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The bi-monthly magazine of St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill
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Services at St. Mark's

Sundays

8.00am Holy Communion (1662)

10.30am Parish Communion (Except 1st Sunday)

10.30am 1st Sunday - An All Age Service takes place in the church and is a very informal worship, which is ideal for families, new Christians and those exploring Christianity.

Wednesdays

10.00am Holy Communion Service

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St George's Singers Christmas Concert

at
St Mark's Church, Biggin Hill

Sunday 10 December 2017 at 3.30 pm

**A programme of festive choral items including
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Yet What Can I Give Him?

I expect many of you have already bought some of your Christmas presents, in fact perhaps some of you have bought them all. I know a few people who buy their presents in the summer sales or even after Christmas the previous year!

Of course, choosing Christmas presents can be quite difficult. There are always those people who you don't know what to buy them - they seem to have everything already. Then there are those who say 'don't bother to get me anything,' which is never very helpful.

As for children there always seems to be a 'toy of the year' which every child wants and which can be very difficult to track down. When my children were young Ninja Turtles were the number one toy one year, and another year it was Tracey Island. All the toy shops had sold out early on. Blue Peter even resorted to instructions on how to make a Tracey Island. Apparently, this year one 'must have' toy is a 'Luvabella Doll' which is only about £100!!

Choosing a present means thinking about that person, what their interests are, what their needs are, and what they would really like. There are always the jokes about receiving handkerchiefs and socks each year from a particular family member. If you buy someone toiletries it can always be misinterpreted that you are trying to tell them something. Then what if someone else buys them the same item? Naturally buying online has become very popular, but then the problem is being at home to receive the delivery. Another ploy can be to give away an unwanted present so long as you remember who gave you the present in the first place. What could be more embarrassing than giving the present back to the original donor? The next question is how much to spend on a gift? Once the presents are bought, the next objective is wrapping them up. Some people have a wonderful ability to make their presents look so attractive with the gift wrap, bows and ribbons. I have always found present wrapping to be quite challenging, especially the awkward shaped ones. These days I usually ask one of my children to wrap them for me as they produce a much better result. I can always cheat by putting the gift in a gift bag.

So present buying can be fraught at times. Will the recipient like their gift? For Christians, the ultimate present giver is God himself. What more perfect Christmas present could there be than Jesus? God knows all our needs and He sent his Son into the world because He knew this is what our messed up, broken world needs. Jesus came, God with skin on, to show us how much God loves each and every one of us. God has no favourites. Jesus came to restore the broken relationship between humankind and God.

As with any gift we do need to receive it and to say 'thank you'. So what can we give God in return? Christina Rossetti sums it up

***"What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd
I would bring a lamb,
If I were a wise man
I would do my part.
Yet what can I give Him?
Give my heart."***



Revd. Alison Newman

We would like to wish all of our readers a very Happy Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New Year.

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What's Your Motto?

Mottoes come to the fore on those occasions, such as Christmas, when crackers are pulled, paper hats are donned, and jokes (usually of the type our family calls 'groanables'), are read from little slips of paper. Although these little slips of paper are called mottoes, it's a misnomer.

My dictionary defines a motto as 'a short sentence or phrase expressing one's guiding idea', noting that it is often 'added to armorial bearings, etc'. These days the 'etc' includes churches, schools, organisations, and businesses who use a motto to define their operating ethos. Some also use a slogan, which is quite different from a motto. A slogan (originally the war-cry or password of a Scottish Highland clan!) is designed to focus attention on a product or service, and says nothing about the way it is produced or delivered.

One of the most notable mottoes is that of the British sovereign, '*Dieu et mon droit*', which translates as 'God and my right'. The key point in this motto is that God comes first, even before the rights of the sovereign. We have seen this respect for, and devotion to, God exemplified so well in the reign of our present Queen.

Another excellent motto is that of the Royal Society or, to give it its full title 'The President, Council and Fellows of the Royal Society of London for



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Improving Natural Knowledge'. Fellows, who are elected for life, are those who have made a substantial contribution to the improvement of natural knowledge. Christopher Wren, Isaac Newton, Benjamin Franklin, Einstein, James Cook, Gilbert White, and Charles Darwin were all Fellows. More recent Fellows have include Crick and Watson (DNA), Sir Tim Berners-Lee (world-wide web), and Stephen

Hawking. The Society's motto is '*Nullius in verba*', which translates as 'On the word of no-one'. It insists that all knowledge must be proven, all statements verified, and not just accepted on the word of anyone who happens to hold a particular opinion. This motto is important for all of us, particularly in a world where gossip and rumour abound, and where we often have no means of ascertaining the truth for ourselves. Is it genuine news, or fake news? Follow the example of the Royal Society. Don't believe what you hear without proof positive or, as the Bible says (in St Paul's letter to the people of Thessalonika), 'Test all things, hold on to what is good, and reject evil'.

Many organisations have mottoes with Biblical origins. Some state general Biblical concepts, while others are specific quotations.

Among the mottoes of educational establishments, Canterbury Christ Church University has '*Veritas Liberabit Vos*', ('The truth shall set you free'), from John 8:32, while Oxford University has '*Dominus Illuminatio Mea*' ('The Lord is my Light'), from Psalm 27. Dulwich College's motto is '*Detur Gloria Soli Deo*' ('Let glory be to God alone'), while Royal Holloway College, London

University, has '*Esse quam videre*' ('Be, rather than seem to be'), another Biblical principle). Trinity School, Croydon has the motto '*Vincit qui patitur*', ('He conquers, who endures'), which is found in Matthew 24:13, and Mark 13:13, while my own school had 'Before Honor, Humility', from Proverbs 15:33.

Civic mottoes include the motto of the City of London, which we see locally on the notice-boards at all the lands they manage. It is '*Domine Dirige Nos*' ('Lord, direct us'), while that for London Borough of Bromley is *Servire Populo* ('To serve the people'). The Borough of Kensington & Chelsea has the motto '*Quam Bonum in Unum Habitare*' ('How good it is for people to dwell together in harmony'), from Psalm 133. Sutton's motto is '*Per ardua in fide servite Deo*' (Through difficulties, in faith, serve God), and Plymouth's is '*Turris Fortissima est Nomen Jehova* (The strongest tower is the name of Jehovah) which comes from Proverbs 18:10. Here in St Mark's, when we sing 'The name of the Lord is a strong tower', I am reminded to pray for Plymouth, which was the home of my grandfather and his family.



At this point, it's as well to remind ourselves that mottoes are not a statement about what we are, but rather a declaration of what we aim to be! Two such declarations coming from vastly different organisations, are aims which could well be embraced by many organisations, world-wide. Devonport High School's motto is 'Honour without dishonour', while that of the Police Department in Minneapolis, USA, is 'To Protect with Courage, to Serve with Compassion'.

One motto that has particular significance for me is that of the Clan Menzies (pronounced Ming-ez), in Scotland. For years I knew nothing about my paternal grandparents, but eventually discovered that my grandmother was a Menzies. She grew up in Perthshire, close to the Castle Menzies, the ancient headquarters of the clan. While visiting there some years ago, I learned the clan motto, 'Vil God I zal', which translates as 'God willing, I shall'. I realised that, although unaware of my clan connections or their motto, 'God willing, I shall', had been a recurring theme for much of my life, and I have since taken it as my own motto.



Do you have a motto? Anyone can take a motto of his or her own, and in many ways a motto is even better than a New Year's resolution. Resolutions are about doing and, because we all have human frailties, we're bound to fail. A motto, being a statement of intent, doesn't make us feel we've failed every time we slip up. In choosing a motto, consider not what you are, but what you aim to be. Aim high, do the best you can, and enjoy holding on to your motto!

Kim Cook

St. Mark's Christmas Fair

Saturday 16th December 11am - 2pm

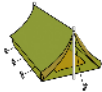
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Friday 22nd December

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Baby & Toddler Group

Every Monday and Friday from 10.00 am in the Church Hall during school terms. Contact the Parish Office for details - 01959 577816 - or just come along.

Bell Ringing

Please contact the Parish Office on 01959 577816

1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717

2nd Biggin Hill Rainbows (5 - 7 years)

Please contact Pauline Hallinan on 01959 576433

Home Groups

Home groups meet every fortnight for fellowship and Bible Study. For more information contact David Shannon on 01959 700668

JAM - Jesus and Me!

Inviting children from 3 years upwards to join leaders and helpers in the church hall after the first hymn. We aim to learn more about the life of Jesus through Bible stories, singing and having FUN. We return to church following the prayers and will share with the congregation what we have learned. Come and join us!

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We are inviting 100 people to join St Mark's 100 Club for 2018. We had 51 people for 2016, 57 for 2017 and it would be great to increase this number again for next year!

So - how does it work? 100 people will pay £15.00 each before the start of January 2018 and then every month 3 names of those 100 people will be drawn by the Social Committee to receive a cash prize. For 2017 those amounts were £15, £10 and £5 but if we get more people involved, we can increase the amounts given out as prizes! Don't forget - **all profits go to church funds!** In past years the 100 Club has raised over £14,000 and has been a very worthwhile venture. Why not invite your family members and friends to join! If you would like membership of the 100 Club please complete the form below and return it along with the £15 to Chris Walker (6 Moselle Road, Biggin Hill) or drop it in to the Parish Office. Please add any extra names on the form below if you wish to. Thank You!

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP OF ST MARK'S 100 CLUB

January - December 2018

Name:

Tel No:

Address:

(Cash or Cheques payable to St Mark's PCC)

Christmas Services

Sunday 17th December

6.30pm - 9 lessons and carols followed by light refreshments

Thursday 21st December

3.30pm - A Blue Christmas (page 13)

a reflective service for all those who find Christmas difficult

Christmas Eve

8am Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

10.30am Communion

Christingles 3pm and 5pm

11.30pm Midnight communion

Christmas Day

No 8 am service

10.30am Family Celebratory Communion

Do bring along one of your Christmas Presents!

A Blue Christmas

Thursday 21st December, 3.30pm

Many people find Christmas is a difficult time. The atmosphere surrounding us is one of joy and celebration. It may be that you feel you have little to celebrate this year. Perhaps a loved one has died and you are dreading Christmas without them. Or maybe you have experienced the breakdown of a relationship, the loss of a job, or worries about money.

At St Mark's we shall be having a service of quiet reflection, music, readings, prayers and to consider the hope that the birth of Jesus offers us.

The service will last about 40 minutes and afterwards there will be light refreshments. Please come and join us.

FLOWERS FOR CHURCH

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of flowers in church for a particular week, to mark an anniversary or a special event, please contact either Caroline Budimir on 01959 576093 or the Parish Office on 01959 577816

Weddings

Weddings are always very happy occasions and what better way to celebrate than getting married in church? Many girls dream of one day walking down the aisle. It can be a very moving and beautiful experience as well as a spiritual one.

Sometimes people say they can't afford to get married. In fact, church weddings are not expensive. The Church of England has a website dedicated to helping you get the most out of your day and covers all sorts of common questions: <https://www.yourchurchwedding.org/>

You might also like to consider a renewal of marriage vows. Stuart and Amanda Spence were married 25 years ago in St Mark's and they came and renewed their vows on Saturday 23rd September in the presence of lots of family and friends.

If you would like to find out more about getting married in church, or renewing your wedding vows, we would be delighted to help you. Please contact the church office on 01959 577816 or admin@movingchurch.org.



FIRST WEDDING IN NEW CHURCH. — When this happy couple met during a dance in the Village Hall at Biggin Hill 12 months ago, the village's new church — St. Mark's — was still being built just across the road. Now the church is finished and 21-years-old Miss Helena Blake, an accounts clerk of 54, Old Tye Avenue, Biggin Hill, and 24-years-old Mr. Brian Morris, an engineer, of 34, Arthur Road, Biggin Hill, will be married there on June 15th.

FIRST BRIDE AT ST. MARKS

MR. BRIAN JULES MORRIS and Miss Helena Audrey Blake were, on Sunday, the first couple to be married in the new St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill.

Mr. Morris is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Morris, of The Hermitage, 30, Arthur Road, Biggin Hill, and his bride the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Blake, of Little Haven, 54, Old Tye Avenue, Biggin Hill.

The bride, who was given away by her father, wore a full-length dress of white figured brocade. She had a full-length veil and a tulle and pearl head-dress and carried a bouquet of red roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

The bridesmaids, Miss Sylvia Blake and Miss Hazel Goodison, wore blue silk brocade with white accessories and had bouquets of cream roses and lilies-of-the-valley.

The vicar, the Rev. V. Symons, officiated, and Mr. T. Card was best man.

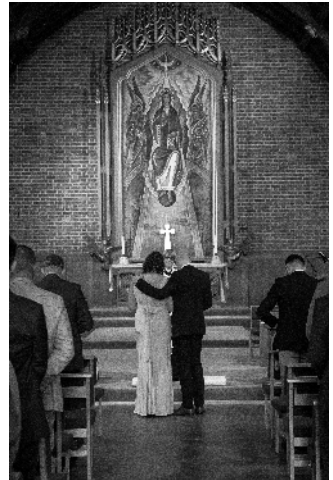




Janet and Alan Barnes were married at St. Mark's Church in 1967 by the Rev Denys Crouch. They visited the church earlier this year as part of their 50th Wedding Anniversary celebrations



Amanda and Stuart Spence renewed their wedding vows after 25 years of marriage on the 23rd September



Craig Mintoe



Katherine Smith and Edward Ives were married at St. Mark's on 26th August 2017

Big Day Productions



Sarah Newman married Tristan Stevenson-Coulshaw on the 30th September 2017. The latest wedding to be conducted at St. Mark's.



Christmas Tree Festival 1st-3rd December



A celebration of local organisations and businesses through a display of Christmas trees in the church, reflecting their various interests, both traditional and modern. Plus a display of nativity sets. Enjoy Coffee, tea, and cakes each day, with lunch of homemade soup on Saturday. Join in the singing of Advent Carols on Sunday at 3.30pm

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MARRIAGES

“Those joined together in Holy Matrimony”

Sarah Newman and Tristan Coulshaw-Stevenson

Renewal of Marriage Vows after 25 years
Amanda and Stuart Spence

FUNERALS

*“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, His
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Welcare In Bromley - Events Update

Firstly, thank you to all who donated via St. Mark's Harvest Festival. A huge £170 was collected in the form of supermarket vouchers, and by cash. The cash was converted to vouchers, which was distributed amongst the needy families that Welcare in Bromley supports.

The beauty of such vouchers is that they can be used for food, clothes, and household items. Vouchers are versatile, and can be matched to individual family needs.

The recent Charity Preview of Talking Heads by Alan Bennett, performed at Bromley Little Theatre, was sold out, thereby raising £1110 for Welcare in Bromley. Additionally the raffle made £124 with a further £15 donation. £50 was paid to the Theatre. The end result was £1199 for the Welcare work.

So a very big thank you to people of Biggin Hill who went along to Talking Heads, and a date for the next Charity Preview has been set for Thursday 7th December and it will be 'Rabbit Hole' by David Lindsay- Moore.

Annual Christmas Toy Collection

This is an opportunity to brighten up the lives of the families who are helped by Welcare in Bromley.

Welcare in Bromley aims to enable parents to choose 3 or 4 gifts per child. As in previous years Bromley Welcare will be holding their annual Christmas Toy Service at Parish Church Bromley on Wednesday 13th December between 10.30 and 12.00. Donations are welcome at the church from 9am. However if it's not convenient to drop donations to the church please give them to me or drop them into the Parish Office or bring them along to the All Age Service at St. Mark's on the 3rd December.

If you have any queries please give me a call on my mobile number.

Once again a big thank you to all that donate.

It remains for me to wish you a very blessed Christmas,

Lynne Martin
St. Mark's Church, Welcare in Bromley Parish Rep.
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Welcare in Bromley - Suggestions for toys

Babies & Toddlers - toys from somewhere like Early Learning Centre or Entertainer eg CBBC or V Tech toys.

Infant and junior aged children: Lego sets, Barbie-type dolls, action figures, sports stuff such as footballs, skateboards, skipping ropes. Also craft kits (creative kits such as wooden models to build or masks to paint), science/magic sets, star wars toys and board games, 'Shopkins', Littiest Pet Shop and My Little Pony and princess toys. Paw Patrol, trolls, handbags, play jewellery.

Young teens: craft/arts sets, stationery sets, board games, manicure sets, toiletry sets (both male and female) hair accessories and gift vouchers for places such as Game, Claire's, HMV.

Gift cards would be very welcome from the following outlets: Argos, Boots, Claire's Accessories, Entertainer, Game, H&M, HMV, Monsoon, New Look, Next, Primark, Superdrug, Top Shop, Toys'R'Us, Tesco and Sainsbury's.

'A Sure Foundation'



One of our congregation, Kim Cook, has written an excellent booklet entitled 'A Sure Foundation.' A brief history of St Mark's Church, Biggin Hill. The Moving Church. The book commemorates the 60th Anniversary of the laying of the foundation stone of the church. It is full of fascinating facts and information.

The Booklet costs £3 and all the profits go to St Mark's Church. If you

would like a copy please contact the Church Office on 01959 577816 or email admin@movingchurch.org.

Celebrating 60 Years



Alison, Mayor's husband Trevor Bance, Mayor Kathy Bance, MBE, Cllr Julian Bennington, Cllr Melanie Stevens, David Symons, Roland Symons

We recently celebrated 60 years since the laying of the foundation stone of St Mark's. Was this just a good excuse for a dose of nostalgia? As it happens, during the course of ten interviews with local residents, whose memories are as clear as yesterday, we stumbled on some genuine social history that had not been previously recorded.

Our Open Morning display included our own church archives as well as original photos people brought on the

day, plus the results of the interviews. Apart from the visit by Bromley Mayor Kathy Bance and her husband Trevor, and our two councillors, we were honoured to welcome Roland Symons, son of Vivian Symons who was the driving force in the project that saw the new St Mark's built from the materials



Matthew with a church for the future.



David & Kaye Scott, Ed Oldfield & Dave Carless

of All Saints, North Peckham. Roland's son David also attended. John Nelson, author of 'Grandfather's Biggin Hill' and his wife Stella came to the Open Morning, as did Valerie Salzer who has just produced a book entitled

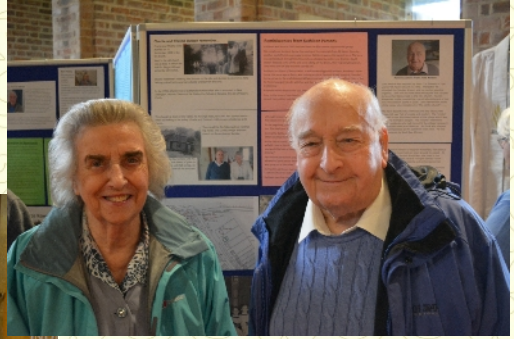


Sheila and Mick Blundell and
Valerie Saltzer

'The Origins of Biggin Hill.' Another visitor, Tony Naden, had given us a large amount of detail of his involvement in the project when he was a student.

So why did we look back? A church needs to look ahead – especially if you're called The Moving Church! In holding the Open Morning we were able to thank God for 60 years of continued blessing and set our eyes on the task of moving forwards.

The pictures show some of the many visitors who came along to take part in the celebrations.



Stella & John Nelson



Tony Naden, Chris Idle,
Gordon Harris



Thelma and Charlie Dutton



Helena Morris

What's going on in Biggin Hill?

How do you find out? That's a question where we'd like your help to figure out the answer.

Traditionally it was through newspapers, noticeboards, posters, local radio and word of mouth. Since 2000 the internet, email and texting have become commonplace. Now even these recent Innovations are being replaced with social media, e.g. Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Pinterest ,WhatsApp and YouTube.

But who uses what? How does it vary by age, gender etc.? So I did a little Googling and came across a 2016 survey on the use of social media in the UK by an organisation called 'we are FLINT'. Their survey found that

- 88% of UK adults have access to the internet
- 84% of UK adults use some form of social media at some time
- 66% of UK adults use social media daily
- YouTube and Facebook have the biggest number of users
- Facebook and WhatsApp have the largest number of daily users.

You can read more about the survey at

<https://weareflint.co.uk/uk-social-media-demographics-2016-main-findings/>

However as with any survey, does a sample of 2092 people accurately represent the views and behaviour of the whole UK population? They (that's 'we are FLINT') reckon it's accurate to 2.2%. More to the point, does the survey accurately reflect the views of a particular part of the UK, e.g. Biggin Hill residents? As a church we're keen to ensure news of our forthcoming events reach as wide an audience as possible. That means giving you the information you want to receive in the way you prefer to access it.

So would you like to help me by taking part in an anonymous survey? The survey asks no specific personal information, e.g., names, phone numbers, etc. We just want to know what sources you use to find out what's happening in Biggin Hill. Your answers cannot be traced back to you as an individual. And you won't be added to any mailing list. Promise!

All you have to do is:

- send an email to me at movingchurchsurveys@gmail.com and
- type "BH SURVEY" in the message.

I'll then send you back a link which will take you to the survey web site. It really couldn't be easier.

If everyone who reads this takes part in the survey, then we'll have a great idea of how Moving Church News readers communicate. I look forward to sharing the conclusions from the survey with you.

Peter Walker
PCC member

Baptisms



Harrison Dunbar was
baptised on the 7th
October



Heidi Louise Hill was
baptised on the 6th
August.



Harlow-Blu Darlington-
Semark was baptised on the
13th August

Fruit In The Garden



The fruit in the garden is at its peak this time of year when our mammals and feathered friends need to fatten up ready for the winter ahead. Fruit start to appear from September onwards providing us an insight into what rich pickings there will be to come during autumn onwards.

Berries are an important source for many birds and mammals during the winter, especially when the ground is too frozen to hunt for invertebrates. Birds such as the thrushes, blackbirds, redwings and field fares find most of their winter food from berries.

It is wonderful how nature works in conjunction with each other, providing an ecosystem that benefits all, fascinating! Plants have a clever way to distribute their seeds, some by wind and water but the majority are by animals. In particular, plants producing fruit to entice birds and other animals to consume the food. The juicy fleshy pith surrounding the seed rewards the birds with vitamins and energy. While the bird digests the pith and juice, the seed travels undamaged through the birds gut and maybe dropped many miles from the parent plant. In some cases, such as the juniper, this benefits the germination of the seed. As it goes through the birds gut, it removes any natural chemicals or inhibitors that may prevent the seed from germinating.



Other berry seeds, like mistletoe are sticky. As the birds wipe their bills on the branches, they are unwittingly sowing more mistletoe seed and eventual plants. Most berries though are either black or red, easier for birds to find them, particularly if growing on evergreens on which red berries tend to show up more for birds to find.

Berry and fruit bearing trees and shrubs provide food for a huge range of insects and mammals too, such as the hedgehog, badger,

butterflies, mice, squirrels and even foxes will be happily to feed on them. The Sensory Garden, located in The Rec at Old Tye and Church Road, was landscaped for this particular reason to provide a feast of fruit for our wild animals and birds, as well as to help us discover our sensors. Not only fruit but an abundance of seeds from the perennials as flowers fade catering nourishment for all.

The garden has many trees and shrubs to cater for nature needs, such as the crab apple, *Malus* spp and the hawthorn, *Crataegus* spp, not only providing early season nectar for bees but fruit in the autumn. Another is the snowberry, quite

invasive in the garden but produces an abundance of white berries or the Cotoneaster, laden with small red berries from autumn onwards. The nutritious berries are extremely popular with blackbirds, thrushes and waxwings. There are



a wide range of Cotoneaster from tree size to ground hugging species catering for all needs. Particularly so during the summer as flowers are rich in nectar and berries lasting well into the winter.

Visit the garden this time of year and watch in awe as nature takes advantage of the food on offer. You need to be quick, it is the only superstore for animals and birds in the area!

Thank you, Nick Hagon

Biggin Hill Friends of the Parks help to maintain our local woodlands, located off Old Tye Avenue, as well as Jugs Hill in Biggin Hill. Come and enjoy these pleasures, be proud to be part of a group working to enhance and learn about our local environment. We are a vital and passionate group of people that care for their environment and their community, to maintain The Rec, Sensory garden, Jugs Hill, Mine Shaw and Kings Road Open Space in Biggin Hill. We meet every second Saturday of the month for a couple of hours but we urgently need your help. Tasks we carry out are weeding, edging, litter picking, cutting down small tree saplings, pruning, sweeping, bulb planting and so on. Tools, rubbish bags etc are supplied.

We are only a small group but with a large following, however, many hands make light work to ensure Biggin Hill is a place to be proud of.

Please join us, contact Nick Hagon, 01959 575799 for further information between 6.30pm and 9 pm.



Reverend Alison Newman was enrolled as the Chaplain to the 2427 Biggin Hill Sqn Air Training Corps by Deputy Chaplain Kent Wing, Gareth Jones, on Wednesday 1st November in the St George's RAF Chapel of Remembrance.

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We want to share the good news of God's love in Jesus Christ with all those in our parish and neighbourhood. Hopefully this is portrayed by the way we live our lives, and speak to others.

We respect that we are all children of God, and we want to discover Christ in each other, encouraging personal growth in our individual relationship with each other and with Jesus.

Worship is an integral part of our love for God, and we want our services to reflect dignity and sensitivity as well as joy and thanksgiving.

St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill - People's Prayer

Dear God in Heaven who loves us so much,
Thank You for everything You do and provide for us.

We pray for Your church and community here in
Biggin Hill, that we may know Your plans for us
in this special town.

Especially, we pray for help in bringing all Your
children to You, so they may come to know You fully,
through our actions enabled by Your Spirit,
And through the life, teaching and example of
Your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen

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