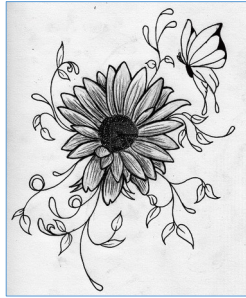


CAVERSHAM METHODIST CHURCH  
and  
CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS METHODIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER - JUNE- JULY 2018  
Volume 44 No 4



**MINISTERIAL TEAM**

**Rev'd Jenny Dowding – Team Leader - 0118 947 2223**

**Rev'd David Jenkins – 0118 327 1592**

**Rev'd Dr John Ogden**

**Website: [www.cavhmc.org.uk](http://www.cavhmc.org.uk)**

**Our Minister's Letter**

**A letter from, our Circuit Superintendent –  
Rev'd David Shaw**

“Dear Brothers and Sisters, This is a time of transition for many in the life of our Circuit. There are ministers and churches who are considering their ministry from 2019. This can be very unsettling for all concerned, ministers, their families and folk in local churches. In the middle of all this are the Circuit Stewards who are helping ministers and churches navigate their way under God through these reflections and decisions. I encourage you to pray for all the above people that God will guide and direct their thinking and decision-making and that all will know God close to them.”

**The Parable of Responsibility**

Everybody, Somebody, Anybody, and Nobody were members of a group.

There was an important job to do and Everybody was asked to do it.

Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.

Anybody would have done it, but Nobody did it.

Somebody got angry because it was Everybody's job.

Everybody thought Anybody would do it, but Nobody realized that Anybody wouldn't do it.

It ended up that Everybody, blamed Somebody, when Nobody did, what Anybody could have done.

***Unknown author of condensed version of Charles Osgood's – A Poem About Responsibility.***

**and following that  
IT'S SOMETHING I CAN DO**

The mighty organ thundered, the church chock full to bust,  
Row on row of polished seats and not a speck of dust,  
I praised the cleaning lady for the shine on chair and pew.

Embarrassed, she quietly said,  
"It is something I can do"

The speeches on the platform, men and women of repute, Made speeches and great oratory, smart in skirt and suit.  
We left behind our hymn books and our service papers too.  
A bent old man collected them.  
"Its something I can do".

We streamed into the hall behind to have some welcome tea,  
With sandwiches and home-made cakes, all absolutely free!  
But backways in the kitchen, just behind the ladies' loo,  
A smiling soul was washing up.  
"Its something I can do".

We made our way to find our cars, our homeward way to wend,  
Our hearts full of the service we didn't want to end,  
A lady with a walking stick, a flask, a bun or two,  
Was talking with two homeless lads,  
"Its something I can do."

I made my way back home that night much chastened, I admit,  
And thought of all those humble souls who did their little bit,  
Unsung, unseen (except by God) who sees the sparrow too,  
And says, "Go feed My sheep,  
- its something you can do."

We do not have to change the world or be on centre stage,  
We do not have to make a noise or headlines on front page,  
Importance doesn't matter, there's a job for me and you,  
God's service includes everyone,  
"There's something we can do."

*(Submitted by Doreen Rowland)*

*and was inspired by a lady who had started a weekly service with a few others at a Drop-in-Centre near her home  
because  
"It's something I can do".*

## **SEPARATED FAMILIES – A BRIEF UPDATE**

Yesterday I had another meeting with Civil Servants from the Child Maintenance Team at the Department of Work and Pensions, along with Michael Lewkowicz from Families Need Fathers. They shared with us some of the work that they have been doing to gain an understanding of some of the problems with the child maintenance regulations and also some estimate of the scale of the problem. As I said in my last report, the analysts have been concentrating on the interaction between child maintenance payments and Universal Credit which is not the whole story. Nevertheless, it is a beginning and it demonstrates some of the problems in a very clear way. Parents receiving Universal Credit can find that there is no financial gain from being in work. No matter how hard they work they cannot meet their bills.

The next step is for the Civil Servants to share their findings with the Minister and to persuade them that action is needed. We were told once again that 'primary legislation' is almost impossible for a minority government and with the ongoing Brexit negotiations. A complete re-think on how to support separated families is needed but that will take time so some interim measures are being investigated.

The tone of the meeting was friendly and supportive. Michael and I were advised that we should raise the issues in as many ways and as many places as we could.  
Thank you for the support of your interest and prayers.

**Christine Dugdale 10 May 2018**

**CONCERT SUCCESS at Gosbrook Road Methodist Church.**



*Photograph : Ian Scarlett*

On Saturday April 14<sup>th</sup> Revd. David Jenkins produced and directed an evening of wonderful music. David is very talented in being able to sing and play the piano at the same time. He also writes his own music. One piece was a Wedding March which he had composed for a friend.

Each time there is a concert David fits in two or three "World Premiéres" and we are lucky to be hearing those compositions for the very first time.

We were treated to a trip to the theatre stopping off at West End musicals, where we enjoyed familiar favourite songs.

David was joined by two young musicians, Rachel Scarlett (soprano and flautist), and Renato Fonseca (flautist)

Rachel sang Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Wishing you were somehow here again' from 'Phantom of the Opera', 'I dreamed a dream' from "Les Miserable", plus other delights from classical composers such as Bizet and Puccini.

Renato played the flute with David and Rachel in various pieces adding to the pleasure of the evening. A favourite was 'Gabriel's Oboe' written by Ennio Morricone. Renato also played some pieces written especially for him by a Brazilian friend.

Refreshments were enjoyed in the interval when David's CD's of music he had written were on sale. The concert raised money for The ODA School in Cambodia, where children are given an education, a safe place to live, plus health care. £430 was raised during the evening.

Many thanks to Revd. David Jenkins for producing, directing and organising such an excellent concert. It was a joy to be there.

**Eunice Cooper**

## **PASTORAL NEWS FROM GOSBROOK ROAD**

Since our last newsletter when Kathleen Barren had returned home from hospital she has, unfortunately, had a fall and is now in hospital in Wokingham. Joy Bosier, following a fall, has been in hospital but is now home again. Please remember Kathleen and Joy in your prayers.

We also remember in prayer our housebound friends, Barbara Tucker and Gwenda Buckledee.

## **PASTORAL NEW FROM CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS**

It is with sadness that we have to report that **Marion Rock** died on the 7<sup>th</sup> May. Marion had been an active member of this church for many years until she needed full time care. We send our love and sympathy are with her family..

## **DIARY DATES JUNE AND JULY 2018**

## GOSBROOK ROAD

### JUNE

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9 a.m. Rev'd Jenny Dowding –

10.30 Rev'd David Jenkins

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

NO 6.30 SERVICE

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Mr David Munns

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Mr Symon Turner

NO 6.30 SERVICE

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding

6.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding –Holy  
Communion and Healing service

### JULY

#### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>

10.30 Rev'd David Jenkins

Holy Communion

NO 6.30 SERVICE

#### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding

6.30 AT CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS –  
Rev'd Jenny Dowding

#### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Rev Dr John Sumitra

**3.30 Circuit Praise Party at Caversham Heights**

#### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>

10.30 Mrs Marion Cruddas

#### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Rev'd David Jenkins

NO 6.30 SERVICE

## CAVERSHAM HEIGHTS

### JUNE

#### Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup>

9 a.m. Rev'd Jenny Dowding

10.30 Rev'd David Jenkins

Holy Communion

Holy Communion

NO 6.30 SERVICE

#### Sunday 10<sup>th</sup>

10.30 Haine – Holy Communion

6.30 Rev'd David Jenkins

#### Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>

10.30 **OPEN AIR SERVICE**

**Rev'd Jenny Dowding**

NO 6.30 SERVICE

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Rev'd Dr James Mather

6.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding

Holy Communion and Healing Service

**JULY**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup>**

9 a.m. Rev'd David Jenkins

Holy Communion

10.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding

NO 6.30 SERVICE

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Mr David Munns

6.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding

**Sunday 15<sup>th</sup>**

10.30 Rev'd Jenny Dowding

**3.30 Circuit Praise Party at Caversham Heights**

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

10.30 Mr Robin Gowers

6.30 Rev'd Dr James Mather

**Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>**

10.30

NO 6.30 SERVICE

