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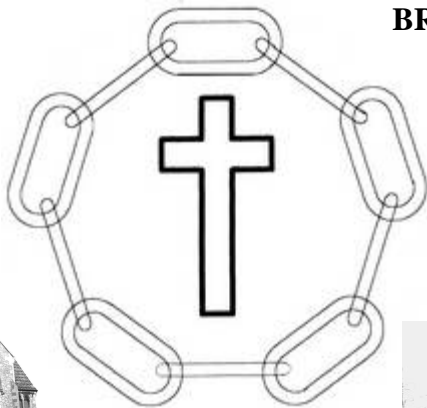
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BRENT KNOLL



BURNHAM ON SEA



EAST BRENT



WEST HUNTSPILL

Minister's Letter

Dear Friends,

Amongst the most outstanding memories which come back to me at this time of the year are my visit to the Holy Land and my early years.

My visit to the Holy Land, with my friend Valerie, included Yad Vashem, the Holocaust Museum. The most moving part was the memorial to the one and half million Jewish children who perished during the holocaust. We walked through a darkened area and heard the names of children being read out, all being remembered over a period of three to four weeks. Looking into the darkness were stars which number the children. Here we had a reminder of what happened. (See picture)

As most of you now I am "cockney" by birth and my early London memories are of Wesley's Chapel, City Road, London where my grandfather was the caretaker. My grandparents were the people who saved the building when the fire bombs were dropped on the roof. My father was from 1937/40 the caretaker at the Stratford Conference Hall. It was here I first saw and met the work of the Wesley Deaconess Order.

The first two years of the war my sister and I lived with my Uncle and Aunt at Wiveliscombe. In 1941 we came back together in Bridgwater as a family when my father was working for the Western National Bus Company in charge of the buses to the R.O.F. A time away from my parents and the difficulties that brought are all part of me and my life today.

This month of Remembrance as I look back I do so and give thanks for the understanding I have and with it the faith in which I have grown up.

Yes, Bridgwater became my home town and members of my family live in Bridgwater and nearby. I entered the Wesley Deaconess Order in 1954 and was ordained into the Ministry in 1976 and served until 1993 retiring to Burnham where I have now lived for 14 years!!!!

My thanks are due to my family and friends for the encouragement and support I have received following my second hip operation. I am so glad I am doing so well and ask for your continued help as the days go by.

Every blessing,

Joyce



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CALENDER

OCTOBER

- Sat 27th 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee Morning in aid of General Church Funds.
All Welcome.
- Sun 28th 7.00pm. St. Michael's Church Brent Knoll The Benefice
Choir will perform the Musical "Snakes &
Ladders"

NOVEMBER

- Thur. 1st 2.30pm. Thursday Fellowship - Mrs Daphne Eason.
- Sat 3rd 10.00 - 12.00 Coffee Morning in aid of NCH The Children's Charity.
- Sun. 4th am. Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
- Wed. 7th 8.00pm. Wednesday Group - Ideas on Flower Arranging
(Bring your own Flowers)
- Fri. 9th until Methodists for World Mission Conference at
Sidholme, Sidmouth - details in September LINK
- Sun. 11th pm. NO Evening Service at Burnham – Due to Fireworks
- Sun. 11th pm. LINK Villages Fellowship - Mrs. Margaret Edwards –
From Little London, Leeds to Peshawar, Pakistan.
- Tues. 13th 2.30pm.
- Wed. 14th 10.00am. LINK Communion at Brent Knoll
- Wed. 14th 2.30pm. LINK discussion on Circuit Realignment at Brent
Knoll - All welcome

Thur. 15th	2.30pm.	Thursday Fellowship - Rev. Margaret Trapp (Sales Table)
Sat.17th	10.00 - 12.30	CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAIR in aid of RD Fund.
Sun. 18th		LAST Day for items for the December - January LINK
Tues. 27th	2.30pm.	LINK Villages Fellowship - Mr. John Clayton – Lighthouses.
Thurs 29 th	10.00 - 12.00	Coffee Morning - Burnham Stroke Club.
DECEMBER		
Sat 1st	10.00 - 12.00	Coffee Morning in aid of the RD Fund - Sunday Club.
Sun. 2nd	am.	Traidcraft Stall in the Hall
Sun. 2nd	3.30pm.	Circuit "Wesley Celebration" at Victoria.
Tues 4th	6.45 for 7.00.	Burnham Christmas Meal at The White Cottage West Huntspill see Dorothy.
Wed. 5th	8.00pm.	Wednesday Group - Christmas Customs – Rev Stanley Pipet.
Thur. 6th	2.30pm.	Thursday Fellowship - Favourite Carols/Christmas Stories - Bring & Share.
Tues. 11th	2.30pm.	LINK Villages Fellowship - Christmas Buffet.
Wed. 12th	10.00am.	LINK Communion at Breaan.



Deaths

Mrs. Betty Hadfield. Thanks giving Service 26th September at East Brent.



Thanks

Tom Hadfield & Elizabeth Shirley & family would like to thank everyone for their kind thoughts and Best Wishes following Betty's sudden death.

Special thank you's must go to Evelyn for her help and support, also to Stephen and Margaret for guidance over this difficult time.

Tom has now moved to the Towans Residential Home, Berrow Road, Burnham on Sea. 01278 782642, and would welcome visitors.

As many of you know. Tom is unable to use the phone now, but the ladies there are very willing to take messages and book visits.

A final thank you for the donations given to the Church in Betty's remembrance, she will be greatly missed by us all.

Elizabeth Shirley.

AUTUMN SALE

AT

EAST BRENT METHODIST



SATURDAY MORNING 10.30am – 12pm

3rd NOVEMBER 2007



Dear Rev Hill,

I hope that you do not mind me contacting you but I am hoping that your congregation might be able to assist us. I run Christian House Sitters. If any of your congregation are interested in having a Christian look after their home and animals while they are on holiday. I am sure we can help find the right person. Our service will not cost them anything. It is free to house owners.

Full details can be found on our web site at www.christian-housesitters.com

Please can you make this service known to your congregation?

Many thanks,

Ray

Christian House Sitters www.christian-housesitters.com

ADVENT QUIET DAY
SATURDAY, 24TH NOVEMBER 2007

“TIME OF EXPECTATION”

10.30 – 3.30

WEST HUNTSPILL METHODIST CHURCH

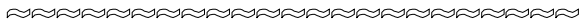
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Numbers needed for Catering purposes, please.



**Words said to have been given orally to students to define
(no guarantee of authenticity)**

- ADAMANT pertaining to original sin
- ALLEGRO Chorus line
- AMIDST - thick fog
- ANTHEM quite good looking
- ANTIBODY diet
- ANTIMONY - money inherited from an aunt
- APPENDIX part of a book with little use
- BIBLIOGRAPHY holy geography
- BLIZZARD inside of a chicken

BUTTRESS Nanny goat
CONSERVATION - table talk
DERMATOLOGY - study of Derms
DECIDUOUS able to make up one's mind
EQUESTRIAN person living on the Equator
EXECUTIVE - a man who puts others to death
FIRECRACKER a hot biscuit
GENEALOGY allergic to denims
HACKNEYED opposite of knock kneed
KILOCYCLE dangerous two wheeler
LONGEVITY being very tall
LONG-WINDED in good physical condition
NITRATE off-peak charges
OPTIMISTS Doctors who treat your eyes
POLYGLOT more than one Glot
POLYGON another name for a Mormon
PREFACE before applying makeup
REEFS objects placed on coffins
SABBATICAL YEAR a year with 53 Sundays
SEMIQUAVER half afraid
VICAR masculine form of Vixen

(Definitely bogus items)

LARGESSE is the capital S
A male escort is known as a MANDATE
LOCOMOTION is a faint noise
Dennis Dixon



LINK VILLAGES' FELLOWSHIP

Rev. Stephen Hill took our Dedication service on Tuesday, September 25th

We welcomed Mrs Moya Harris back on October 9th. when she told us how she and her husband met an American couple in Turkey as they studied the map for their next destination. They started talking and on their return home corresponded with them and were invited to their home in the States. They visited for a month spending time in their home and then touring in their enormous camping vehicle and then on their own. Since then there have been reciprocal visits to and from the States. A very interesting afternoon.

On October 23rd. Mrs Joan Bailey will tell us about Angels.

We are to go from Little London, Leeds to Peshawar, Pakistan with Mrs Margaret Edwards on Tuesday, November 13th.

Mr John Clayton's talk about Lighthouses will be on November 27th.

Our Christmas Buffet will take place on Tuesday, December 11th. Following the meal, the children from East Brent First School will give their annual Christmas presentation.

If anyone would like to join us on the second and fourth Tuesday afternoons of each month, you will be very welcome.

Eileen Goundry.



GREEN ISSUES

Computer lovers, are you aware of the new Google search engine called Blackle? This functions exactly like the white version but consumes less energy. You could save 750 mega watt hours per year. We shall be using www.blackle.com from now on and cutting CO2 emissions.

Chris Wray



BURNHAM.

October is usually a quiet month, when we adjust from summer to winter, and savour the last of the sunny warm weather resonant of summer. A time of change is a time of reflection and I start to wonder whether anything new is happening 'out there' in the world.

I learnt some good news today I'd like to share. Have you heard about the "Hello Peace" phone line in the Middle East where Palestinians and Israelis can talk to each other about their experiences of the troubles. Already towards a million conversations have taken place.

Meanwhile back in Burnham, we have had a couple of special events last month. The "Tea Time" afternoon for Christian Aid and the evening Variety Show for redevelopment.

Both were very successful and enjoyable. I was not, unfortunately, able to attend the Variety Show, but from what I hear we have quite a lot of local talent.

Many of our crowd have been in hospital recently and we are keeping in touch and holding them in our prayers. At the same time we have cause to rejoice as we hear of others who are well on the road to recovery.

Warmest greetings to all fellow 'Link' readers.

Chris (on behalf of the stewards).



Thank you

Just to say a big thank you to everyone who helped make the Supper / Variety Night such a success.

Without all of you it wouldn't be possible – from the entertainers to the cooks and washer upper's etc. You were all fantastic everyone enjoyed themselves and are asking when the next one is!!?

Commiserations to Pat Palmer who broke her hip in rehearsals “Hope you are soon back to your usual self, sorry everyone missed your tap dancing.

With love,

Rosaleen Anderson.



BURNHAM ON SEA REDEVELOPMENT

We acknowledge with grateful thanks the money received during **September** of £378.84

Money raised by members: £89,464.41

Legacies, Gifts Aid, Interest etc. £31,674.78

TOTAL RAISED £121,139.19

We thank Dorothy and her helpers for a great result from the Jumble sale.

17th NOVEMBER 10.00 – 12.30PM

“CHRISTMAS FAIR”

PLEASE GIVE THIS YOUR FULL SUPPORT AND MAKE KNOWN AMONG YOUR FRIENDS.



Dear Ros,

The supper was excellent, the entertainment superb, we all had a great evening on Saturday, many thanks to you and all who gave us such an enjoyable evening.

Hard work for you all, but much appreciated by us on table 3.

Looking forward to the next one.

Eileen & Tony Stephens



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COFFEE MORNING

Saturday 3rd November

10.00 – 12.00

Burnham Methodist Hall

Christmas Cards, Cakes, Raffle

Everyone Welcome

BRENT KNOLL

When I was young I could not understand why my older relations should want to sit down and close their eyes after lunch. I buzzed with impatience, longing to set out on the promised walk, not wanting to waste a moment which could be spent walking through the fields or over the hills. It's different now! Sunday afternoon sees me wanting nothing better than a quiet time with Radio 4. Gardeners' Question Time at 2 p.m.

perhaps waking up for the Classic Serial at 2 followed by two further programmes on Books and Poetry Lovely! This last week however, it was the talk at 1.30 pm. which broke through the clatter of washing up and held my attention. It was entitled "Calls across the Wall" and told how an accidental conversation between a young Israeli woman and a Palestinian has led to a real peace initiative at grassroots level. It's called "Hello, Peace" and works especially through parents' groups, on both sides of the wall, who have lost children or other relatives in the ongoing conflict - Thus an Israeli father who has lost his beautiful teenage daughter may find himself talking to a Palestinian who has seen his young brother gunned down by an Israeli soldier and they just talk - not about wanting revenge but about ordinary everyday things - They learn about each other's lives and in the heart of each of them is a longing for peace in the land which they both call home .As one contributor to the programme said "If our leaders refuse to talk to each other then we must". Talking brings understanding and without that there is no future. I am sure that like me you have often despaired of the situation in Israel/Palestine but this programme brought real hope and was an inspiration. So much of the news shows the dark side of human nature but here was a reminder of the positive goodwill in ordinary people. In modern Hebrew "Shalom" has a dual meaning of Hello and Peace and this is the greeting which has opened nearly a million contacts between Israelis and Palestinians and has led to real friendships -It is certainly "good to talk".

At Brent Knoll it's a fairly quiet time of year. There is some room for new members in the Shell Club on Mondays at 6pm. and in the Carers and Toddlers/Babies on Tuesdays at 10.30 am. The 11-15 club on Mondays at 7.30 pm. continues to flourish. We welcome anyone who would like to come to a meeting on November 14th. at 2.30 pm. when we shall have the opportunity to talk about possible changes in the Circuit boundaries. Looking a little further ahead our Christmas coffee morning will be on Saturday December 1st. 10.30 - 12noon when we shall be happy to say "Shalom" to all who call in.

Love from,

Margaret.

BREAN

It looks as if summer has gone and winter is fast approaching –it has been raining heavily most of the day and very dull. We thank God for the lovely days we have enjoyed and we still have roses in the garden. I have had my first crocus in bloom and have had primroses in flower since June until September.

This month we have been thinking and praying for our Link friends at East Brent after the shock of losing Betty and now David and Eileen are moving back to Scotland. None of our Link Churches can afford to lose one member these days but God moves in a mysterious way so we pray that others will come along to join in worship.

Last month we were pleased to see Daphne in Church but I'm sorry to say she had another fall and broken a bone in her elbow which means she has little use in either arm now so she has gone to Swindon with relations for a few weeks.

We had a lovely Harvest Service with Rev. Stanley Pipet. The lunch after it, was supposed to be a light one but, believe me, we were well fed and plenty over. The remains went into the freezer until the next Sunday when we had a lunch before going on to our Church Council meeting. Our service was a D.I.Y. one as on Sunday morning we were told that Stephen was poorly and unable to come. So a few heads were put together and members took part in a very good make and do service. We were very grateful to Rev. Margaret Trapp for coming from her service in Burnham to Chair the Council Meeting. Also present was Rev. Sally Lacy, who gave us two services to remember. On November 4th at St Mary's Berrow they are holding a service of remembrance for those who had passed away. Also at the Mark Anglican Church they are having a service for those who have lost babies. Both services are at 3 o'clock on the 4th of November. Everyone is very welcome to either service.

We were very pleased to know that Harry has had a holiday at Minehead and hope he is feeling better for getting a break. We think and pray for all our Link friends especially those going through a difficult time.

God's blessing to you all,
Lilian Stone.

EAST BRENT

Our Annual Autumn Sale will be held on Saturday November 3rd at 10.30 – 12 noon. Christmas cards, paper and calendars will be on sale, as well as cakes, jams, books and bric-a-brac.

Please make an effort to come to East Brent even if it's only for a cup of coffee, we shall be so pleased to see you.

To say that we shall miss David and Eileen when they move back to Scotland is a bit of an understatement. We wish them both well and many more happy years living over the border.

We had quite a jolly Church Council meeting on Sunday afternoon. Everything went well until we needed volunteers to take on the jobs that have been vacated by David and Eileen who are moving away and the death of Betty. It's strange how it always goes quiet at this point in the meeting.

Gordon has taken back the Church accounts, he did point out that he had given up the job twice to someone else, but it keeps coming back. Andrew will be our Mission secretary and Ann who is our newest member will be the Communion Steward. The smaller jobs were distributed among the rest of the members.

The meeting then came alive again and we were soon finished with the business and having a cup of tea and cakes.

No one wanted to be our Link Correspondent. So I suggested that we all do a month each. As it was my idea I have had to start the rota off, it will be someone else next month!!

Jill Legg

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