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A top-down view of a white coffee cup filled with dark coffee, showing a ring of foam. To the right, a white plate holds a slice of chocolate cake with white frosting and a dusting of brown powder. The background is white with scattered coffee beans.

Coffee and Chat

with homemade cake

**Every Thursday from
10.30am - 12pm**

**Holy Trinity Church Rooms - North Room
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**Off A21 Hastings Road
Bus routes: 61, 261, 320, 336, 358**

**The North Room is at the far end of the car park with level
access to the hall and disabled toilet**

Donations only | Other drinks are available



Dear Friends,

Standards

Over the past few years we have heard much about standards in public life. This has particularly focussed on the behaviour of certain members of Parliament, as well as other notable figures in the media and entertainment worlds. The reporting has generally been negative in that it has detailed how those concerned have not behaved quite as we expect them to. Standards matter, especially when others are watching.

There are, of course, other standards than those governing the way we behave. There are the standards of attainment expected within our education system and which are generally measured by a series of tests or by continuous assessment. Then there are standard measurements used in engineering and construction, etc., etc.

Standards matter ...!

Standards in Church

And then there are standards of an entirely different nature.

At Holy Trinity we have three military Standards which have been 'laid up' in our church. This means that they are entrusted to us for safe keeping now that they are no longer in use by the Association which used to have them. Military Association flags are dedicated as 'sacred emblems' when they are first used. Historically they represented the belief that God was with whichever force was carrying the standard. Because they carry that symbolism when they are taken out of service it is customary to give them to a church for safe keeping. The three Standards which we possess are The Submariners Association, The Royal Naval Association (both Bromley Branch) and the National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association (North Kent & South East London Branch).

When you see these Standards in church, consider those for whom they represent dedicated service, and the promise that God is with us, whoever and wherever we are. And may you know the reality of God's presence with you throughout the coming months.

Your friend and Vicar, *Roger*



Malayan Emergency, (1948–60),

A period of unrest following the creation of the Federation of Malaya (precursor of Malaysia) in 1948.

After World War II the Federation of Malaya was formed through the unification of several former British territories, including Sabah and Sarawak. The negotiations included special guarantees of rights for Malays (including the position of sultans) and the establishment of a colonial government.

These developments angered the Communist Party of Malaya, an organization that was composed largely of Chinese members and was committed to an independent, communist Malaya. The party began a guerrilla insurgency, and on June 18, 1948, the government declared a state of emergency.

British efforts to suppress the uprising militarily were unpopular, especially their relocation of rural Chinese into tightly controlled “New Villages,” a measure designed to deny the rebels a source of food and manpower.

Under the leadership of British high commissioner Sir Gerald Templer, however, the British began addressing political and economic grievances.

In the early 1950s several measures, including local elections and the creation of village councils, were introduced to facilitate independence. In addition, many Chinese were granted citizenship. Such actions decreased support for the insurgency, which had always been limited.

From 1954 there were normally 24 infantry battalions in Malaya from a wide variety of Commonwealth countries, including Australia and New Zealand. These were supported by special forces from the Royal Marines and the SAS.

Newly arrived troops had to be taught how to live and fight in the tropical forests. Training occurred at a Jungle Warfare School, which also worked out the best tactics based on experience gained in the field. British battalions normally spent three years in Malaya.

By the mid-1950s the rebels had become increasingly isolated, with local support dwindling. In August 1957 the Federation of Malaya was granted independence and the insurrection lost its rationale as a war of colonial liberation. Many guerillas gave up their fight.

In 1960 the Emergency was declared to be over.

More than 500 soldiers and 1300 police had been killed during the conflict.

Communist losses are estimated at over 6000 killed and 1200 captured.



The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association



The National Malaya & Borneo Veterans Association was founded on the 1st June 1994 in Nottingham. The concept of forming the Association started in late 1992 as a direct result of a group of veterans getting together on returning from a re-union in Malaysia.

A campaign was started to obtain an award in the form of a medal for those who saw service during the Malayan Emergency, the Borneo / Indonesian Confrontation and the Japanese Occupation of Malaya and Singapore.

The medal campaign set them on the path to forming the Association.

The Association Motto is Bono Animo Este (*be of good courage*).

The Association Emblem – The Royal Crown, depicting our loyalty to H.M. The Queen and respective countries – The flags of the Union and Malaysia side by side.

The Association colours represent the **Royal Navy**, The **Army**, The **Royal Marines** and the **Royal Air Force**. An association of men and women sharing a common bond through their Military Service.

The organisation has spread worldwide with Branches and Affiliations in the United Kingdom, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, Fiji, Singapore and USA. The total number of members in the UK is in excess of 4000.

Our aims and objectives

To bring together in true comradeship those who have served in Malaya, Borneo, Singapore and Brunei during the Second World War, the Malayan Emergency, The Confrontation and thereafter in the above countries.

To assist Members in their time of need by helping to bring to bear referral to and assistance from appropriate Regimental, Service, and Social and Caring Agencies.

To remember with pride, respect and gratitude, those of all Nationalities who made the supreme sacrifice in the line of duty and for their Country, and to ensure that those who fell and the Association are represented on the Day of Remembrance at home and abroad.

To promote the Association and its Aims throughout the Commonwealth of Nations and other Nations and to seek Affiliations with similar Organisations.

To strengthen our ties with Malaysia, The Republic of Singapore, and Brunei Darussalam.

To hold an Annual Reunion.



THE NATIONAL MALAYA & BORNEO VETERANS ASSOCIATION

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5th June 2023

North Kent and South East London Branch – NMBVA

Our Branch of the NMBVA has now closed and following discussions with the members It was decided that we wish to make a donation to the Holy Trinity Church Bromley with our remaining branch funds.

Please find attached a cheque to the value of £150.00 as our donation and thank you for your support in allowing our Branch Standard to be laid up in the Church.

With Kind Regards,

Don Mott

Former Chairman

North Kent and South East London NMBVA



If you have young children, join us for
our Messy Church worship this Autumn.

Dates

Sunday 17th September

start of the new Messy Church term

Sunday 15th October

Holy Trinity Church Rooms

BR2 8LB

4pm - 6pm

Crafts | Fun | Food

£2 per child

Children **must** be
accompanied by
an adult

Walk of Silence

On a recent holiday to Italy, I visited Lake Orta and discovered the tiny island of San Giulio with its lovely basilica and nunnery (now a school). Outside, is a path around the island called the Walk of Silence, with a number of plaques set along the way, mostly relating to the qualities of silence. The list is best read slowly or with pauses between each thought, a number of them are worth taking a little time over.

Lynn Crockatt

Silence is music and harmony.	Leave yourself and what is yours.
Silence is the peace of oneself.	Accept yourself, grow, ripen.
Silence is the language of love.	Be simple, be yourself.
In the silence, you receive all.	The wise man errs and smiles.
In silence you accept and understand.	Open your being, walls are in the mind.
In the silence you meet the Master.	Silence is truth and prayer.
In the silence, you breathe God.	If you can be yourself, you are everything.
Listen to the winds, the water, your steps.	When you are aware, the journey is over.
Listen to the silence.	Every journey begins near to you.

SUMMER FETE

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Summer Fete (17th June). The rain held off until almost the end, and together your efforts raised the amazing sum of just over £1300 (after costs)!

For a picture montage of the day turn to page 23.



Prayer pointers



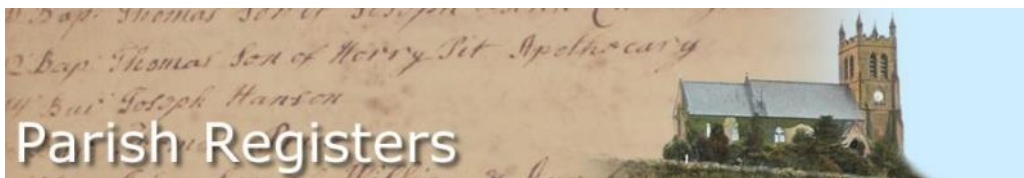
There are many people and situations which need regular, sustained prayer. Here are just some of them.

Please remember especially:-

- **The many areas of conflict throughout the world,** particularly the peoples of Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Israel and Palestine, Ukraine, Nigeria, Sudan, DRC, Yemen, for a peaceful resolution.
- **Persecuted Christians** and other minority groups, especially the victims of ISIS, Boko Haram, and other religious fundamentalists and radical terror groups.
- **The refugee crisis worldwide** as people flee from poverty, famine and war.
- **All victims of violence,** and especially of terrorist atrocities both here and overseas, and of the recurrent knife attacks in London.
- **All victims of natural and other disasters,** and those seeking to bring relief to the suffering and aid to the needy,
- **Political leaders** throughout the world that they will work for justice for all.
- **Those members of the congregation who are in particular need at this time.**
- **Those who are housebound and lonely** and **those needing permanent care.**
- **Those who mourn,** especially those who have recently lost loved ones.
... and all whose names are written in the 'Prayer Requests' book in church.

*We also pray for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who, with us, make up the membership of **Churches Together in Bromley Common.***





FUNERALS

Rest in Peace:-

We remember in prayer the families and friends who mourn the passing of loved ones:-

Olubukunola “Buky” Yetunde Tugbobo OYELAMI d. 11.04.23 aged 42
Thursday 25th May 2023
Service at Holy Trinity Church
Committal at Brightwater Memorial Park

BAPTISMS

Welcome to the Family:-

We congratulate and pray for those who have been Baptised into membership of the Church:-

Thomas William YELDING	Sunday 21 st May	adult
Sophia Marie YELDING	Sunday 21 st May	aged 4 years, 10 months

A promotional image for 'Coffee and Chat' at Holy Trinity Church. It features a white wooden background with a cup of coffee and a slice of cake. The text is centered and reads: 'Coffee and Chat with home made cakes Join us every Thursday from 10.30am - 12pm Holy Trinity Church - North Room Church Lane, BR2 8LB Donations only | Other drinks are available'. At the bottom, a dark grey cloud-like shape contains the address 'Off A21 Hastings Road', bus routes '61, 261, 320, 336, 358', and contact information 'Contact vicar@htc-bc.org.uk for more info'.

Rochester Cathedral Exhibition

29th July to 3rd September



'Threads through Creation' is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels by Jacqui Parkinson, a textile artist. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of Genesis, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breathtaking. Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns – and of course lots of creatures!

The exhibition is one of the largest textile projects by a single artist, ever. It has taken Jacqui nearly three years. It follows on from 'Threads through Revelation', her first huge exhibition which visited 14 cathedrals from 2016 to 2018, and was seen by more than 500,000 visitors.

For an opportunity to join a group visiting the cathedral on 9th August see the Mothers' Union on page 21.

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Purple Emperor Butterfly



The Purple Emperor Butterfly is beautiful. Purple, with white streaks and surrounded with black. Colours are not from pigments. Iridescence changes these colours when viewed from differing angles; similar to viewing light through a prism. The wing scales could be breaking up the light wavelengths, as does a diffraction grating. This effect also occurs from bird plumage; The Kingfisher and Widgeon being examples.

These butterflies live, and fly, in the canopy of broadleaved woods, mainly Oak. Sometimes coming down to the ground to sip salt from roads or dung on sunny July mornings.



Eggs are laid on (mainly Goat) Willow leaves in August. Hatching into caterpillars, that are feeding nearly all year. They slinky up an Oak trunk over cold winter nights. Then, after living as a pupa (chrysalis) in June, butterflies emerge for July and early August.

We should have some in the oak-woods - Crofton and Sparrow Woods; at the top of Richmal Crompton Park and the fields of Scrub's Farm.

They are most likely seen on Bookham Common near Bookham Station, Surrey, between Leatherhead and Effingham-Junction stations.

There are 60 butterfly and many more moth species in the UK.

Some species form a protective cocoon for pupation.

Paul Garratt

Information taken 'Butterfly-Conservation.org' website; from an amateur lepidopterist at Orpington Field Club, and from The 'Butterflies and Moths UK' Facebook group.



HARVEST SUPPER

Saturday 30th September 2023

6.30pm for 7.30pm start

in the

South Room

Holy Trinity Church Rooms

Come and join us for a fun evening
as we share a meal together
in celebration of God's goodness towards us.

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or call: 020 8462 1280



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South Room
7.30 pm

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August

6th The Transfiguration of Our Lord

10.00am Family Communion

Readings:

OT: Daniel 7: 9 - 10, 13 - 14

NT: 2 Peter 1: 16 - 19

Gospel: Luke 9: 28 - 36

13th Tenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Family Communion

Readings:

OT: Genesis 37: 1 - 4, 12 - 28

NT: Romans 10: 5 - 15

Gospel: Matthew 14:22 - 33

2.00pm Evening Worship at
Crown Meadow Court

20th Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Family Communion

Readings:

OT: Genesis 45: 1 - 15

NT: Romans 11: 1 - 2a, 29 - 32

Gospel: Matthew 15: 21 - 28

27th Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Family Communion

Readings:

OT: Exodus 1. 8 - 2:10

NT: Romans 12: 1 - 8

Gospel: Matthew 16: 13 - 20

2.00pm Evening Worship at
Regency Court

September

3rd Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Family Communion
+ 25 Year Celebration

Readings:

NT: Romans 12: 9 - 21

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21 - 28

10th Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Morning Worship
incl. Baptism

Reading: Matthew 18: 15 - 20

2.00pm Evening Worship at
Crown Meadow Court

12th Tuesday

10.50am Up-to-5s Service

17th Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

10.00am Family Communion

Readings:

OT: Exodus 14: 19 - 31

NT: Romans 14: 1 - 12

Gospel: Matthew 18: 21 - 35

4.00pm Messy Church



24th Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

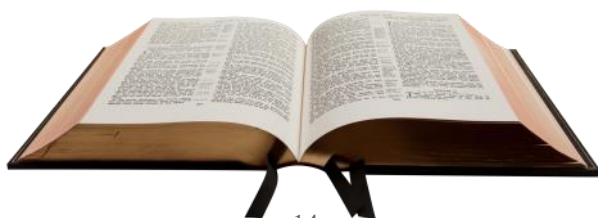
10.00am Family Communion

Readings:

OT: Exodus 16: 2 - 15

NT: Philippians 1: 21 - 30

Gospel: Matthew 20: 1 - 16



October

1st Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival
10.00am Morning Worship / Parade
Readings:
NT: Philippians 2: 1 - 13
Gospel: Matthew 21: 23 - 32

8th Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Family Communion
Readings:
OT: Exodus 20: 1 - 4, 7 - 9
NT: Philippians 3: 4b - 14
Gospel: Matthew 21: 33 - 46
2.00pm Evening Worship at
Crown Meadow Court

10th Tuesday
10.50am Up-to-5s Service

15th Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Family Communion
Readings:
OT: Exodus 32: 1 - 14
NT: Philippians 4: 1 - 9
Gospel: Matthew 22: 1 - 14

22nd Twentieth Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Family Communion
Readings:
OT: Exodus 33: 12 - 23
NT: 1 Thessalonians 1: 1 - 10
Gospel: Matthew 22: 15 - 22
2.00pm Evening Worship at
Regency Court

29th Last Sunday after Trinity
10.00am Family Communion
Readings:
OT: Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12
NT: 1 Thessalonians 2: 1 - 8
Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 - 46

November

5th All Saints / All Souls
10.00am Morning Worship
Readings:
NT: 1 John 3: 1 - 3
Gospel: Matthew 5: 1 - 12
4.00pm Memorial Service
(Commemoration of the Departed)

8.00 am - Holy Communion (BCP)
every Sunday
at St. Mary's Church, Hayes
and at Holy Trinity on
Major Festivals



10.00am services are
held simultaneously in church and on Zoom.
The recording of the service is posted on
our **YouTube** channel:
[www.youtube.com/channel/
UCkjjTtq3fT7hN5Gj66ADNJQ](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkjjTtq3fT7hN5Gj66ADNJQ)



Refreshments are served
following the 10.00am service
in the South Room, Holy Trinity Church Rooms.
Do, please, join us for this opportunity to chat
and get to know one another better.

Please Note: Readings stated are those as
specified in the Common Worship Lectionary
but may be changed in certain circumstances



It is some time since we have shared news from Samara about the situation in Syria. Other world events have come to prominence and we all tend to forget on-going situations. Here are some snippets from her latest newsletter. The full story can be found at www.samarasaidappeal.org

The situation

Last week a report published by the UN described the 'ever-worsening humanitarian crisis' faced across Syria, with the UN OCHA Chief and Emergency Relief Coordinator describing how 'twelve years of conflict, economic collapse, and other factors have pushed *'90 per cent of the population below the poverty line.'*

Actualities of daily life in Syria mark out an existence dominated by fear and scarcity. When people are hungry and suffering the dire consequences of poverty, together with loss of hope for the future, many lose their moral compass and inhibitions, and will then attack each other to survive. Much of the crime and dishonour in Syria today is a product of the grinding poverty, absence of dependable infrastructure, and the intense pressures under which the Syrian people have lived for too long. Syria needs its own good, intelligent, educated people, far more than any other country in the world, yet it struggles to keep them because of the insufferable environment that exists there now.

It's too easy to sigh, let our shoulders drop and say that all we can do is pray. We can and must pray, but we can do more. Granted, life here can feel at times like an uphill battle too, especially when we face personal challenges, health problems and family crises. Our instinct in these junctures is to furl into a spiritual and psychological posture of self preservation. Protecting ourselves, our interests and our families, as an instinct, takes priority. Yet the words of Jesus remind us in Matthew 24 that as times become darker 'the love of many will grow cold'. How important it is for each of us to guard our own hearts to ensure that we are among those who 'endure to the end', whose love does not grow cold, and who try to keep warm, non-judgemental, loving feelings towards others. Those feelings are the soil from which we can produce the fruit of positive action, to demonstrate that love, to the end.

In Dr A's book, [*Up From The Ashes*](#), he describes a beautiful ritual they observe in Syrian churches on Palm Sunday, where they stand in a circle, each holding a burning candle. Sometimes a gust of wind or a sudden movement blows out the flame of someone's candle, but they simply turn to their neighbour and use their flame to relight theirs. Today in Syria few candles are still burning. Our calling is to stretch out our arms - and it can sometimes really feel like a stretch - hold our burning candles, and reignite the smouldering and the stone cold wicks of those whose flames have been extinguished.

What Samara's Aid Appeal is doing

Over the last years we have invested in farming food for the poor. Currently we are harvesting numerous crops which supply both our city and rural outreach centres that support orphans, vulnerable and poor children. Potatoes are being harvested every day, along with courgettes, cucumbers, molokhair (a green leafy vegetable that is very popular in the Middle East) and ful (fava) beans which are dried and are a favourite source of protein for many. This is alongside the eggs from our chickens, and sheep's milk. Our wheat harvest (the type for making bulgar) will feed many this year. Any additional produce left after the children attending our outreach centres have been fed is distributed to the poor.

With your help, we are doing what we can to ensure that the children God has put in front of us don't end up among those statistics of Syrian children whose growth is stunted or who have irreversible damage to their development.

Our rural outreach centre is going from strength to strength in providing food alongside education and activities. Like the rest of the infrastructure in Syria, which struggles to provide a dependable service to the people, the education sector is also like a skeleton lacking the muscles, skin and internal organs necessary to have a functioning body. The children we serve are those who might struggle to leave the country once they are old enough: they are the poor, and many are the forgotten, and they cannot afford the extra tuition needed to enable them to pass their exams. Our prayer is that by investing in them - not only academically, but also through providing a personal, social and moral education for these young souls - who come from some of the most disadvantaged places - these children will also become candles that light the darkness for others in their country.

If you would like to be a part of enabling this essential work I'm keen to encourage anyone who is willing to support our orphans and widows projects, by monthly standing order, to enable us to reach our monthly target of £6,000.

Pray with us

- Protection for all of our team. Please cover our precious team with your prayers for shelter and safety.
- Although we have some medical staff, we still need the right medical professionals in the right places: people willing to be trained in our approach, who will be committed to us, and serving the Syrian people for the long term.
- That God will continue to provide open doors through which we can reach the most needy and vulnerable, and making a lasting positive impact on people's lives.

Samara



FORGET ME NOT CAFÉ

Memory cafe for anyone with dementia,
their families, carers and friends

Third Tuesday in the month

1.30pm – 3.30pm

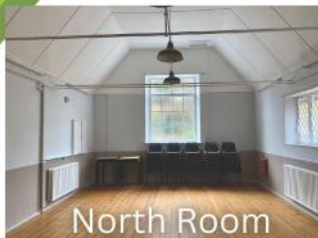
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Contact: Diana Pattison 020 8464 1151

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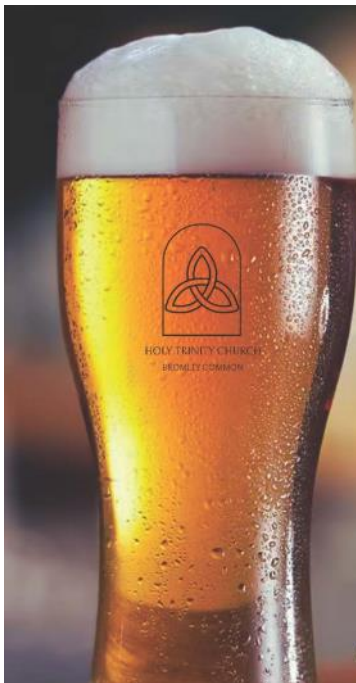


Bromley Little Theatre

Bromley Little Theatre have kindly offered to hold a charity preview performance with proceeds being donated to The Children's Society on **14th September 2023**. The play is "Things I know to be True" by Andrew Bovell.

I'm waiting for tickets at the moment, which will cost £10.00 each, and I'll let people know when they arrive. In the meantime, if you're interested in going, please let me know, and I'll make sure to contact you when they're available.

Lynn Crockatt



**PRAYER
& A PINT**

**TUESDAY 8TH AUGUST
TUESDAY 12TH SEPTEMBER
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sbc01689@gmail.com

An opportunity to chat, laugh, pray and drink together...



Traidcraft

As you may have heard, Traidcraft has entered Administration with all staff made redundant and the web store shut, but this does not mean that the fair trade stall will close as we still have stock to sell and can get still some lines from suppliers that Traidcraft were getting their items from. This may mean some products will stop but I will be able to get different items from new suppliers.

Sadly, prices will be more expensive as I was previously selling at bulk price for items, not full retail price.

I now have a larger selection of teabags, jams as well, and a larger selection of cleaning products. The items I am currently having difficulty replacing are the biscuits & muesli. The old management of Traidcraft have set up a new company. We are fair trade and are concentrating on getting some of the old lines back in their branding. Some may not be strictly fair trade with the logo on but they are ethically sourced to slightly different standards.

Traidcraft was formed in 1979 to take on the trading system of the day and, although it has not succeeded in that, it was fundamental in changing it; from establishing the fair trade mark, to coffee direct, and shared interest (saving to help fund fair trade), and a large number of small specialist buyers of crafts and food (which will need our help to survive in these troubling times.)



Mark Gill
Fair Trade stall

We are an international Christian membership movement supporting families and communities in need of support in the UK and worldwide since 1876.

Our members are active in 84 countries and work tirelessly to serve their communities whilst offering Christian care for families, regardless of faith or background.

Ending violence, ending poverty, ending injustice.

We are a truly worldwide Christian movement.

For more information about Mothers' Union activities visit
mothersunion.org

The 9th of August is the day the church remembers our founder Mary Sumner. It is the practice of Rochester Mothers' Union branches to attend Evening Prayer in the cathedral at 5.30 pm

There is currently an exhibition of tapestries in the cathedral entitled 'Threads Through Creation' (see page 9) which would take about an hour to enjoy. We would like to invite anyone interested to join in travelling by train and taking a picnic tea.

If you are interested please contact:

Mary Margaret Yates at **murochester.dp@outlook.com**



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If you are interested to join or would like to know more, please contact the secretary: Mrs Sue Potts on 01689 852868

REMEMBER THIS IS YOUR MAGAZINE

*We rely on you to provide information and articles to include in each issue.
If there are things you want to see in here it's up to you to let us know. Please do!*

Material for the magazine is always welcome

Items can be emailed to Roger: vicar@htc-bc.org.uk
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STRAWBERRY CHEESECAKE

This cheesecake is a firm family favourite at any time, but especially popular in summer when strawberries are plentiful. At other times of year, it can be made using a fruit compote or even a salted caramel topping. To be honest, making the strawberry puree is a bit fiddly (but worth the effort), so if you're busy, plan ahead and make it in advance, then either store in the fridge or freeze. The whole thing also freezes well.

For the base

6 oz (175 g) digestive biscuits
2 oz (50 g) butter, melted
2 oz (50 g) coarsely chopped toasted hazelnuts

For the topping

1 ½ lb (700 g) strawberries, hulled
2 level tablespoons caster sugar

For the filling

12oz (350g) full-fat soft cheese
(e.g. Philadelphia)
12oz (350g) low-fat soft cheese
(e.g. Philadelphia light)
3 eggs
6 oz (175 g) caster sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

Pre-heat the oven to 300 F, fan 140C, gas mark 2. Crush the biscuits in a food processor or with a rolling pin, then mix them with the melted butter and stir in the hazelnuts. Press the mixture into the base of a 9 inch (23cm) loose-bottomed baking tin and pop into the fridge to firm up while the filling is made.

For this, combine the cheeses, eggs, sugar and vanilla in a large bowl and beat everything together with an electric mixer until silky smooth. Now pour this mixture over the biscuit base and place on the centre shelf of the oven to cook for 45 minutes (it should still have a slight wobble in the middle). At the end of the cooking time, turn off the oven but leave the cheesecake in the oven to set until it's completely cold (to prevent cracking). It also helps to run a knife round the edge. Remove the cheesecake from the oven and from the tin, transfer it to a plate, then cover and chill till needed.



For the topping, weigh out 225g of the strawberries into a bowl; sprinkle with the caster sugar and leave to soak for 30 minutes, then pile them into a food processor and puree, before passing them through a nylon sieve to remove the seeds. To serve, arrange the remaining strawberries all over the top of the cheesecake, then spoon over some of the puree and hand the rest round separately.

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