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Welcome to the Moving Church News the bi-monthly magazine of St. Mark's Church, Biggin Hill

August and September 2018

Welcome!

I hope that you enjoy reading this issue of the Moving Church News. On page 8 you can read part of the open letter written by the new Bishop of Tonbridge Simon Burton-Jones, who, many years ago was a Curate at St. Mark's.

You may or may not know that we distribute over 2000 copies of this magazine to homes in Biggin Hill every other month free of charge. Even so, there are still a number of roads that do not get a copy. If you feel like going for a walk on our behalf every other month, just let me know and we will find a road for you to cover.

Obviously there is a cost to producing so many copies of the magazine, and we appreciate the support of our advertisers, who contribute to some of that cost. Please support them if you can and mention the MCN. Also please contact me if you wish to place an advert yourself. (See page 19)

Contact details for the MCN can be found on page 31.

Until next time,
Neil Walker

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The picture shows those who chose a hymn for the Hymns and Pimms evening held recently.

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Mrs Gilliam Harris - St George's Memorial Chapel, 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

Forthcoming Events

Thursday 23rd August 3.30pm

Memory Friendly Service (Page 10)

Friday 7th September 7.30pm

Men's Dinner (Page 14)

Thursday 20th September 3.30pm

Memory Friendly Service (Page 10)

Sunday 23rd September 3.30pm

Messy Church (Page 29)

Sunday 7th October 10.30am

Harvest Festival All Age Worship

Donations of tinned food and packets are requested
for the local Food Bank

Sunday 11th November 3.30pm

Messy Church (Page 29)

**The people of St. Mark's Church would like you to
know that we pray for Biggin Hill regularly.**

If you would like us to pray for you, someone you know or for something that concerns you, please let us know and we will be happy to do so.

Please contact the Church office. The times the office is open can be found on page four. A message can be left on the answer machine outside of these times - 01959 577816

If you prefer, you could send your prayer request to St. Mark's
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'Memory... is the diary that we all carry about with us'. Oscar Wilde

Why is it that when I think back to my childhood and the summer holidays, the sun was always shining? I can remember having many holidays in Devon and Cornwall, playing on the beach, building sand castles, swimming in the sea (admittedly that was always cold) but somehow I don't remember much rain.

When we look back we often see things through rose tinted glasses: the past seemed so much better. The 'good old days,' as we sometimes hear, although in many ways they were not so good for many people.

Having a good memory was really important in the past when communities learned their stories through the oral tradition. Much of what we read in the Bible is a result of the oral tradition: the capacity to remember and hand down the stories through generations. When I was at school we had to learn the times tables off by heart; now of course we have calculators. We had regular spellings to learn, so it was important to be able to learn and memorise. Today we can so

easily look up any information we want on the internet that we don't have to memorise things in quite the same way.

Yet, we would all agree that memories are important, especially our memories of those we have loved but who are no longer with us on earth. It's funny how a smell, sound or sight can trigger a memory which has lain dormant for many years. Recently the smell of sweet peas reminded me of my grandmother who used to grow row upon row of sweet peas.

The Bible talks a lot about remembering. The Israelites are frequently told to remember how God brought them out of Egypt and into the promised land. The church changed the Sabbath to a Sunday as a reminder that Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday. Our Communion service is a celebration of the Last Supper when Jesus took bread and wine and said, 'Do this in remembrance of me'.

Therefore, when someone loses the capacity to remember it's very

distressing for the person and family and friends. Most of us have experience of someone we know suffering from memory problems. These statistics were recently released by the Alzheimer's society; it makes for sobering reading:

- *There are 850,000 people with dementia in the UK, with numbers set to rise to over 1 million by 2025. This will soar to 2 million by 2051.*
- *225,000 will develop dementia this year, that's one every three minutes.*
- *1 in 6 people over the age of 80 have dementia.*
- *70 per cent of people in care homes have dementia or severe memory problems.*

- *There are over 40,000 people under 65 with dementia in the UK.*

Here at St Mark's we are doing what we can to help and support those with dementia/memory problems and their carers. Once a month we have a memory friendly support group. We meet and have home-made cakes and tea/coffee, and chat, share and encourage one another. Our next meeting will be Thursday 23rd August at the back of the church. There's no charge! If you are a carer or suffer from any kind of memory problems do come along you will be very welcome. For more information please contact the church office on 01959 577816.

Revd. Alison Newman

JUNIOR CHOIR LEADER

St. Mark's Church is looking to recruit someone with musical experience to lead a Junior Choir - this will be a paid post.

For more details please contact
Revd Alison Newman 01959 540482



BISHOP OF TONBRIDGE

The Rt Rev Simon Burton-

4 July 2018

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

A day after my consecration as Bishop of Tonbridge is a good moment to introduce myself to you. It seems strange to say this, having lived and ministered in the diocese for over two decades, but that's the nature of the roles I have inhabited.

I was originally an Ely ordinand, served my first curacy in Blackburn diocese in the old mill town of Darwen before moving to Biggin Hill to serve a second curacy. There were vacancies in each of these benefices, meaning I worked with four different vicars while a curate! I then served two incumbencies at St Mary, Bromley and St Nicholas, Chislehurst over a twelve year period before becoming Archdeacon of Rochester and a Residentiary Canon at the Cathedral eight years ago. I will have some specific duties as Bishop of Tonbridge. These include oversight of the work of mission, community engagement, schools and work with children and young people, articulating our shared vision in *Called Together*, developing strategy and promoting initiatives. I will also become chair of the Diocesan Board of Education in September.

You'll get to know me, but it might help to set out four underlying priorities.

1. *Evangelism*. Please use me in evangelistic initiatives; it's what I'm here for. We all have a story to tell about God's saving love. Giving people the assurance to express this confidently and kindly – especially in a culture which is becoming very 'boundaried' around debate – is a core task. There is also work to be done around apologetics – defending the faith in the public world. This isn't just about tackling Richard Dawkins and the new atheism; it's about giving people the capacity to develop a 'street' apologetic, where they have helpful things to say around difficult questions raised by friends without being completely stumped.

Many of you will know it's a burning desire of mine to relate the Christian faith to the surrounding culture, to make spiritual sense of the profound, era-defining changes going on around us.

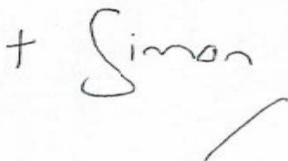
2. *Discipleship.* What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus Christ in our generation? Figuring this out in a complex, evolving, precarious world is a matter for open debate and discussion; giving people the tools to work out their salvation in the context God has called them to is a first step to renewal.

Ultimately, it has to be modelled. We copy one another in life. As St Paul said: 'be imitators of me, as I am of Christ'. I find that thought invigorating and uncomfortable.

3. *Community action.* Hans Kung described heaven as 'creation healed'. Thankfully the Church in the UK is re-discovering its social conscience. An extended period of austerity has magnified some social needs and left space or voluntary agencies to meet them. Being socially active is a sign of the Kingdom of God. Our work as a diocese is developing in exciting ways on this front – a clear sign of the movement of the Holy Spirit - and I'm looking forward to joining in with what God is doing.

4. *Pastoral care.* Being a leader in the Church of God is a high calling and a hard one at times. The risk is that we allow the deeply individualistic, success-driven ethic in wider society to govern how we view our ministry. This can make people downhearted and does little to offer a counter-cultural perspective to others who need it. We owe one another encouragement and inspiration. I hope to make my mark this way and that you'll find genuine honesty in me when we talk about shared struggles – we're all trying to figure it out on our journey in Christ.

I'm really looking forward to sharing with you all in the Gospel and to finding out what God has in store for us and those we serve, out of his riches in Christ.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Simon" with a small cross symbol to the left of the first letter.

Simon, Bishop of Tonbridge

Website: www.simonburton-jones.com



Simon Burton-Jones was consecrated as the new Bishop of Tonbridge in St. Paul's Cathedral on Tuesday 3rd July.

Memory Friendly Support Group

Will meet on

Thursday 23rd August and

Thursday 20th September

At 3.30pm in the church

Anyone with memory problems, and their carers are welcome to come along for tea, cakes and conversation

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Garden Restoration



Some weeks ago, BHCCA was approached by a Bromley company, Foresters Finance, to ask if we had any projects some of their staff could undertake as part of the companies' support for a local charity. The garden outside of the Church Hall had become very overgrown and the furniture in the garden area used by the members of the Day Centre was in a very bad state, so we asked them if they would be willing to renovate the furniture and rescue the garden. They duly agreed and in the last week of June we had 24 different volunteers over 3 days - which was a lot more than the one or two we had thought would be coming! They soon got to work and despite the very hot weather, did an amazing job - the garden jungle became a pleasant

area which is now ready for planting, and the garden benches look almost new, not to mention the freshly painted fencing! The volunteers filled about 20 plastic sacks with weeds, brambles and rubbish and moved 2 tons of soil onto the flower bed. There are a couple of small pictures here which don't really do justice to all of the work that was carried out. Our website has more - bigginhillcommunitycare.org. We are very grateful to all of the team that came from Foresters, and I know the Day Centre members will enjoy the much improved surroundings. Anyone using the hall in daylight will also appreciate the improved view. Our thanks also go to Waitrose who donated some money towards the lunch we provided for the volunteers.



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MEN'S DINNER

You are invited to a Men's Dinner with comedian Paul Kerensa on Friday 7th September at 7.30pm in St Mark's Pastoral Centre, 10 Church Road, Biggin Hill, Westerham TN16 3LB.

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Our Guest Speaker will be Paul Kerensa, stand-up comedian and writer for BBC1's Miranda and Not Going Out. Paul plays comedy clubs and cathedrals.

As a stand-up, Paul's known as a likeable, intelligent and creative comic, ever since winning ITV's Take The Mike Award in 2002, and becoming a finalist in the BBC New Comedy Awards & The Daily Telegraph Open Mic Awards the same year. Since then he has gone on to work regularly all over the UK and Europe, including The Comedy Store, Jongleurs, the Montreal Comedy Festival, and five solo shows at the Edinburgh Fringe, ranging from spoofs of Back To The Future to journeys through the Bible and around the world in his most recent show, 'Borderline Racist'. Previous shows caused Chortle.co.uk to say: "Very funny, very clever, an excellent Edinburgh show" and call him a "wildly talented comic".



"Brilliant writer, fantastic communicator, deep thinker" - Chris Evans (Radio 2)
"Attitude, style & diamond-sharp wit." - Maxim magazine

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Biggin Hill Residents' Association

'Working for Our Community'

1st July 2018

Dear Friends;

Have you ever stopped to consider why in many voluntary organisations it's the same names that appear over and over as helpers and activists? It's a sad indictment of the world in which we all live that there are some 'doers', some 'followers' but many who do neither; and those who are mere bystanders and who just couldn't be bothered. I suppose that it's a result of insularity; so called self-sufficiency; of the 'I'm alright Jack' Society.

Everybody who lives in a community can add benefit and enrich that community. They can make a valuable contribution to the efforts of the 'doers' and thus help to improve the lot of us all. It doesn't take superhuman effort or need exhaustive activity to make a change. A sense of purpose mixed with a modicum of determination is all that's normally required. In Biggin Hill we are, above all, an individual community. Some would say cut-off from our nearest town; some would say neglected by the powers that be, and yet when we put our minds to it we **can** foster change. We proved that at the recent poll when we, as a community, decided to determine our own representation. So it can be done.

Why don't we apply the same effort to supporting our local causes and our local community?

Let's look at some examples. Policing – We're all far too happy to moan on social media about wrongdoings in the Village and yet we seem to be unwilling to report these to the authorities on the basis that they'll do nothing about it. Well, if nobody passes the information to them, how can they take action? If nobody passes

on reports of crime how can they agitate for more resources? Let's look at Litter. We have more than our fair share of this blight and yet how many will step over a can or piece of litter rather than pick it up and place it in a bin? Some will say that it's not their job and that others are paid to keep the streets clean. In the REAL world we all know that budgets, for whatever reason, are cut and that in order to get the result we must employ self-help, either that or we content ourselves in living in squalor, up to our necks in detritus. If, when you were on a cruise it was necessary to abandon ship, would you **really** refuse to man the oars if no crew were available to pull you to safety?

We're **all** residents of Biggin Hill, even if we only spend our sleeping hours here. We, therefore, **all** have a responsibility to our community.

It will soon be time for your Residents' Association to hold its Annual General Meeting. We are always interested in having 'doers' along to help us with our activities, all of which benefit our community.

Finally, with over 4,000 households in the Village B.H.R.A. has a membership of about 270. Food for thought. Enjoy the rest of our summer months.

Peter Martin – 07763215037
admin@bigginhillresidentsassociation.co.uk



Time For A Smile.....

The church rambling group were hopelessly lost, in spite of being led by a self-assured leader who regularly said he knew the area very well. Some of the people in the group became edgy and mumbled some criticism for being led astray. One of them said, with a touch of sarcasm, "I thought you said you were the best guide in Cheshire!" He replied, "I am quite sure I am, but I think we are in Staffordshire now."



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Biggin Hill Residents Association -	07763 215037
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Biggin Hill Romanian Group	07802 575417
Biggin Hill Society	01959 572569
Biggin Hill Scout Group	01959 509247
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Bromley Council - Emergency out of hours	0300 303 8671
Bromley Social Services - Emergencies only	0203 036 1574
Bromley Assoc. for People with Disabilities (BATH)	0208 663 3345
Childline (confidential helpline for children)	0800 1111 (24 hr)
Citizen's Advice Bureau (Bromley)	0208 315 1940
Community Links, Bromley	0208 315 1900
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Doctor's Surgeries –	
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National Childbirth Trust (Biggin Hill)	01959 572209 or 01959 701765
New Life Church	01959 571667
NHS help line when you need medical advice	111
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Toilet Twinning is a water and sanitation initiative, which started in 2008. So far over 88,000 toilets have been twinned across 12 countries.

Individuals and groups are invited to "twin" their own toilet with latrines in poor communities. For the sum of £60, Toilet Twinners receive a certificate, containing a photo of the twinned latrine, its location and GPS coordinates.

At the Festival we promoted Toilet Twinning in the hope that Biggin Hill can become a Toilet Twinned town. For this we need

at least 20 twinned toilets across Biggin Hill. They all need to be in shops, cafés, pubs, schools, churches or other faith communities etc, in other words accessible to many people. St Mark's raised £500 earlier this year for our Lent Appeal. This has provided four latrines and a whole block of toilets in 5 different countries: Guatemala, Myanmar, Uganda, Central Africa Republic and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

You can find out more if you look up www.toilettwinning.org, for example latrine technology, or how to twin your workplace. They also have some great ideas for presents. Plan ahead for Christmas! You could even twin the toilet in your own home – if you are lucky enough to have one.

P.S. The winner of our popular game at the Festival was J. Peacock, who has now received the prize.

The name of the game was ...
'Where did the chicken choose to poo?'



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At St. Mark's.....

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Bell Ringing

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2nd Biggin Hill Rainbows (5-7 yrs)

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1st Biggin Hill Guides

Please contact Rosemary Spurway on 01959 575717

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.

Home Groups

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

Music Group

St. Mark's Music Group. Songs and fellowship with a lively touch. Call 01959 575129 for details

Community Services in Biggin Hill

Hearing Aid Maintenance Clinic:

The clinic is held on the 4th Thursday of the month at St. Mark's Centre from 1pm to 2.30pm. Call in to have your NHS hearing aid cleaned and collect new batteries - all free of charge. The clinic is run by the Charity 'Hi Kent'. For more details please call 01622 691151 or go to www.hikent.org.uk. No appointment is needed.

Shopping

BHCCA have an assisted shopping service that takes place every Friday morning in Biggin Hill. It is for people who are unable to do their own shopping. Shoppers are collected from their homes and taken to do their shopping with help if needed. Please call 01959 577400 for more details or email bigginhillcommunitycare@gmail.com

Welcare in Bromley

St. Mark's now has 2 Parish Reps! Pleasingly. I am joined by Heather Shannon. A warm welcome, Heather.

Welcare is proud to be part of the South West London and Surrey Social Work Teaching Partnership, which has been awarded £1.25million of government funding. Welcare in Bromley would not exist without fundraising and donations. In the financial year ending March 2018, fundraising and donations(including church donations) was £41,572. Big Lottery contributed£35,460. Total costs for staff, office and Service delivery was £85,581, and so Welcare in Bromley had a deficit of £7954.

£90,000 p.a. needs to be generated to maintain a Welcare service for children and families in the Borough of Bromley.

Plans for the future:

- A planned annual programme of Group Work including:
- a minimum of 1 Parenting Course
- a minimum of 1 My Space course
- Recruit more Volunteer Family helpers & Child Mentors

Here are some Diary dates, which may appeal to you:

Quiz Night. 8th September. St. Mary's Church Hall, Shortlands.

Let's put together, a Biggin Hill team.

Contact me on 07809198202 for more details.

Carol Singing in the Glades. 19th December 5-7pm.

Please keep an eye on St. Mark's notice boards and website, for what is happening and how we can all get involved.

Lynne Martin

Baptisms

Fynley Wilkins was baptised at St Mark's on 10th June. He is seen here with parents Ebony and George.



Oliver Thomas John Dodd was baptised on the 20th May 2018. His parents are Natalie and Gordon

Handy Tips - but no guarantees!

- * Water straight from the tap becomes cloudy when frozen. To make ice cubes crystal clear, allow a kettle of boiled water to cool slightly and use this to fill your ice cube trays.
- * Use a large muffin tin to cook stuffed peppers in the oven - it will help keep them upright.
- * To prevent potatoes budding, add an apple in the bag.
- * Add half a teaspoon of baking soda to the water when hard-boiling eggs to make the shells easier to peel off.
- * WD40 can be used to remove crayon marks from any surface!
- * To tell if eggs are fresh, immerse them in a bowl of water. Fresh eggs will lie on the bottom, while stale eggs will float to the surface.
- * Prevent soil from escaping through the holes in the base of flowerpots by lining with large coffee filters.
- * To sharpen scissors, simply cut through sandpaper.
- * Use rubber bands to help open a jar easily; place one around the jar lid and another around the middle of the glass. The rubber provides friction to prevent your hands from slipping.
- * To prevent your eyes watering while chopping onions, wipe the board with white vinegar (which won't affect the taste of the onions).
- * Store bed sheets inside their pillowcases for easy storage and access.
- * Use upturned cupcake cases to cover drinks glasses in the summer - and poke a straw through to prevent flies from dropping in.
- * Use chalk to remove grease stains from clothes. Simply rub white chalk on the affected area and wash as normal - the chalk will absorb the grease and be washed away in the cycle.
- * Wrap rubber bands around the ends of coat hangers to prevent things slipping off.

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Day Centre - A friendly and stimulating service for older people

Wednesday Lunch Club - Enjoy a home cooked meal every
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St. Mark's is a pilgrim church; we do not simply accept the status quo, we are on a spiritual journey as pilgrims of old, actively seeking to draw closer to God and discover His will both in our own lives and the life of our local church and community which we love and serve. We are anxious "not to store up treasures here on earth" but to use all our church resources given by God, in His service and for His glory.

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.

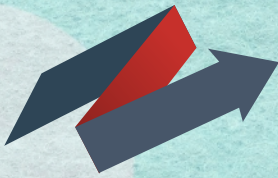
We respect that we are all children of God, and we want to discover Christ in each other, encouraging personal growth in our individual relationship with each other and with Jesus.

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.

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



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