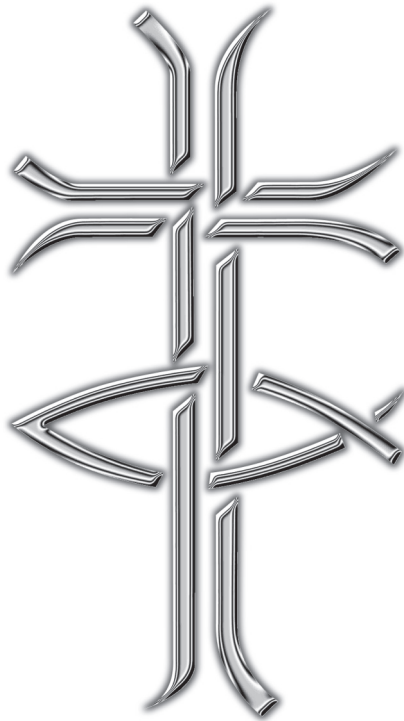


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# The Recorder

December '11 / January '12

News and views from Redland Park &  
New Brunswick United Reformed Churches



## Preachers for 11am Services Dec 2011

4th Rev. Ivan Fowler  
11th Angus Gregson  
(Includes Communion)  
18th Carol Debegeer – Gift Service.  
(Gifts will be given to Alabara)  
25th CHRISTMAS DAY – Brenda Drake  
(N.B. Service will commence at 10am)

## Preachers for 11am Services Jan 2012

1st NO SERVICE  
8th Angus Gregson  
(Includes Communion)  
15th Rev. Douglas Burnett  
22nd To Be Advised  
29th To Be Advised

### Women's Guild

The ladies will meet together on **Wednesday 7th December** for their Christmas Lunch. This will be an occasion tinged with sadness as it will also be the final meeting of the Guild after more than 60 glorious years.

It has been decided that the time has come to close the weekly meeting. Over the past few years numbers have dropped and those ladies who are still faithful would admit that age and infirmity is creeping up on them.

Over some 60 years the Guild has met in Faith and Fellowship week by week. Inviting speakers along to share the afternoon with them. You could always be assured of a warm welcome and a nice cup of tea!

During those years Christmas Fairs and Summer Fetes were always well supported by the ladies. Cake Stalls and handmade handicrafts were always their speciality. All the members have been generous with their time, their talents and have always supported the church in whatever way they could. Over the years their financial support has been wonderful.

Thank-you ladies (both past and present) for all the support you have given. You will be missed meeting on a Wednesday afternoon. But we look forward to continuing to see you as you worship with us Sunday by Sunday.

God Bless you all for the work you have done in His Name.

**Church Meeting** – Our next Church Meeting will be held on Thurs 8th December at 7:30pm.

### 150th Celebration

It was good to be able to share with the folk at Redland Park on this happy occasion. It was nice to meet up with friends old and new and to celebrate this wonderful milestone. Thank-you to everyone who worked so hard to make the day such a happy celebration. The flowers were beautiful. The lovely meal that was prepared was much enjoyed so thank you to the cooks. A service of praise, celebration and encouragement all made this a day to remember.

Thank-you for including the folk at New Brunswick and heres to the next 150 years!!

Christmas and new greetings to all our friends at Redland Park may the coming festive season be one full of God's richest blessing for you all. May God go with us into the new year with all its opportunities to serve Him day by day. Brenda

## Dear Friends,

With the season of Christmas now with us there is that sense of anticipation of something new and something special, Christmas is well placed to help us deal with the short and sometimes gloomy days that December can bring, not to mention the wind and the cold. We need that light in the darkness. All people have a particular need of light that is deep within us. This year in particular all of this has some real relevance. With gloomy economic forecasts there is uncertainty for many, for jobs and for families. Too often Christmas can be seen in sentimental terms. Actually I have to admit that I love the feeling of cosiness etc that. That is why the same decorations come out year after year. I can happily "Do" sentimental most Christmases. But beyond that there is real sense of hope that Christmas does bring to the most difficult of situations. When in Luke's gospel Mary sings the song of rebellion that we know as the Magnificat (Luke 1.47-56) she sings of the the hungry being filled with good things, and the rich being sent empty away.

Our celebration of our 150th anniversary on November 20th was truly a wonderful day. The church was packed. We started with an open-air act of witness at the Urijah Thomas memorial, drawing many a curious look from those driving by, before walking in witness back to the

church. In the service we celebrated the founding vision of Redland Park Church and the particular inspiration of Urijah Thomas. It was very much his inspiration that saw that many poor within the city of Bristol were fed. The work of the Bristol Children's Help Society and the Shaftesbury Crusade are examples of that. Linking in with all of that the Moderator, the Reverend David Grosch-Miller talked of the current economic situation and what Jesus might bring to all of that. Quite what Jesus would do, I can only imagine. But it would be something very different from what we have now. He would bring a sense of fairness. He would be outraged at the growing gap between rich and poor, which is increasingly being recognised by many commentators. He would be making his views known. He would be making known the Kingdom of God.

We have a lot to be thankful for. At Redland Park we have God's generosity to be thankful for, as evidenced in the past 150 years. But the gospel proclaimed in 1861 is still very much relevant and needed in 2011. The ways in which we express it have changed, the human needs are so different.

Happy Christmas, Christ has come!

*Dougie*





Please keep Henry and Joyce Dickenson in your prayers – Henry has recovered from pneumonia and is hoping to be home soon, with some support.

Congratulations to Angus Gregson who won the award of Secondary Science Teacher of the Year recently; well done Angus.

A big Thank You and congratulations to Derek Skelcher who celebrates his 80th birthday on the 12th December whilst we all enjoy his 80th lyric for The Recorder.

We send our condolences to Becky Hayden, whose mother has just died of cancer, and we think of her, Andrew and her family.

We were sorry to hear that Lydia Edwards has recently suffered an altercation with a bus, and has an injured foot; we hope that she recovers quickly with no lasting damage.

It is good to see Margaret Prigg well enough to come to church once again, to Cliff Woollon, and we think of all those who are not able to come as often as they would like and for whom life can be a struggle.

We also pray for all those members and friends we know who need our prayers at this time.



Dear Sally,

My wife and I would both like to thank you for the kind invitation to join your congregation on the special occasion of the 150th celebration of Urijah Thomas being appointed to your church. We experienced a most friendly welcome and spoke with many of your members who showed great interest in Barton.

Please may I ask you to make everyone aware of how pleased we were to join with you and have such an excellent lunch.

I am sure everyone must be delighted how well everything went. The weather was kind, the Church was packed and looked beautiful with

all the flower arrangements. All the hard work was certainly rewarded.

I would like to thank also everyone for their support of Barton. I hope that you will be able to arrange a visit next year when I will be delighted to welcome to the site where so many children get pleasure.

Yours sincerely

Michael Hardick MBE  
Chairman BCHS

## What's On?



### CHRISTMAS CAROLS & READINGS

A long-standing institution in the city, Bristol Bach Choir's Christmas concerts are a glorious mixture of old and new music, readings and audience carols. An evening where the music reflects the true spirit of Christmas, moving, thrilling and entertaining, with a selection of readings to make you ponder or laugh out loud.

Tickets from £10-£20 available from [www.bristolbach.org.uk](http://www.bristolbach.org.uk) / 0117 214 0721 or just ask Angus Gregson to get them for you.

**When:** Friday 16 & Saturday 17 December 2011

**Where:** St George's, Brandon Hill

### BACH CHRISTMAS ORATORIO AT THE COLSTON HALL

On Saturday 17 December Bristol Choral Society will present Bach's Christmas Oratorio at the Colston Hall at 7pm. Conceived as a set of six cantatas, each to celebrate a different day between Christmas Day and Epiphany, the music is stuffed with spine-tingling choruses and heartfelt arias that convey the Christmas message in a profoundly moving way.

They will be performing parts 1, 2, 3 and 6, with 'the international Evangelist of choice' (The Independent) Mark Padmore singing the role of the Evangelist, with three other fine soloists and baroque ensemble The Corelli Orchestra under conductor Adrian Partington.

**When:** Saturday 17 December 7pm

**Where:** Colston Hall

For those who would like to support the children in a school on Pemba...

Les Fry has come across a class of dumb children with no resources at all, so items such as jigsaws, sorting games, educational toys and cuddly toys would be very much appreciated, or money to send the children out on a day trip would also be put to good use. Many thanks, Carol



### 150th Anniversary Service

As a result of the collection at the anniversary service, Barton Camp & Help! will each receive £426.71 including Gift Aid we shall later recover.

Thanks to all, David Hayden

# Redland Park Church Meeting Minutes 30/10/11

Opening devotions were led by The Minister. There were 33 present. Apologies for absence were received.

Minutes of the previous meeting (previously in the recorder) were approved and signed.

## NO MATTERS ARISING.

## ELDERS

Dougie thanked the retiring elders, Carole Atter, Audrey Bryant and Anne Neugebauer for their work serving as elders. There had been a good response for nominations of elders. 7 people had agreed to stand as elders. Dougie explained to the meeting we had been rather thin on the ground at some elders meetings so it had been decided that we should now have 7 new elders this time. He said we had a lot of work to do in the future to encourage people to become members of Redland Park. The meeting passed the names of the prospective elders.

## 150TH CELEBRATIONS

Dougie thanked Carol Fry and Helena McKinnon for arranging the churches trip to Barton Camp. It had been a very successful afternoon and inspirational connecting the camp to Redland Park all those years ago. Michael Hardwicke, of Barton Camp, had told us of the history of the camp and of the connection with Redland Park and Urijah Thomas. He said one child had told him the best thing about staying at the camp was to have a bed to sleep on as he did not have one at home.

Gwyneth Hebblethwaite told the meeting she could remember going to the camp when they slept in hammocks and she fell out the first night.

We hope to nominate the camp as one of our charities next year.

R.A.C.E. at the beginning of October had been very successful about 260 people had turned up at various times. Dougie thanked Matt Lloyd (G.D.S.) for lighting the church in the Olympic colours and for sponsoring the Olympic mascot Wenloc. Many children had their photo taken with him. The feed back from St John's school had been very good.

Dougie has been in touch with various Olympiads including Grace Isaacs who swam in the 1952 Olympics in Helsinki .

On November 20th there will be a gathering at the Urijah Thomas memorial on the Blackboy at 10.00am. a few words will be said and All people that on earth do dwell will be sung. If anyone wants to dress in dress of the decades let Dougie know.

The Lord Mayor and Stephen Williams will attend. Dougie will send an article to the Bristol Times. Myra Jones suggested Trevor Fry ( Radio Bristol ) should be contacted to advertise our service.

Anne Neugebauer has written a sketch about Urijah for the service. The Koreans will be joining us at the service and lunch.

Sally suggested that lunch should be between 12.15 and 12.30pm. Coffee will be served in the church after the service. It was suggested people had name tabs as they came into the church.

## CHURCH IN SOCIETY

Myra reported that the Harvest Sale had gone well raising about £300 and the Harvest lunch just over £100.

The Gift service for Caring at Christmas will be held on Sunday 11th December.

Our Giving Tree that the 3 Churches arrange will be at the Gym on the Blackboy again this year. It has proved to be very successful for non church people.

We would have more fund raising for HELP.

Redland Park had done the soup run for the 5 Saturdays in October thanks to all who had helped.

The One World week service was being held at Tyndale Baptist on 30th October. The preacher is to be Rev Angela Steele.

There would be a Remembrance Service at the War Memorial on the corner of Apsley Road and Whiteladies Road commencing at 10.50am.

Myra reported that thanks to Edward Duffield of Tyndale Baptist funding, even though cut by 6%, had been secured for the Tyndale Circle. Myra said more helpers were needed at the circle. If people could help, please see David Hayden or Myra.

## MINISTERIAL MATTERS

Dougie reported a candidate for the Korean S.C.M. post was going to come and see the Koreans on Sunday 6th November. Dougie will be at the meeting in his capacity as Interim Moderator.

## SECRETARIAL MATTERS

Sally reported that Joyce Hamblin and Effie Knights had left legacies to the church. The finance and elders meeting had agreed that the flower fund should be given £500 from these legacies as Joyce had been in charge of flowers at the

church for many years and Effie had taken a major role on the flower committee.

The church will be decorated for the 150th during the evening on 17th November as there are music exams during the week including Saturday 20th November.

The flower arranging class which Janet Owen and Sally attend are coming to help the flower ladies.

Myra suggested we include the Downs as well as the Suspension Bridge in our decorations.

## FINANCE

In the absence of the church treasurer John Neugebauer reported that everything was up to date. The accounts had been submitted some while ago. We would, because of spending money on the property, be £10-£15000 overspent at the end of the year. Normally the overspend would have been closer to £5000. It is proposed we have a full appeal for church giving in January 2012. patterns of giving need to be addressed.

## NEWS OF MEMBERS

News of members was shared.

## A.O.B.

Jane Rogers said the Welsh Congregation Church had now closed and she had been left with their communion set and wondered what to do with it. Sally suggested she ask the Koreans if they would like the set.

Norman Crick suggested we wear badges on a Sunday as he found it difficult to know who was who.

The meeting ended with prayer.

The next Church Meeting will be held on Sunday 15th January 2012 at 11.45am.

# RING OUT THOSE BELLS!



Ring out those bells, today the break of dawn  
In acclamation of a child that's born,  
Has seen the flow'ring of the Christmas Thorn!  
Ring out those bells!

Ring out those bells, the night before was clear  
And bright with stars, when angel hosts appeared,  
To tell the world there baby Lord was born!  
Ring out those bells!

Ring out those bells, a star has come to rest  
Above an inn where lies a holy guest.  
Three men of wisdom soon will end their quest.  
Ring out those bells!

Ring out those bells and let the whole world sing  
In praise and glory of this new-born King;  
This Holy Child and of the love He brings.  
Ring out those bells!

Ring out those bells, then ring them out again.  
Ring out those bells down every country lane;  
Ring out those bells, it's Christmas Day again!  
Ring out those bells!

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# Redland Park Church Calendar



## DECEMBER

Thurs 1st	2.30pm	1st Thursday ' Christmas for the Asking' Helena Mckinnon
Sun 4th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Induction of New Elders Communion
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
Wed 7th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Sat 10th	8.30am	Scouts Christmas Tree Sale
Sun 11th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett Gift Service for Caring at Christmas
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
	6.00pm	Service of Prayer and Praise
Sun 18th		NO MORNING WORSHIP
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
	3.30pm	FAMILY CAROL SERVICE – Tea after the service
Sat 24th	3.30pm	Children's Activities & Crib Service
Sun 25th	10.00am	<b>CHRISTMAS DAY – SERVICE AT TYNDALE BAPTIST</b>

## JANUARY 2012

Sun 1st	10.30am	JOINT SERVICE at VICTORIA METHODIST
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
Wed 4th	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Thurs 5th	2.30pm	1st Thursday
Sun 8th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
Sun 15th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
	11.45am	CHURCH MEETING
Sun 22nd	10.30am	Family Worship Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room
Sun 29th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Café Church
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room

## FEBRUARY 2012

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Elders Meeting
Thurs 2nd	2.30pm	1st Thursday
Sun 5th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion
	10.30am	Korean Worship Upper Room

# Keeping up with the vicar Pt 21 Angus Gregson

Here are the Lectionary readings for December, January and the first Sunday in February. This sees us waiting through Advent with a series of readings from Isaiah, and a final focus on Mary before Christmas arrives on Sunday.

For the first half of January we see the power of God as he calls by name... his son, the universe, the boy Samuel. And then we move into a series of readings highlighting how God promises and achieves through us (sometimes despite our efforts) more than we could imagine. And we really get going on this year's gospel in focus, Mark.

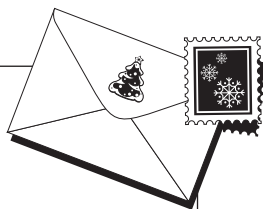
Many preachers use the lectionary readings as a basis for their preaching. The suggestion is to read them sometime in the week before Sunday worship so that if they are the ones used, it might help you get a bit more from the sermon. Happy Advent, Christmas and New Year.

Dec	OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
4th	Advent 2	Isaiah 40:1-11	85:1-2, 8-13	Mark 1:1-8 2 Peter 3:8-15a
11th	Advent 3	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	126	John 1:6-8, 19-28 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
18th	Advent 4	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	89:1-4, 19-26	Luke 1:26-38 Romans 16:25-27
25th	Isaiah 52:7-10	98	John 1:1-14	Hebrews 1:1-4
Jan				
1st	Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3	148	Luke 2:22-40	Galatians 4:4-7
8th	Genesis 1:1-5	29	Mark 1:4-11	Acts 19:1-7
15th	1 Samuel 3:1-10	139:1-6, 13-18	John 1:43-51	1 Corinthians 6:12-20
22nd	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	62:5-12	Mark 1:14-20	1 Corinthians 7:29-31
29th	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	111	Mark 1:21-28	1 Corinthians 8:1-13
Feb				
5th	Isaiah 40:21-31	147:1-11, 20c	Mark 1:29-39	1 Corinthians 9:16-23

## CHRISTMAS POST

The usual church postal service will operate again this year on December 4 & 11. The final distribution will be at the Carol Service on the afternoon of December 18.

David Hayden



# Secretary's Notes by Sally King



Firstly a very big thank you for all those who helped make the Redland Park 150th anniversary service such a success. It certainly was a wonderful occasion. How good it was to have our Moderator David, Cyril, Tony and Colin with us and of course the photo of Basil Sims sitting on the communion table. There were many familiar faces in the congregation including our friends from New Brunswick and our Korean church.

Now of course it is Advent. As I write this only 4 weeks until Christmas.

We shall be continuing with our R.A.C.E. theme through the next few months.

There is also going to be a concert in February. So watch this space.

This year our candlelight carol service is going to be held at 3.30p.m on 18th December. We hope our young families will be able to attend with their children. There will be a tea after the service. As usual we will be having our crib service on Christmas Eve when every one is invited including children, mums, dads, grandparents and you.

We look forward to seeing our dear friend Les Fry during the Christmas period while he is here on holiday from Pembra.

A very Happy Christmas and New Year, Best wishes *Sally*



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*Merry Christmas*  
See you in February...

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