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The ICEH is a global network, delivering excellence in research, education and capacity to improve eye health worldwide through collaborative partnerships. Low and middle-income countries experience most of the vision loss but have fewer trained healthcare professionals to deal with the problem.


One of the programmes of the ICEH is the very successful VISION 2020 LINKS & Networks Programme, which aims to build long-term partnerships between eye care institutions in the UK and those in low and middle-income countries. Clare Davey ran the LINK between Mulago Hospital, Kampala, Uganda and the Royal Free Hospital, London, between 2010 and 2020. Do look at the display of photographs at the back of the church which have been kindly provided by Terry Cooper who joined the LINK team in 2015 as project manager and photographer and in a survey of diabetic retinopathy.

Songs of Praise

What a joy it was last Sunday to join together in worship with our Methodist friends in the chapel. The service was well attended, and the hymns were chosen by members of both congregations and introduced by them.

Tell out my soul, the greatness of the Lord! - All creatures of our God and King – Jesu, lover of my soul – Crown him with many crowns – Great is thy faithfulness – O Jesus I have promised

Thankyou to those who organised this service of celebration, and to our chapel friends for hosting it.




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Sunday 6th October

Notices for the week

Our church is a member of the Wychert Vale family of churches



Services TODAY

9:00am **MATINS** led by David Pickup

10:30am **HARVEST FESTIVAL** with choir
led by Rev'd Phil Groves



Donations of non-perishable food will be taken to the Vineyard Church foodbank.

The following items would be particularly useful:

**Tinned Meat - Spreads (Jam etc) - UHT Milk
- Instant Noodles – Rice & individual
Microwave Rice – Pasta Sauces**

Services next week

10:30am **FAMILY COMMUNION**
led by Rev'd Nigel Featherston

6:00pm **HARVEST EVENSONG** with choir
at **SPP DINTON** led by David Pickup

The week ahead

Tue 8th 11:00am
7:30pm

CAFÉ IN THE PARK in the Jubilee Pavilion
CHOIR PRACTICE at 29b Eythrope Road

Thurs 10th 9:00am
8:00pm

LITTLE WRIGGLERS in the Jubilee Pavilion
naominz@hotmail.co.uk or mobile: 07425140887
UNPACKING THE BIBLE at 2 Stonecroft (by kind invitation) - another dip into the book of Kings with Richard Smith

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Matthew 6:25-33

Do Not Worry

²⁵ "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? ²⁷ Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

²⁸ "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. ²⁹ Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. ³⁰ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹ So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' ³² For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. ³³ But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

Jesus tells us not to worry about our life, or about material things. Yes, we should act responsibly and think ahead and plan ahead, but we should not WORRY ahead. Jesus tells us to trust in our Heavenly Father to provide for us because he already knows what we need. We cannot change anything for the better by worrying. There is a quote from Corrie Ten Boom the famous Dutch Christian lady who was sent to a concentration camp by the Nazis for hiding Jews during the war:

'worry does not empty tomorrow of sorrow, but it empties today of strength'.

So, let's learn to live one day at a time and learn to trust in God 'seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well'.



*Lord, please put Your peace in my heart.
I sometimes get worried and anxious.
Calm me, Lord.
Slow me down, put Your peace in my heart.
No matter what problem I have, Lord,
You are bigger,
You are more powerful than it is.
So I bring my problem to You.
I trust Your goodness and Your wisdom.
So I place myself in Your hands.
Please fill my heart with peace.
Amen*



Thankyou

We are very fortunate to have a team of such talented flower ladies who have, once again, decorated the church so beautifully for our harvest celebrations. The church looks splendid. **Thankyou** for all you do for our church.

Thankyou

Thankyou also to our choir who will be lifting our worship today. You are always such a joy to hear. Special thanks to Chris Ashbridge who organises the choir and plays the organ.

The choir will now be taking a well-deserved break for a week. The next practice will be on Tuesday 15th October at 29(b) Eythrope Road when new members will be welcome to join.

mice in the church

A family of mice has recently been spotted in the church. They may have come in now the nights are a bit colder. Perhaps they are attracted by the harvest produce. We have managed to capture them on camera for now, but maybe you will spot them yourself after the Harvest Festival service today.



Supper and graffiti

Supper and graffiti seemed like an odd combination at first. Would anyone come? Yes they did – forty people came for the fascinating talk from church historian Ken Minton. We learned much more about the people who worshipped in our church up to 800 years ago. Not only that but there was delicious homemade soup and cakes too! THANKYOU to everyone who contributed to this wonderful evening, and a really big thankyou To Sue Birrell for masterminding it all.