



# Romford Baptist Church

# Grapevine

**You  
are  
Acts: 29 v1-∞**



# From the Editor

Well, spring has sprung, new life has begun and things feel so much better when there's sunshine and the days are long. The blossoms are beautiful and it seems like a time of new beginnings.

Thinking about the changes in the seasons got me realising that we can experience new beginnings in our lives too. When we have Jesus in our lives, He brings change. We are changed from living in darkness to living in light. As the words by *Rufus Henry McDaniel's* hymn go:

*What a wonderful change in my life has  
been wrought  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I  
had sought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!*

I pray that as you enjoy the spring turning into summer, that you will also enjoy living in the light of Christ, and experience the deep love and peace that He brings into every situation.

**Cheryl Schulte**

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Our purpose is to take the life-changing message of Jesus Christ to all, with the goal that they become His loyal disciples.



# From the Secretary

At May's Leadership Meeting, I led the opening worship and I felt that it was a word of encouragement for not just the Leadership Team but for the whole Church Family.

I shared part of a Sunday School lesson that I taught last year which focused on how one person cannot do everything in church, "But when the people in God's Church work together, then much more can be done". 1 Corinthians 12 talks about the Body of Christ working together and yes, when one part of the body hurts then we all hurt. We also get excited when we see God at work at RBC and when we work together we can achieve great things for God.

You only have to look at the positive example of what the human body can achieve when it works together, like for example running a marathon, to see what can be achieved.

As a Church, we have been listening to God and as we step forward to proceed with The Meeting Place, in order

In our church, one person can't do everything. One person can't be the pastor (or minister or vicar) and the secretary and teach Sunday school and visit people and clean the church and make morning tea and play music, and so on. It's just too much for one person. And if one person did do all that, he or she probably wouldn't be very happy and might not do a very good job. But when the people in God's church work together, then much more can be done. The more we work together, the more people can hear about Jesus. (Give examples from your own church, and add a brief statement about what you do in church and why you like it.)



to reach out and support the residents of Havering, we will be able to do this when we as the Body of Christ work together. Let's get excited to not only work together but to see what God can achieve through us all at RBC.

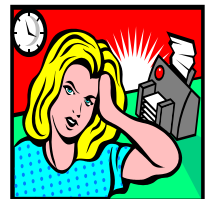
v27 "Together you are the body of Christ and each of you is a part of that body".

Hayley Ayris

**The deadline for the August 2018/September 2018 edition of the Grapevine is Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

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## Pause to Smile

### **Pillar, Brick and Wheel**

I heard the other day that an elderly and respected member of this community passed away, and that he will be greatly missed. He was very interested in all local affairs, he was a past member of the council and served on many local committees. He will be remembered as a pillar of our society, He was A brick in the Masons, A big wheel in the Rotarians and a right weirdo in The Odd Fellows.

### **Scattered**

The funeral was held last week of Willy Spillit once a local dustman for the council for whom he worked for many years. He was cremated at Forest Cemetery, after which his ashes were scattered carelessly all the way down the front driveway.

*The Church Mouse*



## **Smile Line**

### **Stick**

Advice to young clergy on preaching: 'Consider the postage stamp. Its usefulness consists in its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.'

## BMS Birthday Scheme

### Birthdays June 2018

- 6<sup>th</sup> Bren McSweeney
- 19<sup>th</sup> Sue Townson
- 19<sup>th</sup> Colleen Thompson
- 21<sup>st</sup> David Thompson
- 27<sup>th</sup> Jiela Bitaga



### Birthdays July 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Daryl Townson
- 4<sup>th</sup> Brenda Beaver
- 8<sup>th</sup> Gordon Palmer
- 19<sup>th</sup> Jackie Brett



## Flowers

### June 2018

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Rebecca
- 10<sup>th</sup> Doris Norman
- 17<sup>th</sup> Yvonne Howson and Christine Henson
- 24<sup>th</sup> Brian and Rosemary Loveard



### July 2018

- 1<sup>st</sup> Christine Brown
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Susan Young
- 29<sup>th</sup> Nettie Cox



## Edukid Trip to Palestine – March 2018

We are possibly the least likely charity workers – both of us are over 65 and retired but we have a personal interest in Edukid, a small Christian charity that specialises in education.

Chris Turner is the CEO of Edukid and his mother-in-law is Carol North, who some older members at our church may remember. Chris and his wife Debbie have a passion for education for children who do not have the same opportunities that our youngsters receive in the UK. Edukid now has interests in Uganda, Cambodia and Palestine, and earlier this year Colin and I attended some of the Palestinian projects. The aims of the trip were to:

- take part in the Palestinian Marathon for Freedom of Movement,
- present musical instruments to an arts project in Nablus,
- visit Hebron and gain a balanced understanding of the local situation, and
- visit East and West Jerusalem.

We travelled for most of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March and stayed overnight in a hotel in Tel Aviv. We made an early start on the Tuesday in order to attend a United Nations briefing session in Jerusalem. This was an extremely informative meeting which described how the Occupied Territory is divided between Palestinian areas and Israeli settlements. In the afternoon our group visited a Christian Peacemaker centre where the volunteers intervene on behalf of the Palestinians who are often badly treated by the Israeli soldiers at border

checkpoints. The Peacemaker team is an entirely neutral organisation that accurately records every incident where interaction between Palestinians and Israelis has resulted in violence, especially where children are concerned.

The afternoon was spent in Jerusalem, where we visited the Mount of Olives and remembered Jesus weeping over the city of



Jerusalem. Many tourists gather in this place and walk around the Garden of Gethsemane. Upon our return to the city of Jerusalem we visited the site of the Garden Tomb, where we experienced a very peaceful and tranquil setting. We heard lots of singing by various Christian groups who were worshipping in the garden.

On Wednesday we visited the Askar refugee camp at Nablus and here we presented musical instruments to the centre which is sponsored by Edukid. Music is such an important way of normalising the children's lives and they performed for us –

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a very humbling experience. I expect you would think that people in a refugee camp would be living in tents but since 1948 the Palestinian people have settled in concrete blocks of flats. They live so tightly packed together that no sunlight enters their homes and neighbours are often only two foot away. A Moslem family made us very welcome and the mother prepared a meal for us six guests using a two-burner gas hob. The family have four children, and when Chris enquired if their family were complete the husband said that he would like to have at least seven children because he knew at least one of their children would be killed. How shocking that is for us in the UK.

On Thursday we headed to Hebron to visit a primary school at Al-qurtuba and met the staff and children. One member of staff has to walk for an hour and a half to school so as to avoid checkpoints. His journey from his home direct to the school would normally take 15 minutes but he has to endure the humiliation at two checkpoints. The children are also put through similar strict treatment, but they are keen to learn and school is a relatively safe refuge for them.

To try to keep a balanced perspective we met with a Jewish settler in Hebron. He admitted that they sometimes give the Palestinians just 20 minutes to vacate their homes before the Jewish settlers take over their property. The Jewish people believe that God has promised them to return to Israel. It is such a complex situation and we came away feeling extremely sad and wonder what God feels to see people of different races in conflict with each other - His heart must break.

On Friday the whole of Bethlehem seemed to be running! We might add that we walked the five kilometres with hundreds of families from around the world. Bethlehem has a section of the Separation Wall which partitions the two communities. Much of the wall is covered with graffiti in the Banksy style. Close by is the Walled Off Hotel which contains a small informative museum relating to the Balfour Declaration of 1917 and its subsequent conse-



quences which divide Israel and Palestine today.

A visit to Jericho and the Dead Sea on Saturday concluded our trip to Israel and Palestine. Bathing in the Dead Sea and covering each other with the therapeutic mud seemed a much needed culmination to our short trip.

We came back more informed about the situation in Israel but extremely saddened about the plight of many Palestinians in the West Bank. The common perception is that the Palestinians are all militants and extremists but we found the ordinary people friendly and welcoming, even to us British!

*The Young Ones*  
(Susan and Colin Young)

# The doctor and the ill person



JESUS OFTEN TOLD STORIES WITH HIDDEN MEANINGS

ON ONE OCCASION JESUS CALLED MATTHEW - A TAX COLLECTOR TO BE HIS FOLLOWER.

JESUS EVEN WENT TO MATTHEW'S HOME.

THIS SET PEOPLE'S TONGUES WAGGING. THEY THOUGHT JESUS WAS LETTING THE SIDE DOWN!

BUT JESUS EXPLAINED THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT TO TALK TO EVERYONE!

"PEOPLE WHO ARE WELL DO NOT NEED A DOCTOR"

"BUT ONLY THOSE WHO ARE SICK"

"IT IS KINDNESS THAT GOD WANTS"

"NOT ANIMAL SACRIFICES!" see Matthew Ch. 9 v.9-13

## Prayer Diary for June 2018

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> June	HILLS, Emma, <i>Samuel &amp; Benjamin</i>
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	HILLS, Yvonne
Sunday 10 <sup>th</sup>	HODINITU, Nicolae & Natalia
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	HOGBEN, Cynthia
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	HOLMAN, Jill
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	HOOPER, Jim & Iris
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	HOWSON, Nathan
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	HOWSON, Abigail
Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	HOWSON, Tim & Yvonne
Sunday 17 <sup>th</sup>	HUGHES, Brenda & Raymond
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	HUNT, Maisie
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup>	HUXTABLE, Janet
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	IZE, Christiane; <i>Saleem Mbiti (Kayibi), Betsy (Safari)</i>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup>	JEGEDE, Olakunle & Bunmi, <i>Teniola, Bamidele &amp; Dara</i>
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	JOHNSON, Kevin & Claire, <i>Anna (Davis), Adam (Johnson), Stella &amp; Harry (Davis)</i>





## Prayer Diary for June 2018

Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	JOHNSON, Sarah, <i>Serena</i>
Sunday 24 <sup>th</sup>	JONES, Joyce
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	KAHN, Barbara
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup>	KALANGA, Annie, <i>Megan, Joanne &amp; Katy</i>
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	KELLY, Julie, <i>Samuel &amp; Thomas</i>
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup>	KENSIT, Michelle & Paul, <i>Alex &amp; Max</i>
Friday 29 <sup>th</sup>	KENT, Matt & Emma, <i>Bella &amp; Jacob</i>
Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup>	KETLEY, Tony
Sunday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	KETLEY, Joan
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	KIRBY, Jean
Tuesday 3 <sup>th</sup>	KIRBY, Tania & Steve, <i>Emma &amp; Liam</i>
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	KNIGHT, Richard & Julie, <i>Lauren &amp; Mia</i>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	KNIGHT, Iris
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	KRUGER, Willem & Sarah; <i>Sophie</i>
Saturday 7 <sup>th</sup>	LABARDY, Sabrina



If you have any items for inclusion in the July 2018 Prayer Diary, please contact the Church Office.



# The Reformation

## 2. The Reformation in England

Luther's new ideas rejecting Catholicism became known to some Englishmen, particularly scholars and merchants, within a couple of years. Soon Protestant ideas were being discussed at Oxford and Cambridge. However, in 1521 King Henry VIII wrote a pamphlet attacking some of Luther's ideas, for which a grateful Pope gave him the title of 'Defender of the Faith'. (In the form of 'F.D.' or 'Fid.Def.' – from the Latin, 'Fidei Defensor' – this title still appears on British coins.) For a number of years, Protestant ideas were spreading, but the authorities were hostile.

The situation changed when Henry decided that he wanted the Pope to give him a divorce from Katherine of Aragon. For political reasons this was impossible for the Pope. Henry then came round to thinking that rejecting the authority of the Pope would give him a solution to his problem. By the Act of Supremacy of 1534 Henry was recognised as the supreme head of the English Church on earth. Henry then went on to close the monasteries and seize vast amounts of land and wealth from the Church, but he was slow to encourage much real progress with Reformation. He was particularly opposed to any changes away from robes, ceremonies and artistic church music.

When Henry was succeeded by his son Edward in 1547, the pace of Reformation increased considerably. A new prayer book for the Church of England was issued in 1549, and an even more Protestant one replaced it in 1552. But just as Edward's reforms were getting going, he died in 1553. He was succeeded by his sister, Mary, who was an ardent Catholic. She persecuted Protestants, executing 283 of them, mostly by burning. During her reign many Protestants, especially scholars, fled to Europe, where they were influenced by the more extreme 'Reformed' movement. Mary's ferocious persecution caused an increase in anti-Catholic feeling.

Mary died in 1558, and was succeeded by her sister Elizabeth. Elizabeth was a Protestant, but a very moderate one. She preferred the way the church had been when Henry VIII died. To have a Protestant Church of England, she had to drive out the Catholic bishops, but the only credible people she could replace them with tended to be Protestants, often exiles recently returned from Europe, who were more extreme than she would really have liked. For many years Elizabeth frustrated the keen Protestants (known as 'Puritans') by resisting change and clinging to the music, robes and rituals she loved.

In Elizabeth's later years a new move-

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ment emerged in the Church of England, which gave a theological basis to the preferences and rules of Elizabeth. In addition to Lutheranism and the Reformed movement, a whole new version of very moderate Protestantism that we now call 'Anglicanism' became established.

In the time of King Charles I, the King and Archbishop Laud tried to force even more ceremonial observances on the Church, without explaining the reasoning. This caused widespread resentment, especially from the Puritans. This was one of the causes of the English Civil War (1642-9).

After Parliament defeated and beheaded the King, the Puritans took over the Church of England and led it in a very Reformed direction. But they over-reached themselves and tried to impose Puritanism on everyone (eg banning Christmas and dancing), which caused huge resentment, partly leading the people of England to bring back the monarchy in 1660. Now it was King Charles II's turn, and he sacked all the Puritan ministers in the Church of England. From now on, the Church of England settled down to be a resolutely non-Puritan church (and by the Nineteenth Century some Anglicans even started to think of themselves as Catholics).

However, by the time of Charles II, the Church of England was no longer the only church in the country...

*Peter Feinson*

## New Members



JJ Giwa-Majekodunmi and Rev Ian Bunce welcome two new members, John Springer and Adefoluke Elizabeth Odetola, on the 6<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

## Smile Lines

### **Too late**

First friend: 'It took me forty years to discover I had not the gifts for Holy Orders.'

Second friend: 'Goodness, whatever did you do when you found out?'

First friend: 'It was too late to do anything. By then I was a bishop!'

### **Quiet**

A Sunday School teacher asked her children, as they were on the way to church service, 'and why is it necessary to be quiet in church?'

One bright little girl replied, 'Because people are sleeping.'

# Inspirations

Card Making

The next session of Inspirations is on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> July in the Willow Hall between 9.30am and 12.30pm. We will be enjoying the summer flowers blooming in the gardens, and we will reflect this in the workshop by making a card suitable for any occasion, which incorporates flowers and uses a product called **Flowersoft**® which truly transforms your card.

Flowersoft® is an innovative product that allows rubber stampers and paper crafters to add floral embellishments to a wide variety of projects. It comes in many colours and is sprinkled onto glue, where it adheres to create the impression of flowers. It is very light so does not add any significant weight to the project. Flowersoft® can give a flat image a 3D effect, adding dimension to the card, and a little glitter can also be added if you choose, in order to give the finished product a bit of sparkle.

There will be a variety of images to choose from, and once the Flowersoft® has been added, we will transform at least one of the images into a card that anyone would love to receive. It

really does make the image come to life.

All the materials will be provided, as well as tea / coffee and home-made cakes. To secure your place, please complete the booking form and hand



it with your £5 fee to Kathy at the welcome desk, Anthea or Ruth in the church office or myself.

If you are new to card making or want to give it a try, everyone is welcome. We are a friendly group and you will receive a warm welcome. If you want to know more about Inspirations, please ask me.

*Pauline Yates*  
07742 707790

## Baptism

### Adefoluke Elizabeth Odetola - 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018

#### **My Journey into Christianity.**



I first came in contact knowing Jesus when I got into University, I had room mates who were Christians, I was invited to fellowship with them, getting to know Jesus more, and I started attending Sunday service during school term. Though at this stage I was a bit confused, not sure what I was doing, or possibly because of peer pressure. I grew up from a Muslim home, which had strict religion rules, so when on holiday at home I had to practise Islam, was worried what the outcome will be, as I have had cousins who became Christians. Knowing what they went through, I was scared, not wanting to be chased out of the family home at that young age. After University I became more steadfast in Christianity faith and at this time I was sure what I wanted, then gave my life to God. I started attending a Pentecostal Bible-believing church and at this stage practised only Christianity.

I informed my family about my new faith, though faced with so many challenges, but I never gave up. Since being a Christian I have found so much joy and peace and knowing that Jesus is with me all the time, even when

faced with life challenges, this has given me the faith to be fearless. Over the years I have practised being a Christian but every time I feel this guilt that there is something missing. I felt my relationship with God is not where it should be, I have always wanted to do more, like inviting other people to fellowship with me or letting people know about Christ, but every time I ask myself how much of the Bible do I know, if am being ask questions about the bible can I really answer? I started attending RBC late last year, the preaching has over time made me a better Christian in studying the word of God. I enrolled for the 8 weeks Bible course in RBC. Realised that the Bible is not only for praying, which I have always done, but reading and understanding and following what Jesus want us to do. I was encouraged from the Bible course to read the Bible from beginning.

I just want to thank God for this, I find it as a new journey in my life and am ready to please God all the days of my life.



*Amen.*

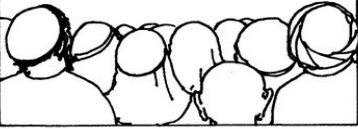
# Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

It can be read in the Bible in  
Ex.19:3-9,20:1-21,24:7,12-18,32:1-25,34:1-9

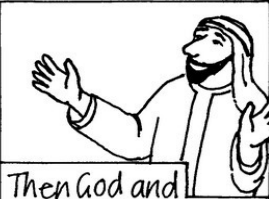
God rescued the Hebrew people from Egypt and led them to Sinai mountain. There He offered them a contract....

Keep My rules, and you will be My people and I will be your God and protect you.



We promise to do what You tell us and worship only You.

Moses climbed the mountain. God gave him two stone slabs with the contract on them.

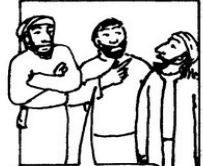


Then God and Moses talked ... for 40 days and nights

Meanwhile...



Aaron, that Moses isn't coming back. We can't worship something we can't see.



Make us something we can worship

So Aaron made a gold bull and the people went wild.

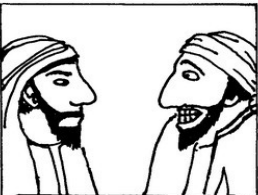


God told Moses....

Your people are already worshipping a statue.



Moses was so angry he smashed the contract slabs



It's not my fault, they made me do it.

God, please, please forgive Your people.



So God forgave His people and gave Moses two more contract slabs.



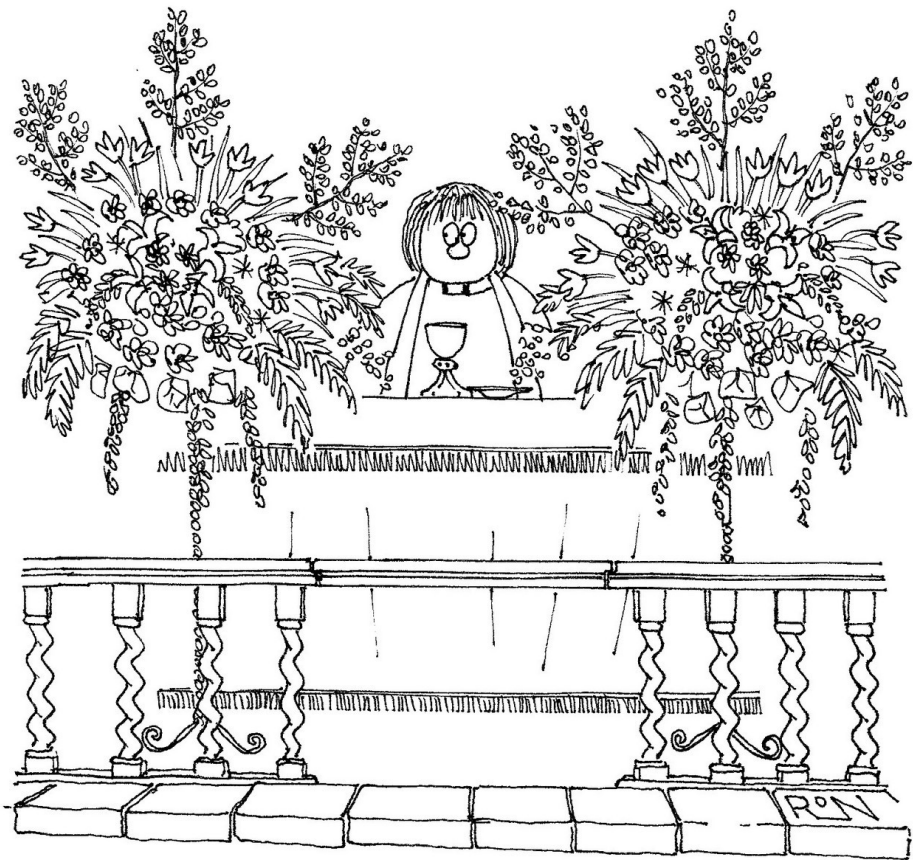


## Regular Church Activities



<b>Monday</b>	10 am	Parent & Toddlers
	11 am	Kerygma (Coffee Drop-In)
	12:50 pm	Parent & Toddlers
	6.45 pm	'Parksiders' (Social and Fellowship Group - usually first Monday in the month )
	7 pm	Streetlight Youth Club (Year 7+)
<b>Tuesday</b>	10 am	'Stitch in Time' Needlecraft Group
	2.15pm	Treasure Times
<b>Wednesday</b>	9.45 am	Parent & Toddlers
	8 pm	Midweek Meeting (Small Groups or central meeting)
<b>Thursday</b>	9.30 am	Small Group
	8 pm	RBC Music Team
<b>Friday</b>	9:30 am	Small Group (Alternate Fridays)
	10:30 am	Small Group for People with Learning Difficulties
	12.30 pm	Prayer Meeting
<b>Sunday</b>	10.00 am	Prayer Meeting
	<b>10.30 am</b>	<b>Morning Service</b>
	6.00 pm	Prayer Meeting
	<b>6.30 pm</b>	<b>Evening Service</b>

If you have any regular church activity which you would like to have advertised, please let the editor know.



The flower ladies pulled out all the stops