HEATH STREET BAPTIST CHURCH

Newsletter



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SECRETARY'S L E T T E R

In the last newsletter I talked about the decision to have a Church Working Group - occasional short meetings for anyone involved in practical activity in the church to discuss ideas and problems and move us forward on setting up or improving arrangements and systems.

We have had two of these sessions and talked about everything from bins to Christmas. Theresa Thom and Annie Fang have taken housekeeping arrangements in hand and the meetings have been useful to discuss things like how we best manage the central heating. The next gathering will be quite specific - Robin Thorne will coach us (especially the Sunday stewards) in how exactly to respond when and if the fire alarm sounds. He will do this once our little fire safety committee has met and worked out what we all need to say and do to keep everyone, particularly visitors, safe.

The contractors who came in to finish the kitchen and install the new tea point, etc. have been working on many final bits and pieces in the last few weeks, especially trying to make sure that our damp-proofing arrangements in the basement really work. We are particularly proud of new handles on the vestibule doors - well-restored art deco ones which look very fitting and for which a kind friend of the church paid. The Contact Club's long awaited storage room is now in use with many volunteers gathering and organising supplies of good nearly new clothes and shoes.

Hampstead Wells and Camden Trust gave a grant to cover much of the cost of good solid shelving which lines the walls of this little space.

We agreed to match the retiring collection from one of the Tuesday recitals in October to send a donation to Christian Aid's Refugee Crisis fund. The musicians normally keep the audience's contributions to cover their expenses and for this event they agreed that all of the money collected should be donated. I suspect the audience was a lot more generous than usual(!) as between them they gave £155.25 which we matched pound for pound.

There is a church meeting on 6 December after the service, and this will be a great opportunity for sharing information about the marvellous array of services and events planned for Advent and Christmas and maybe thinking about how we can bring friends, neighbours and the general public in to share these with us.

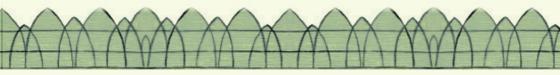
With love and best wishes,

Gaynor



P R A Y E R L I S T

November 29th - December 5th					
29th 30th 1st 2nd 3rd 4th 5th	For our community choir 'Each day new praise resoundeth' Nesa Thorne Thaddeus King For the work of Henderson Court 'All praise to him who came to save, who conquered death and scorned the grave'				
December 6th - 12					
6th 7th 8th 9th 10th 11th 12th	'Earth cannot give below / The bliss thou dost bestow' Marie Isaacs For children, parents and carers who attend Oldtime Nursery Lana Okunlola 'The Bridegroom comes in sight' HM 'Midnight strikes! no more delaying'				
December 13th - 1					
13th 14th 15th 16th 17th 18th 19th	'Praise, O praise such love o'erflowing!' Tom Brandt For Syria Theresa Thom 'tell the story / of his glory' Andrea MacEachan 'till his praises / flood with light earth's darkest places!'				



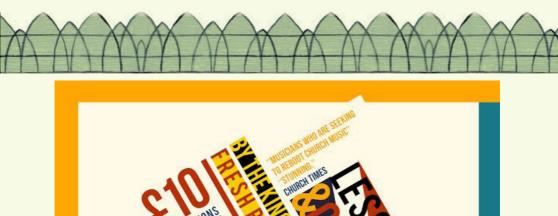
December	20th - 26th	
	20th	'the friend whom none shall trust in vain'
	21st	Annie Fang
	22nd	Judith Peak
	23rd	Sharon Williams
	24th	'O how blest that wondrous birthday,
	25th 26th	When the Maid the curse retrieved' Lydia Baker
	2011	
 December	 27th - Janu	
	27th	'He is Alpha, from that Fountain
	28th	All that is and has been flows'
	29th	Frida King
	30th 31st	Robin Thorne David & Eleanor Neil
(Jan)	1st	'He assumed this mortal body
(oun)	2nd	Frail and feeble, doomed to die'
January	3rd - 9th	
	Zad	'Wherease'er we had us faithful
	3rd 4th	'Wheresoe'er ye be, ye faithful, Let your joyous anthems ring'
	5th	For the life and ministry of Christ Church, Hampstead
	6th	Susan Le Quesne
	7th	Heini King
	8th	Chris Little
	9th	Euan and Ethan McLeod

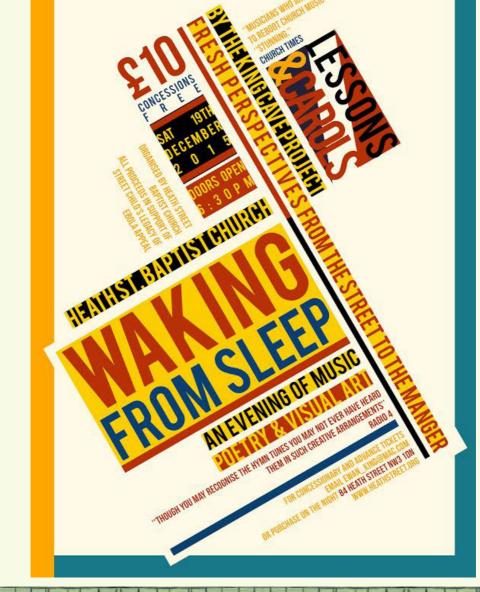
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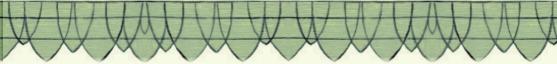


PRAYER LIST CONTINUED

January 10th - 16th	
10th	'This is he, whom seer and sibyl
11th	Sang in ages long gone by'
12th	Margaret Smith
13th	Gaynor Humphreys
14th	Joachim King
15th	Edward Humphreys
16th	Hildegard Williams
 January 17th - 23rd	
17th	'Boys and girls together singing
18th	With pure heart their song of praise'
19th	John Walsh
20th	For refugees
21st	Susan Brandt
22nd	For the Ukraine
23rd	For all who attend the Contact Club
January 24th - 30th	
24th	'Sea and forest, frost and zephyr,
25th	Day and night their Lord adore'
26th	Onome Okunlola
27th	Stan Dorer
28th	John Baker
29th	For patience
30th	'He is Omega, of all things
31st	Yet to come the distant Close'







W A C	E E T I V	K L Y I T I E S
Sundays	11-12:00	Divine Worship
	20-22:00	Contact Club
Tuesdays	10-11:00	Old Time Nursery
	13-14:00	Lunchtime Concert
2nd Tuesdays	19-21:00	Sacred Harp Hymn Singing
Wednesdays	1 4 : 3 0	Any Beny Russian Language Class
Thursdays	1 0 : 0 0	Rachel Ward Yoga Classes
	19:30-21:00	Heath Street Choir
Saturdays	11-13:00	Coffee Morning (alternate Saturdays - see opposite)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

December December

Tues 1st 13:00	The Music Box play Lully, Haydn & Bach
Wed 2nd 19:30	Musica Poetica present 'Leipzig and Dresden'
Thurs 3rd 19:30	Hat's off Gentlemen, it's adequate
Sat 5th 11-13:00	Coffee Morning
19:30	Driftwood E.M.E. present Sweet, o Sweet Sleep
Sun 6th 11:00	Communion
15-17:00	Christmas w/Miss Valentine & friends
20:00	Contact Club Christmas Dinner!
Tues 8th 13:00	Whitestone Quartet play Mozart
Fri 11th 19:00	Vigilante!
Sat 12th 19:30	Harmony on Heels
Sun 13th 12.30	Church Lunch
Tues 15th 13:00 Fri 18th 19:00 Sat 19th from 18:30 Sun 20th 11:00	Literary Music play Jane Austen's music Kauneimmat joululaulut (Finnish language Christmas Service) Waking from Sleep Service of Nine Lessons and Carols
Tues 22nd 13:00	Gawain Hewitt + SG present Winter Reflections
Thurs 24th 23:30	Midnight Mass
Fri 25th 10:30	Christmas Day Service
January	January January
Sun 3rd 11:00	Communion
Tues 26th 13:00	Le Petite Orchestre play Handel



N O T I C E S

Beryl Dowsett writes:

Susan Le Quesne and I took part in singing and filming of Bach Motets by director Tom Guthrie at Heath Street earlier in the year. This now features as part of a film, Death Actually, which will be screened in the Spitalfields Winter Festival on Sunday 6 December, 3.15 pm at The Water Poet in Spitalfields. Tickets £7 Details via www.spitalfieldsmusic.org.uk. To book, go to the website and put Death Actually in the search box.



YOUR NOTES

For requests regarding church membership, Baptism or opportunities for Christian ministry in the church please contact the minister. For questions regarding space use and room hire please contact the minister. Copy for the February newsletter should reach Ewan King (ewan_king@mac.com) Not later than Wednesday 20th January 2016



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