |
| | 11.30pm | Watchnight service |
| Sun 29th Dec | 10.30am | Family Worship |



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Moving Stories

Responding to the crisis in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories

Right to Movement



Picture by Ray Stanyon

The United Reformed Church's 2016 General Assembly agreed to expand the church's understanding of the situation in Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

In September, 22 members of the URC travelled to IOPT on an educational trip. These included representatives from each Synod, youth, the Black, Asian and Ethnic Minority group, Church House staff, including Communications, Interfaith and *Commitment for Life*.

The group's task is to share what we saw, and to share the stories of the people we met. We were struck by many injustices, One was the fact that we as UK (and one American!) citizens had more right to movement than Palestinians.

Revd Dr Munther Isaac is an indigenous Palestinian Christian. He spoke about the unfair restrictions to movement placed upon him. "There is," he said, "one set of laws governing Palestinians living in the West Bank, another for Palestinians living in Israel and a third set of laws governing Israeli citizens." Munther had been invited to speak in the US. He was forced to travel via Jordan. He was not allowed in Israel to get to Ben Gurion airport.

This roadsign show-cases these differences.

Israelis are forbidden from entering Zone A under PA control. This ensures that Israelis and West Bank Palestinians cannot meet, drink coffee, fall in love or go to school together.



Picture by Kevin Snyman

This new Apartheid is particularly noticeable in the fact that some roads are built by Israel for the exclusive use of settlers. The picture below shows a road cutting through Palestinian territory. It connects an Israeli settlement, on the far left, to Jerusalem. Both the road and settlement are illegal under International Law.

"Imagine you in the UK were living under this kind of occupation," asked Munther. "What would you do?"

The trip was incredibly moving, and we hope to share more of these stories. If you would like one of the participants to speak at your church about her of his experiences, please contact Suzanne, who will try to organise that for you.



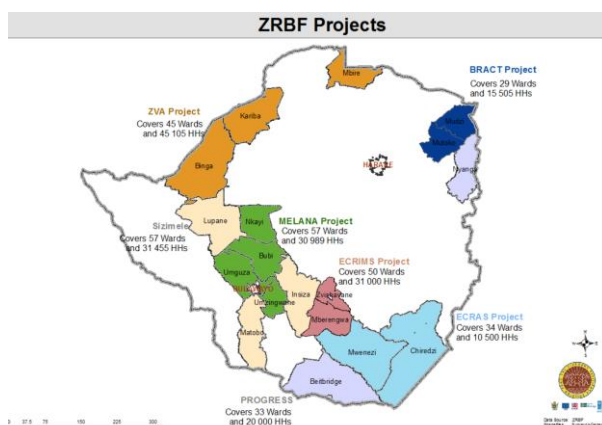
Picture by Hannah Jones

Moving Stories

BRACT in Zimbabwe

Christain Aid (CA) has had a long presence in Zimbabwe, and it is always interesting to learn how CA operates 'on the ground' and what mechanisms they use to do the work.

One such programme is BRACT. This initiative forms part of the Zimbabwe Resilience Building Fund (ZBRF). It has been developed with the aim of helping communities prepare and adapt to a changing climate and economic shocks, and stand up for their rights.



The programme's full title is: Building Resilience through improving the Absorptive and Adaptive Capacity for Transformation (BRACT) of at risk communities in Mutoko and Mudzi districts of Zimbabwe.

The areas supported are Mudzi and Mutoko Districts of Mashonaland East Province.

Through BRAC, Christian Aid supports vulnerable households that are affected by recurring shocks, mostly related to climate change. We are building the capacity of 15,505 households, so they can absorb and adapt to unexpected shocks.

Implementing partners - with Christian Aid taking the lead – are: Community Technology

Development Organisation (CTDO), Bio-Innovation Zimbabwe (BIZ), Silveira House (SH), Nyahunure Community Trust (NCT) and the Government of Zimbabwe.

Commitment for Life's support for these kinds of projects is vital, precisely because Christian Aid relies on our prayers, activism and support.



Do you have stories you'd like to share here on your experiences with Christain Aid projects in Zimbabwe?

If so, please so email these to Suzanne and we can try to share your experiences on this forum. It would be helpful if you had some photos to share too.

This space can be used to connect with other *Commitment for Life* Zimbabwe supporters across the UK.

November 2019 - ROTAS

FLOWER ROTA	Please see notice board regarding the Flower Rota. This rota is no longer defined. Please add your name to the flower rota list if you would like to arrange church flowers for a particular Sunday.		
PREACHERS		Time	
Young family service	3	9.30 am	Rev'd Dave/Denise
Morning Service with Communion	3	10.30 am	Rev'd Dave Coaker
Morning Worship	10	10.30 am	Rev'd Dave Coaker
Evening Communion	10	6.30 pm	Rev'd Dave Coaker
Morning Worship	17	10.30 am	Denise Beckley
Morning Worship	24	10.30 am	Rev'd Dave Coaker
December			
Young family service	1	9.30 am	Revd Dave / Denise
Morning Service with Communion	1	10.30 am	Revd Dave Coaker
READERS			
November	3	10.30 am	George and Janet
	10	10.30 am	Sue Meurs
	17	10.30 am	Elaine and Colin
	24	10.30 am	Ruth and Inger
December	1	10.30 am	Edna and Ruth

Duty Steward: See details on Notice Board

Communion Steward: Alan Beckley

Hymn Book Steward: Bill Boag

This year's Charity is:- Friends of Essex & Thurrock Homeless
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CHURCH CALENDAR

SUNDAY SERVICES

Children's Service	9.30 am	1 st Sunday each month
Morning Worship	10.30 am	Each Sunday
Holy Communion	10.30 am 6.30 pm	1 st Sunday each month 3 rd Sunday each month
Parade Service	10.30 am	Next Parade Service will be on 10 th November 2019 Remembrance Sunday

ACTIVITIES

Coffee Morning	10.30 am	Every Wednesday
Carpet Bowls	2.00 pm & 7.30 pm	Every Monday (except Bank Holidays)
Prayer Meetings	10.00 am	2 nd Wednesday each month (before coffee)
	6.45 pm	Every Friday
Messy Church	3.30 pm	See Notices

- For information about Messy Church – Worship together for families – please contact Denise Beckley on 07806 739959
- All meetings take place in the Church or the Church hall unless otherwise indicated.

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