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**The Monthly Magazine of  
London Road, Ewell and  
Tolworth United Reformed Churches**

**July & August 2022**

## From our Minister

Dear friends,

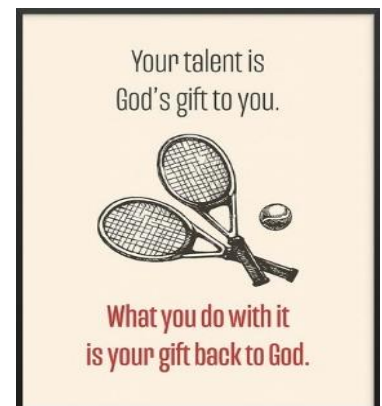
July 2022

Catching a few glimpses of Queens and Eastbourne tennis tournaments these last two weeks has whetted my appetite for Wimbledon this month.

Mostly the tennis has been terrific. But there were a few moments off the court too. Mateo Berrettini, who won Queens this year, was waiting to play the semi-final. The match could not start because of rain. The ball girl, alongside the court was standing over Berrettini with an umbrella, keeping him dry. Berrettini immediately invited her under the umbrella to protect her from the downpour and they seemed to be having a lovely chat. He didn't need to do that. He was about to play a semi-final. A beautiful moment.

Then I find Carlos Alcaraz did a similar thing at the Rio open as did Ernest Gulbis at Roland Garros. These tennis players are just good chaps.

So, what will be new at Wimbledon this year? Well, for the first time in its history it will become a fourteen-day tournament. This year there will be matches set to be played on the middle Sunday, traditionally a day off at this grand slam.



The first Sunday has usually been a rest day on which tournament organisers get the courts back into shape for the latter rounds. This is helpful because it means the ground is cared for and it avoids the so called "Manic Monday" featuring entire fourth rounds men and women's singles.

It has been made possible because of the improvements in grass technology and maintenance over the past five years meaning the courts can be looked after without the break.

Maybe this is true. But I cannot help thinking that perhaps the grass courts could still do with a break from the pounding and hammering they get over the first six days. Indeed, the way we treat God's world perhaps the planet could do with a rest every few years from the treatment we give it day by day and year by year.

And of course that is precisely what God suggests, or commands in Leviticus chapter 25. "[11](#) The fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; do not sow and do not reap what grows of itself or harvest the untended vines. [12](#) For it is a jubilee and is to be holy for you; eat only what is taken directly from the fields.

Furthermore, it was not just the land. Debts are to be forgiven. People are to return to their homes. Prisoners released. Slaves are set free. A good time to start over!

The first Sunday at Wimbledon is a good example of this. Giving the land a chance again. Giving one another a change again. Giving ourselves a change again. Take a break from all those beatings we give ourselves and one another.

We have been celebrating Jubilee this year with her majesty's 70<sup>th</sup> year of reign. The United Reformed Church is also fifty years old this year and our Church is celebrating a jubilee of its own. More of this later. But for now, we like the Hebrew people as commended by God, can sound trumpets throughout the land. Partly in celebration of a birthday. Mostly because we are called to start again, refreshed, forgiven and free.

In celebrating our own jubilee, what wrongs would you put right? What is to be forgiven again? What second chances do we have? What of the Lord's earth and creation can we care for again? Who of one another can we care for again?

The Lords Jubilee is a time when, as disciples of Jesus we reflect on our journey with God and seize opportunities to start again.

So, when watching Wimbledon tennis this year reflect on your discipleship. When it is your turn "**step up to the line**" and "**serve well**". Take risks, "**aim for the lines and the corners**". Where there is injustice "**make a racket**". And in everything "**Love-all**". It starts with Love.

God bless and enjoy the tennis.

**Roger**

## **Tolworth Family Circle**

Lesley Menneer is still housebound after her hip operation but is finally having physio, so hopefully she will be back among us before long. She is very anxious to get back to Church. Pauline Beckles is still in plaster but hopes to be free of it by the time this magazine is published. Joyce Craven is very weak and is confined to bed. We pray for her and ask for strength for Paul who cares for her. Mary Harding is also very weak and immobile. Brian Llewellyn has not been too well lately but is improving slowly. We pray for all these friends and also remember Eunice, Charmaine and Dave Bennett who is still awaiting a hip operation.

**Moir**

**The next Biscuit Club meeting is on Thursday 14th July.**

**We are going to Pembroke Lodge in Richmond Park.**

We will meet at the church at 2.00 o'clock, go for a wander on the terrace, or just sit. Then have a cup of tea etc.

If you require a lift please let me know and I will arrange a lift for you. Plus please let me know if you are able to help with transport.

Many thanks

**Brenda**

## July & August Diary - Tolworth

### July

|               |                        |         |   |
|---------------|------------------------|---------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>3rd</b>             | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by Ms Heather Lodge                                     |
| Monday        | 4 <sup>th</sup>        | 5.30pm  | Pilots  |
| Tuesday       | 5 <sup>th</sup>        | 12.30pm | Soup lunch at Ewell URC   |
| Thursday      | 7 <sup>th</sup>        | 3.30pm  | Messy Church  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>10<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.30am | Morning Communion led by Mrs Linda Lambert                                  |
| Monday        | 11 <sup>th</sup>       | 5.30pm  | Pilots  |
| Tuesday       | 12 <sup>th</sup>       | 2.30pm  | Elders' Meeting   |
| Thursday      | 14 <sup>th</sup>       | 2.00pm  | Biscuit Club – Outing to Richmond Park                                      |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by our Minister – Retiring collection for Christian Aid |
|               |                        | 6.30pm  | Fresh Expressions – see poster on last page                                 |
| Monday        | 18 <sup>th</sup>       | 5.30pm  | Pilots  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>24<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by Ms Heather Lodge                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> | 10.30am | Family Service led by our Minister  |

### August 2022

|               |                        |         |  |
|---------------|------------------------|---------|--|
| Wednesday     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>        | 12.30pm | Lunch at the Hogsmill                                  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>7<sup>th</sup></b>  | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by Mr Tom Sweatman and Mr Tom Read |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.30am | Morning Communion led by our Minister                  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by Ms Heather Lodge                |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>28<sup>th</sup></b> | 10.30am | Morning Worship led by Mrs Linda Lambert               |

### September 2022

|               |                       |          |   |
|---------------|-----------------------|----------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>4<sup>th</sup></b> | 10..30am | Morning Worship led by Ms Heather Lodge |
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## July & August Diary for Ewell

|               |                        |                 |   |
|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|---|
| <b>Sunday</b> | 3rd                    | 10.30 am        | Morning Worship including the celebration of Holy Communion, conducted by Revd. Roger Jones |
| Tuesday       | 5th                    | 12.30 pm        | Soup Lunch  |
| Wednesday     | 6 <sup>th</sup>        | 9.30 – 11.30    | Art Group   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 10th                   | 10.30 am        | Morning Worship conducted by Revd. Barbara Pearson  |
| Wednesday     | 13 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30.-11.30     | Art Group   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 17th                   | 10.30 am        | Morning Worship conducted by Mrs Linda Lambert  |
| Monday        | 18 <sup>th</sup>       | 10am            | Church Meeting  |
| Wednesday     | 20 <sup>th</sup>       | 9.30-11.30      | Art Group   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 24 <sup>th</sup>       | 10.30 am        | Morning Worship conducted by Revd. Roger Jones  |
| Thursday      | 28 <sup>th</sup>       | 2 – 3 pm        | Friendship Hour (with Cabaret - by popular demand)  |
| <b>Sunday</b> | <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> | <b>10.30 am</b> | <b>Morning Worship conducted by Ms. Katrina Clifford</b>                                    |

### August

|               |                  |              |   |
|---------------|------------------|--------------|---|
| Tuesday       | 2 <sup>nd</sup>  | 12.30 pm     | Soup Lunch  |
| Wednesday     | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 9.30-11.30   | Art   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 7 <sup>th</sup>  | 10.30 am     | Morning Worship including the celebration of Holy Communion, conducted by Revd. Roger Jones |
| Wednesday     | 10 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30 – 11.30 | Art Group   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 14 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 am     | Morning Worship conducted by Mrs Linda Lambert  |
| Wednesday     | 17 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30-11.30   | Art Group   |
| Thursday      | 18 <sup>th</sup> | 2 – 3 pm     | Friendship Hour   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 21 <sup>st</sup> | 10.30 am     | Morning Worship conducted by Revd Roger Jones   |
| Wednesday     | 24 <sup>th</sup> | 9.30-11.30   | Art Group   |
| <b>Sunday</b> | 28 <sup>th</sup> | 10.30 am     | Morning Worship conducted by Revd Barbara Pearson   |

## **GIFTS FOR SIERRA LEONE**

My neighbour, Josephine, is a fine Christian woman, who spends a lot of her time and income supporting her family and the wider community in Freetown in Sierra Leone. She originally came from there, but has built her life here, never forgetting the people she left behind, who live in very poor circumstances by our standards.

She couldn't have been more thrilled when I handed over the various items of communion plate, chalices and glasses which no longer had a home after the closing of our Epsom church. For good measure we handed over surplus table linen from Ewell church.

Josie has just returned from Sierra Leone, and she has asked me to pass on the gratitude and prayers of the members of St. Anthony's Roman Catholic Church and the Presbyterian church in Freetown, who were so glad to receive our gifts.

It's great to know that things we no longer have use for can find a home so far away.

**Barbara Pearson**

## **Churches together in Surbiton (CTS)**

The meetings of CTS included representation of the local churches together with the Ministers and other organisations in the area.

They met three times a year with Ministers meeting more frequently. These are some of the previous events organised each year by CTS:

- Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and act of worship in January.
- Lent study groups
- Walk of Witness on Good Friday.
- Christian Aid week.

and they took part in various local events such as the Surbiton Festival and Turn-it-on Surbiton.

During the Covid pandemic they did not meet face to face. They are now holding an AGM on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> July at 4.00pm in St Matthews Church. At this coming meeting the main discussion will be about re-envisioning the future of Churches Together and how they can emerge from Covid in the best format in supporting one another in ecumenical events.

In past years I have attended these meetings, but no longer. So do we wish to continue to support and commit ourselves to CTS? If so who will represent us?

Please let me or Roger know if you have any thoughts or suggestions about CTS or represent us at these meetings – before 17<sup>th</sup> July.

**Cynthia**

## **From Brenda Kelly**

As I write this it is the evening of the longest day, so does that mean that winter is on its way? Last Friday it was around 30 degrees then on Saturday it was around 18 degrees and it was windy and extremely cold. That's England for you! It's almost impossible to arrange anything if you rely on English weather, but it does give us something to talk about. Imagine how boring it would be to be hot and sunny everyday....I wish. The other extreme would be cold every day. I think we are actually very lucky, though I am not sure when it is pouring with rain. The garden is very dry, but despite that the garden is flourishing. In an ideal world it would be good to have a really good downpour in the middle of the night. God chooses the weather, hot, cold, sunny or wet. We have no control, but at least we have something to talk about.

### **Brenda**

#### **Happy Holidays**

Our childhood holidays were bliss,  
We gloried in each day.  
All thoughts of school were put aside,  
We set our minds on play.

Our days of youth brought freedom,  
Adventure was our aim.  
We'd leave the boundaries of home,  
And brave new worlds we'd claim.

Time passes – see the little ones,  
Who want just sea and sand,  
A bucket and a bathing suit,  
A cornet in each hand.

For some of us those days are gone,  
Our holiday's at home.  
No more we feel the itchy feet,  
The strong desire to roam.

We still can travel in our hearts,  
Find joy down memory lane,  
Revisit all those happy times,  
Relive them once again.

**Barbara Pearson**

# Ladies and gentlemen who lunch.

## An invitation

Members of Tolworth meet for lunch at The Hogsmill, Worcester Park. We would like to invite friends from Ewell

The dates

Wednesday 29th June  
Wednesday 3rd. August  
Wednesday 7th. September  
Wednesday 12th October  
Wednesday 16th November

The time is 12.30

If you would like to join us please let me know the Sunday before, so I can book the table

**Brenda** (01372 743968)

## Roger Fenn's Puzzle for July –

### More David

1. From whom did David capture the stronghold of Jerusalem?
2. What act of treachery did David commit after his unlawful liaison with Bathsheba?
3. Who told David of God's anger?
4. Which parable did he use so that David condemned himself before God?
5. Which of David's rebellious sons was hanged by his hair in the Wood of Ephraim when trying to evade David's forces?
6. Where was David when he said. "Oh that someone would get me a drink of water from the from the well near the Gate of Bethlehem?"
7. Which of David's sons succeeded him on the throne?
8. According to Handel's Coronation Anthem, who officiated on this occasion?

**Answers on next page**



## From Barbara Smith

### My story

This story starts many decades again, when my sisters and I, with a couple of friends decided to take a trip to the Tower of London.. We got to our destination but were mesmerised by the sight of an escapologist .- We spent ages watching him then realised we didn't have time to visit the Tower.

Fast forward until the present - Gary and I have planned a day to go to The Tower of London, I can barely wait! Got on the tube and off we go, next thing 'power failure'. Train will not complete its journey! Got off and went home - I will get there one day.

**Barbara**

### July Quiz – Answers

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|----|--|-----------------|----|--|------------------|
| 1. | The Jebusites                              | 2 Samuel 5 v 7  | 5  | Absalom                                    | 2 Samuel v 18    |
| 2. | Had her husband,<br>Uriah killed in battle | 2 Samuel 11 v15 | 6. | Cave of Adullam                            | 2 Samuel 23 v 15 |
|    |  |                 | 7. | Solomon                                    | 1 Kings 1 v 28   |
| 3. | Nathan the prophet                         | 2 Samuel 12 v 1 | 8. | Zadok the priest<br>and Nathan the prophet | 1 Kings 1 v 38/9 |
| 4. | The ewe lamb                               | 2 Samuel 12 v 1 |    |  |                  |

### Waiter's Unusual Donation

A waiter at a hotel in Hawaii had been named employee of the year after donating a kidney to a regular customer. Walter Nishioka, seventy, a local businessman, was seriously ill with kidney disease and had been told that he needed a transplant urgently. Doctors could not find him a donor until Jose Rocasa, a waiter at the Radisson Prince Kuhio on Waikiki beach, offered one of his own. Nishioka had eaten brunch at the hotel every Wednesday for the past 22 years, and had always been a generous tipper. Rocasa's boss described him as, "a server who became a saviour".

From a "Bundle of laughs", J John & Mark Stibbe

**Thanks to those who have contributed to this edition - please keep them coming! We would welcome any contributions from Ewell members also. We hope to publish a magazine for September. Please let me have all your material by 18<sup>th</sup> August.**

## **SUNDAY WORSHIP at TOLWORTH**

### **Morning Worship at 10.30**

(You can still join in with Roger at 10.30am on Sundays  
'Phone: 03306 060403 with code 1529640# - remember the #)

|                                 |  |   |
|---------------------------------|--|---|
| <b>Minister</b>                 | <b>Revd Roger Jones</b>  | <b>0208 393 4270</b><br>rjones@urcsouthern.org.uk |
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# SUNDAY WORSHIP AT EWELL

## Morning Worship at 10.30

|                       |   |               |
|-----------------------|---|---------------|
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