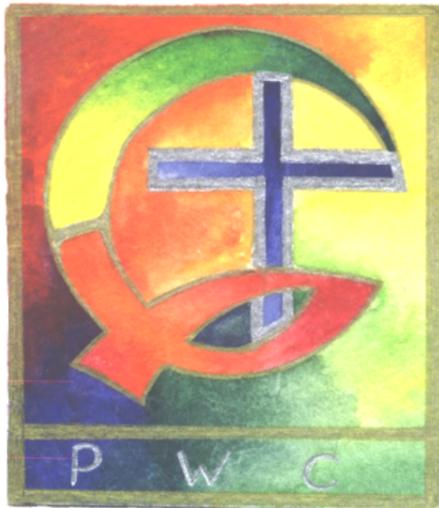


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Newsletter for week beginning 8th November 2020

14:00 Worship Service on Zoom

Dates for Your Diary –

Sun – 8 th November	10:30am – YouTube Newham Circuit Worship Service
Mon – 9 th November	4-5:00pm – Walk and Talk – Meet at Central Park – Bible study on the move
Next Bible Study	Advent Bible study on zoom from 24 th November -15 th Dec
Next Youth Group	Tue 6-7pm from 17 th and 24 th Nov, 1 st 8 th and 15 th Dec
Messy Christmas	Start from 21 st Nov at 11-12.15pm for 5 weeks

Pastoral Care

If you know of anyone who would like a pastoral visit, please let Nigel, or one of the Elders or the church office know. See Nigel's and the Church telephone numbers above.

Prayer Requests

The Elders are available to pray with you after the service today and also during the week for any needs and concerns which have been brought to them.

Text for the Week – “Every perfect gift is from Above”.....James 1:17

Do phone someone from Church you do not normally chat to. Like having coffee after Service.

Do send your Prayer request to Nigel Pauline Rodway and Mary Weathley - both diagnosed with cancer.

Pastoral Team – The Church Council have set up a subcommittee to look at Pastoral Care in our Church. We are looking for a number of people to provide Pastoral support to church members. If you would like to be part of the team or to know more about it do speak to, Dorothy, Rosetta, Carol or Nigel. They will explain to you in detail about the process and we would like to identify people by the end of November and plan to start some training in Jan 21.

Old Newspapers – As we start decorating the nursery, we will need some old newspapers to protect the surfaces. Do bring them to us if you have any.

Worship Service – Zoom Gathered Church at 2pm, will be recorded and livestreamed on ‘Pilgrims Way Church’ Facebook page. Let Nigel know if you want to be part of the service. There is also a YouTube service on Newham Circuit Channel or you can follow Nigel’s Channel on YouTube ‘Pastornigel19 and Cedric’. Our AGM is on Sunday, 22nd Nov and March 21st next year. Other Church meeting dates: 17th Jan, 16th May, 18th July, 19th Sept and 21st Nov. AGM information will be sent out this week to give you a chance to return your comments or response to Nigel by 20th Nov if you will be unable to attend. The meeting and will be Zoomed at 12 noon on 22nd

Offertory Collection Update - Please help out the church during this difficult time. Having 7 months of reduction in the offertory collection during virtual Church service is a struggle for the church. Give your cash or cheques in envelopes to Nigel or pay in directly. Account Name: East Ham Congregational & Methodist Church or Pilgrims Way Congregational & Methodist Church (use the &) Bank: HSBC, Sort Code: 40- 02- 06, Account: 60013897.

Nigel on Leave– Nigel will be on leave from 7th -14th November

What can we do Differently this Christmas? Decorating a window with Christmas Scenes, Sing Carols at your door? Put a small gift in your neighbour’s door with invitation to Live or Zoom Carols?

Christmas Plans so far - may all Change – Watching and Waiting Advent Bible study on Zoom, 7.30-9pm Tues 24th Nov – 15th Dec, Circuit Advent service at Manor Park 6pm 29th Nov, East Ham Churches Carols in central park 2pm 6th Dec, Nativity Morning 13th Dec, Carols by candlelight 20th Dec 6pm, Midnight Communion High Street South 11.30pm 24th Dec, Christmas Day 10am at Pilgrims Way or 11am at High Street South, New Year’s Eve Communion 11.30pm Pilgrims way. Maybe we could do a Zoom social?

Foodbank - As people are struggling, there is need to put food in the box at the entrance of the church or give to Nigel who will deliver to Bonny Downs Foodbank for those in need.

Money for Children - We have been given £300 to spend on Children and Young people and will welcome great ideas of how to spend the money.

Total Fund raised – Thank you to all who sponsored Nigel for his walks over the Summer. He has raised a total of £1533 for the Development fund. If anyone else is interested in doing a Fundraising let Nigel know.

Weekly Reflection – November 8th

STORY

What is your story? We all have one and it would be great to here yours. In the first lockdown, we did the Zoom Coffee morning and some weeks I posed a question and it was fascinating to here different people stories. What it was like when they first moved to this country or experiences in other countries. The best meal people have had out and who with, or the best and most important present received and why.

I could tell you lots about my time in different countries and what I have had the chance to learn. All of these experiences are what makes us to be the people we are today.

Jesus was good at telling stories which help people to understand. In our 'Questions about God' this week someone told a story which illustrated what we were talking about. It made it make more sense and come alive.

1. Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
Things I would ask Him to tell me if He were here;
Scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
Stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

How does our story connect to God story? Because when we tell it no one can say it did not happen because it is our story. Have you told your faith story to those who know you? Maybe in this time of second lockdown we will have the time to write down our story and pass it on to others.

I was fascinated when I listened to my Mum tell her story alongside her brother both in their 80's at the time.

If you have a story to tell do write it down and send it to me maybe we can use it in the Newsletter.

God bless your two weeks and I will be back on 15th Nov

Nigel

Encounter Programme 20-21 - Encounter Programme 2020-21 commencing Saturday 28 November - The Learning Network are pleased to announce the start of a new Encounter Course. If you have ever wondered what God is calling you to do, or unsure of the next steps in your Christian journey, then this is the course for you. The course runs over nine sessions and is free to attend. For more information download a flyer, or contact Sharon Nugent for an informal chat.

For Our Prayers

<i>The Rodway family</i>	<i>Pauline has been diagnosed with cancer</i>
<i>Mary Weathley</i>	<i>Diagnosed with cancer</i>
<i>Roxanne Bashir</i>	<i>Receiving treatment</i>
<i>The Church</i>	<i>For God's grace and guidance as we return to church</i>
<i>Nigeria</i>	<i>Conflict in southern Nigeria</i>

Unemployed people seeking work
All those suffering from cancer/ dementia
All those who are housebound or in Care Homes
*Those receiving ongoing medical treatment or awaiting/
receiving/recovering from surgery*
All those finding life stressful
The situations in Iraq/ Iran/ Afghanistan/ Syria/ Israel/ Gaza/ Yeman/ Nigeria

Please give notices to Mary King. All submissions to be received before Wednesday evening for inclusion in the next issue. Leave a message or e-mail: mary.eninfulking@btinternet.com