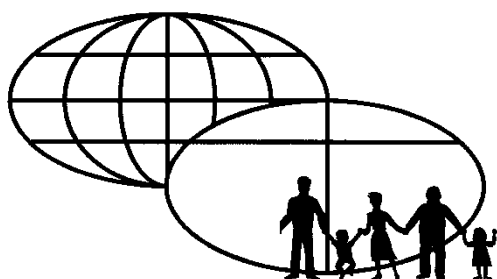


# March 2017



**New Eltham Methodist Church**

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## Worship Calendar for March 2017

5 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	Rev Jacqueline Quarmby
	12:30pm	Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
12 <sup>th</sup> March	All Age Worship	
	10:30am	Rev Duncan MacBean
	12:30pm	Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
19 <sup>th</sup> March	10:30am	Mrs Heather Williams
	12:30pm	Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
26 <sup>th</sup> March	Mothering Sunday	
	10:30am	Worship Leaders
	12:30pm	Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship
2 <sup>nd</sup> April	10:30am	Mrs Joan Mayes
	12:30pm	Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship



**The worship leaders would like to thank everyone who joined them on a dark and chilly night for their winter service of reflection and renewal.**

**They would also like to thank Barbara Scott for the music and Graham Bunce for the sound and lighting.**

# From the Minister



Duncan's absence means there is no contribution from the Minister for this edition of the magazine. The thoughts and prayers of the whole Church are with Duncan and his family at this sad and difficult time.



If you can't think what to give up for Lent





## Safeguarding Policy

The Church's Safeguarding Policy has been updated and circulated to members of the Church Council for endorsement and approval. The policy has not changed from the policy agreed in 2016, but contact details for outside agencies have been checked and updated as necessary.

While the Policy sets out the duties of the Church, it is also incumbent on us all to ensure that those within our care are kept safe from harm. With different groups meeting in different parts of our premises at the same time, it is important to respect other users and be vigilant with, among other things, remembering to shut the main doors.

Should you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Wendy Preston



Now that we have excellent weekly notices, the magazine editors feel that there is an element of repetition between the notices and this magazine.

To reduce duplication, with effect from next month, the church magazine will be published every two months. Future editions will cover

April/May

October/November

June/July

December/January

August/September

February/March

Those wishing to contribute to the magazine are asked to bear this in mind when deciding which edition they wish their article or announcement to appear in.

# Events/Charities News



Thank you to everyone for supporting our fundraising efforts. Since September 2016 we have been raising funds for Happy Child International, this year's Annual Good Cause, a charity supporting street children in Brazil. Here is an update on how we are doing:

17<sup>th</sup> September 2016 - a raffle at NECP Showstoppers Concert raised £107

9<sup>th</sup> October 2016 - our Harvest Lunch raised £615.70

12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - at the Church Bazaar, Sybil/Judith's food stall raised £269.50

12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - a raffle at the NECP Quiz Night raised £57

7<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> January 2017 - NECP Pantomime Raffles raised £546

**In total we have so far raised £1595.20 for Happy Child.**

In addition, the following other amounts have been raised:



12<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Christmas Bazaar (for Church Funds) £843

13<sup>th</sup> November 2016 - Remembrance Sunday Concert (for Overseas Missions) £209

In December 2016 - there were 2 carol singing sessions organised by Wendy and NECP which raised a total of £221.04.

We hope to organise another Magic Evening later this year, but have no date set for this yet. We are open to all fundraising ideas and suggestions and would love more help with organising events. Please contact Clare, Paul or myself.

Geraldine

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Happy Anniversaries

to

Tony and Shirley Wright - 60 years on 2<sup>nd</sup> March

and

Steve and Jackie Offord - 50 years on 18<sup>th</sup> March



**NEW ELTHAM METHODIST CHURCH**  
Footscray Road, New Eltham, SE9 3UL



**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> April, 4-6 pm**

**Join us to hear the Easter Story and make some fun crafts.**

**We will finish the session with a family tea.**

**For further information, please email:  
[church@newelthammethodist.co.uk](mailto:church@newelthammethodist.co.uk)  
or telephone 020 8859 4932**

**FREE ENTRY**

**Messy Church is supported by New Eltham Methodist Church  
although any donations on the door are gratefully received  
to support our craft activities.**



# 2017 Messy Dates and Themes

1 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter
20 <sup>th</sup> May	'All things bright and beautiful'
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Summer party
30 <sup>th</sup> September	Harvest
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas

Messy Church is a relaxed and informal church with a warm welcome for the whole family with crafts, songs, food - and plenty of opportunity to have fun and make a mess! Our sessions run from 4 pm until 6 pm, please do arrive by 4.15 pm at the latest if possible to ensure the children can take part in all of the activities.



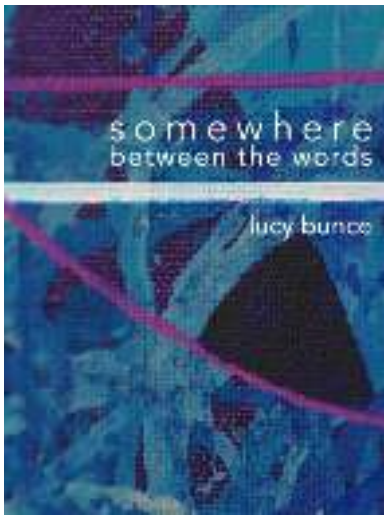
with the Rev Annette Rose

## Art and Seeking God

Wednesday afternoons, 1.30-2.30pm

On 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> March

Here at New Eltham Methodist Church



## Somewhere between the words

Lucy Bunce at New Eltham Methodist Church

Those of you who came to Lucy Bunce's concert in January will have enjoyed a celebration in music. Lucy (voice and harp), along with her father Barry Hart (voice and guitar), brother Matt Hart (guitar) and friends and Mike Haughton (winds) and Kevin Duncan (keys) performed songs from their latest album 'Somewhere between the words'. The concert started with Lucy singing solo, before she progressively introduced the other members of the group and was joined in song by her father Barry. Her brother Matt arriving after the concert had begun for reasons that were not adequately explained.

Lucy's repertoire covers an enormous range of musical styles and sentiments from the secular by Kate Bush and Paul Simon, the devotional by Graham Kendrick, and the reflective and spiritual, sometimes written by her father Barry. Indeed, the duets between Lucy and Barry were high spots of the concert and the guitars, winds and keys were the perfect accompaniment to Lucy's harp and voice.





I particularly liked the biographical story of Lucy's mother's journey from South Africa sung by Barry in 'Carnarvon Castle', Lucy displaying her rhythmic side in the pulsating 'Under African Skies' and I was still humming the haunting tune of 'What We Look for in Winter' as I walked home.

The concert was very well attended and much appreciated and the audience would have stayed for longer than the single encore she gave us. But hopefully there will be another occasion when Lucy will perform for us again. Thanks must also go to Graham Bunce for the lights and to Colin and Barbara Scott for the refreshments.

Michael Chuter



## **Rev. John Beebe**

### **Minister at New Eltham 1979 – 1985**

Members will remember receiving that sad news that John Beebe, a past minister of this church, had developed pneumonia while recovering in hospital from a heart attack and had passed away. Graham and Mavis attended his memorial service on our behalf.



Janet, Frances, Clare and Tim welcomed Mavis and I (as if we had met very recently) at Peterborough Cathedral for the service of Celebration and Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of John on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February. A good congregation of people from his life had come together from the many Churches where he had worked to remember the good times they had enjoyed in his company.

Clare's husband (Canon Tom Kennar) and his son Tim took us through John's achievements and reminded us of his acting prowess. His performance in New Eltham as the Totem Pole in Hiawatha in 1980 was particularly remembered and it was poignant that Duncan should have reprised the role in this year's revival. Mention was also made of his 'Nutty Noah' in another production and who could forget the 'Gluks' in his Family Services, with the pulpit getting more soft toys every Christmas?

We were reminded of his love of maps, trains, model railways and, more importantly, his family. Three of his grandchildren gave their special memories and Clare and Frances read special pieces. Music was to the fore, with John's favourite hymns and organ music being played during this Celebration. We were moved by it all.

Afterwards we joined others for refreshments in the South Transept and exchanged memories with friends from different parts of England. (We also saw the tomb of Kathrine of Aragon, buried here in 1536 before the Abbey Church became a Cathedral.)

Graham Milne

# REPORTS FROM COMMITTEES



## PROPERTY UPDATE

There have not been any major repairs required recently, but we have been continuing with minor plumbing repairs and ongoing maintenance. We think we have now found the minor leak which has been causing pressure problems in one of the boilers. The Prince's Trust recently supplied a team of young people to aid Graham with some of the decorating and they also kindly donated some paint.

The annual emergency lighting test will be carried out in May. Under current regulations PAT tests on electrical items are required to be done every two years and this will also be done over the May half term (last done May 2015)

The CCTV camera covering the entrance to the centre is now in operation and we continue to monitor security measures. We ask all members to do their part by ensuring that the church doors are not left open and unattended and that the keycode to the office is not given out by authorised people to other users.

A fire risk assessment was carried out for Greenwich Council's issue of the NECP licence by Geraldine Helps, assisted by Thomas Cowie the fire safety officer for Chislehurst. They made some recommendations which have been considered by the property committee and signage/ notices are being updated where needed.

Bookings continue to run satisfactorily. The Guavatree nursery now has OFSTED approval and is hoping to increase their hours, but there are negotiations currently in progress to ensure that their usage doesn't adversely impact other groups. Monday night youth club has continued to be run on a voluntary basis by the staff, despite losing their funding and as a church we continue to support that work.

Julie Gardner



## REFURBISHMENT UPDATE

Following the presentation to the Church Council, which set out our plans for improvements to the Centre, the Redevelopment Group has met to review the comments made and incorporate the suggestions we had overlooked. The overall response was very good, but Council did ask us to maintain an active dialogue with Centre users, so as to ensure the final outcome best met everyone's requirements. We are meeting with John Spence, a possible architect on 13<sup>th</sup> March, to start our detailed planning, and Glenn Harper, of the firm who carried out the church refurbishment, is helping us calculate an indicative budget. We hope to be in a position by the end of March to have a plans ready to use to apply for funds from a list of funders provided by the District and elsewhere.

Our fundraising plan will seek to identify the various improvements that specifically help identifiable groups, ie. children, older people or those with mobility issues our support specific activities, ie. sport, drama, education, community interaction or combat exclusion, which will then enable us to apply to funders who favour those particular groups or activities. Clearly any advice or guidance from Members as to available funds would be very welcomed.

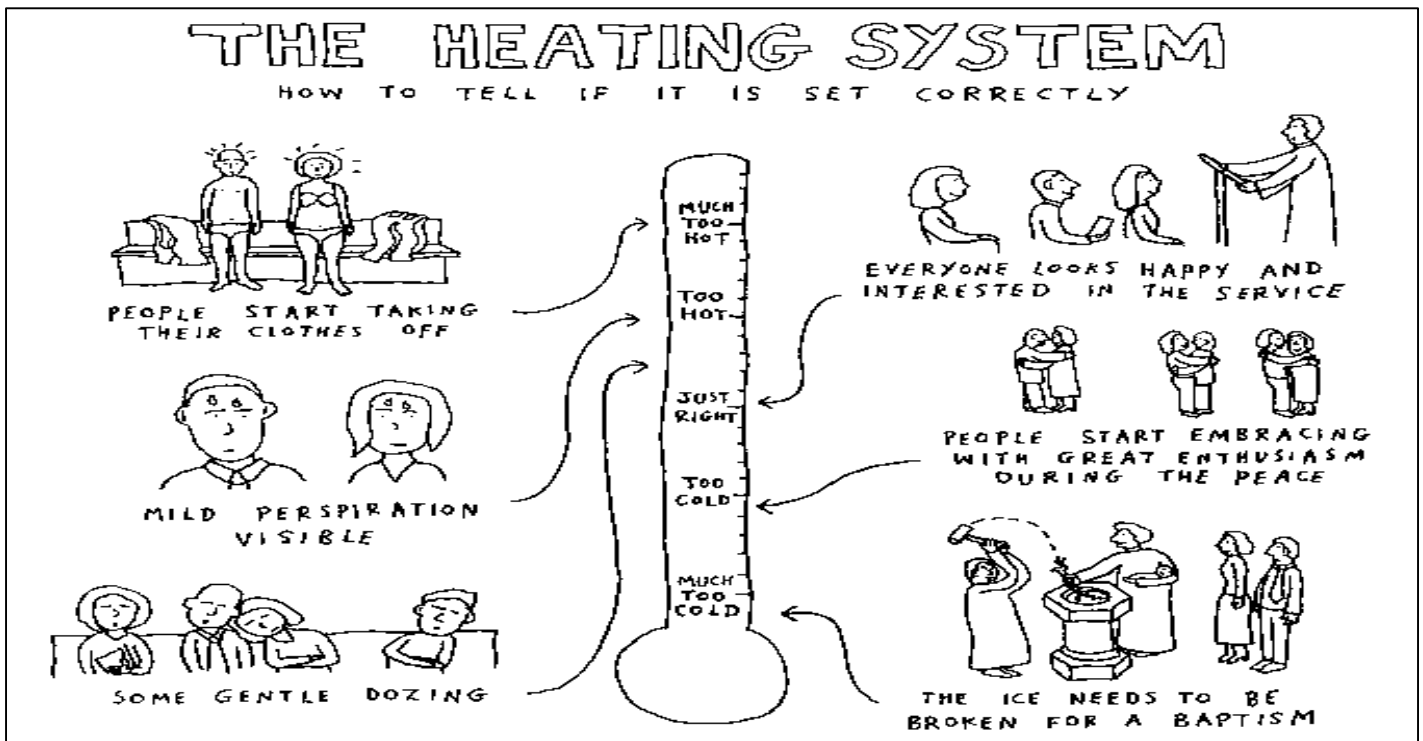
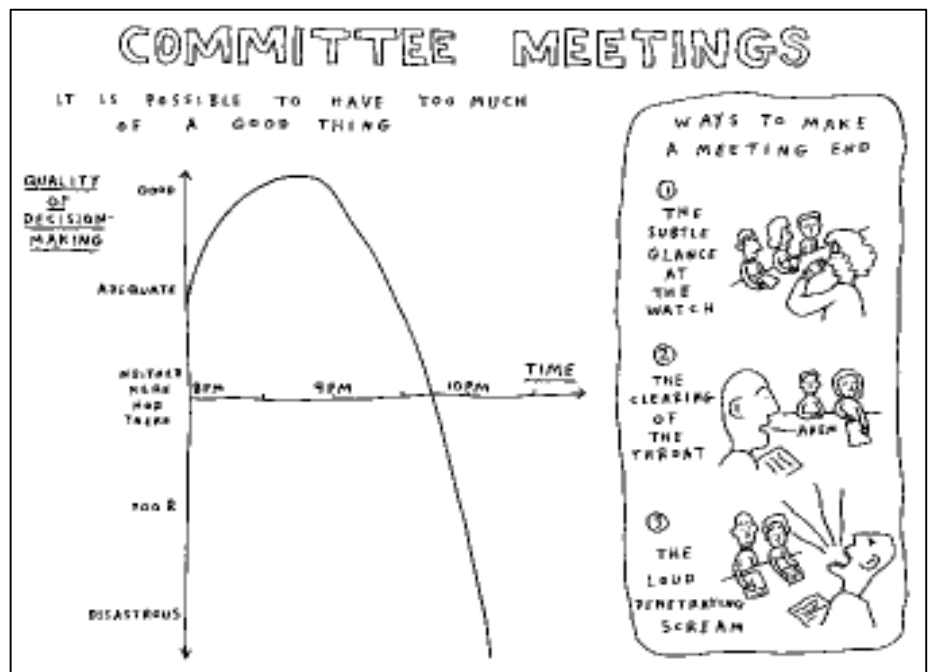
We also agreed that it was vital to keep all Church members and Centre users fully informed of our progress and we will ensure that regular updates appear in this magazine, with a fuller update to be presented to the Church AGM

Steve Offord



Another dip into Dave Walker's book of cartoons, all of which have been previously published in the Church Times.

Spot anything you recognize?





Our next offering for your enjoyment will be the Tony-award winning musical "Grand Hotel", on 4th, 5th and 7th May.

The musical is set in 1928. The world is between the wars, the stock market is booming, Berlin is the centre of high life, and optimism rules the day. The story intertwines a cast of eccentric characters through a series of fateful encounters at the hotel. Passing through the golden light and dark shadows of The Grand Hotel is the fading, still-beautiful Prima Ballerina, the charming young Baron, out of money, riding on his looks, the ambitious Hollywood hopeful, the mortally ill bookkeeper, meeting society before his grave, the honest, hardworking father-to-be and the doctor, whose cynical tone foreshadows the looming depression.

Grand Hotel richly contrasts comedy, tragedy, glitz, and realism and is sure to captivate you, so come and spend a night or two in the world's most opulent, extravagant hotel. Perhaps you will find your fortune there, perhaps you will find true love, perhaps all of your dreams will come true... Whatever happens we are sure you will have a great time. We do hope to see you there, just ring Rachel on **020 8851 9881** to book your tickets, or speak to any member of the group.



### OTHER DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

**1<sup>st</sup> April Fools' Quiz Night** with Quizmaster Kevin, do come along and support our next fundraising event. Teams of 6 please or join a team, £6 per person, 7.30 start, bring your own soft drinks and snacks. Raffle in aid of Happy Child International (UK). Ring Geraldine to book your tickets on **020 8300 9027**.

**Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May - NECP Does Strictly**, complete with glitter ball and ballroom dance champion teachers - come and brush up or learn some Ballroom and Latin Dancing Strictly-style! Tickets are £10 each, including delicious supper, come along or bring a friend or partner, a neighbour or family member - all are welcome! Ring Geraldine for information or to book your place on **020 8300 9027**.

**NEW ELTHAM COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS**

**APRIL FOOLS!**

**QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 1st April 2017**  
**at 7.30 pm**  
 £6 pp, teams of 6 max.  
 Bring own soft drinks/snacks  
**020 8300 9027**  
 or email [necpneweltham@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:necpneweltham@yahoo.co.uk)  
[www.necp.org.uk](http://www.necp.org.uk)  
**The Centre, New Eltham Methodist Church,**  
**435-9 Footscray Road, SE9 3UL**



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NEW ELTHAM COMMUNITY PRODUCTIONS present

# Grand HOTEL

THE MUSICAL

Book by Luther Davis

Music and Lyrics by George Forrest and Robert Wright  
Additional Music and Lyrics by Maury Yeston

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup>, Friday 5<sup>th</sup>,  
Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2017**  
**all performances at 7.30pm**

**Tickets: £10 Thurs, £12 Fri/Sat**  
**available from: 020 8851 9881**  
**or from: [www.NECP.org.uk](http://www.NECP.org.uk)**

online booking fee applies

Based on VICKI BAUM'S GRAND HOTEL by arrangement with TURNER  
BROADCASTING CO. owner of the motion picture "GRAND HOTEL".  
This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Josef Weinberger  
Limited on behalf of Music Theatre International of New York



*“One of the most powerful interpretations of the Easter story I have ever seen”*

## **The Passion of Jesus in Trafalgar Square**



**On Good Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> April 2017, 20,000 people will gather to watch the Easter story in central London as one hundred Wintershall players bring their electric and moving portrayal of the final days of Jesus to this iconic location**



**The 90-minute production is completely free of charge and there is a performance at 12 noon and at 3:15 pm**

**There is a realistic interpretation of the crucifixion, so parental guidance is advised**

# Regular Events

CONTACT NUMBERS

<b>Sundays</b>	10:30	<b>Morning Service</b> <b>Young Church (5-18 years)</b>	020 8857 3786 020 8859 9750
	12:30	<b>British Zimbabwe Methodist Fellowship</b>	07867 525 715
<b>Mondays</b>	10:00	<b>Diddie Dance (2-4 years)</b>	07803 531 782
	19:30	<b>Senior Youth Club (11-19 years)</b>	020 8859 4932
<b>Tuesdays</b>	09:30	<b>Bumps and Babies (new and expectant mums)</b>	020 8859 4932
	14:00	<b>Adult Social and Activity Group</b>	020 8302 6829
	16:00	<b>Tanya Dirrane School of Irish Dancing</b> <b>(over 4s)</b>	07775 943 723
	16:45	<b>Loopy Lou's Cheerleading, Hip Hop</b> <b>and Street Dance (4-7 years)</b>	07967 346 797
	18:00	<b>Loopy Lou's Cheerleading, Hip Hop</b> <b>and Street Dance (8+ years)</b>	07967 346 797
	19:00	<b>Black watch London Pipes &amp; Drums</b>	01322 234 236
	20:00	<b>Loopy Lou's Funky Fitness (Adults)</b>	07967 346 797
	20:00	<b>Yoga Lily</b>	07776 205 301
	20:00	<b>New Eltham Community Productions</b>	020 8300 9027
<b>Wednesdays</b>	10:00	<b>Guavatree Crèche, Stay &amp; Play</b>	07500 043 801
	14:00	<b>Badminton - non league</b>	020 8850 7621
	17:30	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> New Eltham Rainbows</b>	020 8300 9027
	18:00	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> New Eltham Brownies</b>	01322 401 891
	19:30	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> New Eltham Guides</b>	020 8850 2346
	20:00	<b>Zumba</b>	07811 823 467
<b>Thursdays</b>	10:00	<b>Guavatree Crèche, Stay &amp; Play</b>	07500 043 801
	14:00	<b>(3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month)</b> <b>Sidcup Active Retirement Association</b>	07738 947 860
	20:00	<b>Badminton - non league</b>	020 8859 5856
	20:00	<b>New Eltham Community Productions</b>	020 8300 9027
<b>Fridays</b>	10:00	<b>Guavatree Crèche, Stay &amp; Play</b>	07500 043 801
	14:00	<b>Sidcup Active Retirement Association</b>	020 8302 7182
	16:15	<b>All the Arts Theatre School (3-17 years)</b>	020 8850 2384
<b>Saturdays</b>	08:30	<b>Weight Watchers</b>	07880 617 066
	10:00	<b>All the Arts Performers Academy</b>	020 8850 2384

**For further details, see our website: [newelthammethodist.org.uk](http://newelthammethodist.org.uk)**



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