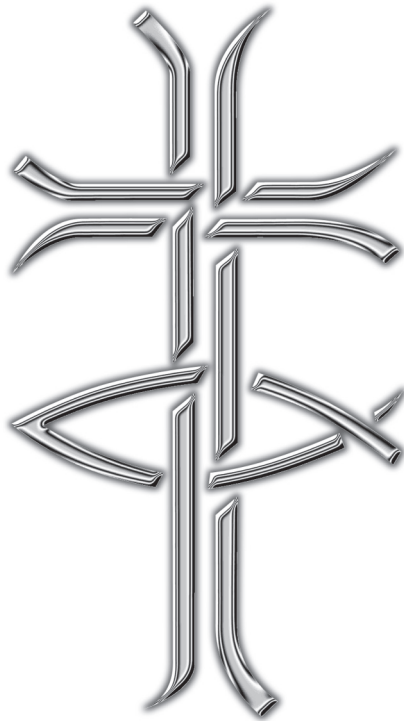


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Preachers for 11am Services 2011

June 5th	Carol Debecker
12th	Rev. Mary Piggott (Communion and Cradle Roll)
19th	Angus Gregson
26th	Rev. Douglas Burnett

Speakers for Womens' Guild

June 1st	D.I.Y	22nd	To be advised
8th	Maisie Green	29th	Dorothy Frampton
15th	To be advised		

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 16th June at 7:30pm will be our Church A.G.M. Everyone is welcome.

We continue to think of those who are still not enjoying good health. We uphold, at this time the family and friends of Gladys Homer as they come to terms with her passing. We pray that Gods loving arms will surround them and give them comfort as they grieve. (A tribute to Gladys is on page 3)

Keeping up with the vicar Pt 16 Angus Gregson

Here are the Lectionary readings for June and the first Sunday in July. Pentecost – the birth day of the church - concludes the "Season of Easter" and the replacement of an Old Testament reading with one from Acts. We also then return to Matthew's gospel, with the great commission, and promises of Jesus to support us as we carry out his work. The other readings largely seem to be exemplifying that if we ensure God is central then he can build us to be the community he planned us to be.

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.

June	(not the) OT	Psalm	Gospel	NT
5th	Acts 1:6-14	68:1-10, 32-35	John 17:1-11	1 Peter 4:12-14
12th	Acts 2:1-21 <i>meanwhile, back at the OT</i>	104:24-35	John 20:19-23 <i>and back to Matthew</i>	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13
19th	Genesis 1:1-2, 4a	8	Matthew 28:16-20	2 Corinthians 13:11-13
26th	Jeremiah 28:5-9	13	Matthew 10:40-42	Romans 6:12-23
July 3rd	Zechariah 9:9-12	145:8-14	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30	Romans 7:51-25a

Vestry Vibes by Douglas Burnett



Dear all,

So have you applied for tickets for London 2012? Lucy and I have. We are waiting to hear whether we have been successful in getting any tickets. Nothing yet, but we live in hope. Speaking with friends and relatives many have applied for tickets – and none yet it seems have got any tickets either! Did you know that the Olympics and Paralympics are very much value based events? At the present moment a few of us are putting together a community project for London 2012 and as such have been discovering these things. The Olympic values are those of respect, excellence and friendship. The paralympic values are those of courage, determination, inspiration and equality. Churches across the country are being encouraged to run events and projects which link in with London 2012. This can certainly work at the practical level with fitness, sport etc. Everyone will be very aware on the months to come of the fitness of those athletes preparing for what is called "the biggest show on earth." But maybe through those values we can also explore some of the deeper aspects of what it means to be human?

One thing I've been trying to find out about is the theology of the Olympics, if you like. There isn't much of that about when I try to find some pointers as to why we seek to engage with these events. So let me share instead some thoughts from which I am trying to work. The values listed above are very much the values that scripture celebrates. They are very relational. They describe not just individuals but society as well. There is something there of loving God and one's neighbour as one's self. There is something here of understanding and developing in our communities the "life in all its fullness" that John describes in John 3. The bible certainly involves various metaphors about "running the race" set before us. I suppose the point is that sport is never just sport, that it always brings with it deeper issues of belonging, loyalty, perseverance etc.

London 2012 is what everyone will be talking about in the months to come. I hope and pray that our community project will give us great opportunities to interact with our community and share what is meaningful to us. The intention is to create a project that is cross-generational and which will involve all. We need you to be part of it! In the meantime if you get tickets and I don't, remember me!



Dougie



We think of Mark Siddall at present who is considering a call to the ministry, and to Erica who started a new job recently.

Several people from Redland Park will remember Justin Nicole coming to speak about her work for Tearfund in Afghanistan last year; she has been home on holiday recently but has now returned to the country. She says the situation in Afghanistan is getting worse and more dangerous for everyone. Please remember her in your prayers.

We also think of some of our young people who are revising and taking exams at present - Jess Rodgers, Lucy Burnett, Charmaine Mutari, Kobby Edwards, and any others.

Congratulations to Will and Catherine Robsertson who celebrate the birth of their new son Thomas.

Congratulations to Isabella Burnett, who is now a fully fledged Special Constable based at Southmead Police Station.

Joyce Pimm has had to undergo another eye operation recently and we pray for her as she recovers.

We are thankful that Teame Mebrahtu continues to feel better following chemotherapy and we hope this will be successful.

We also think of our friends who cannot always come to church; please keep them in your prayers – Cliff Woollon, Henry and Joyce, Peter and Anna, Elizabeth Sutherland and Olive Howell, and anyone else you may know of.

CELL GROUPS

A 'Cell' is a group of people who meet in each other's home once a week. The meetings operate loosely around a structure of: Welcome - Worship - Word - Witness, using Dougie's sermon from the previous Sunday as material for discussion. It is a very safe and relaxed environment in which faith can be explored openly, honestly and prayerfully.

There are now three Cell groups who meet at the following times:

- Monday, 7:30 -9:00pm: contact **Les Brentley** and **Les Fry**
- Tuesday, 7:30 -9:00pm: contact **John Neugebauer**
- Saturday, 10:00am -11:30: contact **Dougie Burnett**

If you'd like any more information or would be interested in joining a Cell group, please contact any of the above leaders.

∞ Gladys Homer Tribute ∞

It was with much sadness that we gathered on Wednesday 18th May for the funeral service of our dear friend Gladys Homer.

The service was lead by the Rev. Ivan Fowler who read selected verses from Proverbs 31

Verses 10-28. Two of Gladys favourite hymns were sung, 'Make me a channel of your Peace' and 'Abide with me'.

Gladys Edith May Homer was born on 24th December 1923. She was a loving Wife, Mother, Grandmother, Great Grandmother and friend.

Gladys was a Land Army Girl, something of which she was immensely proud. It gave her a love of the countryside and nature. A love that continued into her later years as she took delight in the birds and wildlife that frequented her garden.

She met Bill, her husband, as a young girl when their families shared a house in Montpellier. They married in 1945. Gladys became friends with Marion, Bills sister, and a close bond was formed. This bond would see them become Mothers, Grandmothers and Widows together.

Gladys and Bill moved to Southmead and even with a young family opened their home and hearts to Bill's Aunt, sister and brother who all lived with them at various times. Later as the Grandchildren came along they took great delight in looking after them when they were small.

When her family grew up and left home she always took great delight in hearing from them, this was especially true of the Grandchildren and they remained an integral part of her life until the end.

As well as family, Gladys loved her church and all associated with it. She took great

comfort in the friends she made after losing Bill. Gladys became an avid member of the 'Women's Guild' and various other local clubs. Organising short breaks and holidays for all the members. She did, of course, enjoy these trips very much herself. Gladys also worked hard when it was time for Summer Fetes or Christmas Bazaars.

In later years her joy of 'looking after' others continued as she was an avid collector for her charities. Her front room was always full of gifts for those less fortunate children especially in Rumania. She would fill shoe boxes and was always pleased to receive 'odd' bits of wool to knit for those in need.

In more recent years, due to the restrictions of ill health, Gladys would often only be able to make it to Church on a Sunday or Guild on a Wednesday but this time she cherished and took a lot of fond memories from. She will be much missed by the folk at New Brunswick where her love was shared with many. Whether you were young or old Gladys was always interested in you as a person. Never wanting to trouble you with her problems. She was always smiling and encouraging despite her health problems. Gladys was always there with a listening ear and a word of advice. An inspiration to us all to 'carry on' and make the most of what life deals you. This attitude was, in no small part, due to her great Faith which she was happy to share at every given opportunity.

Gladys was a strong willed and this helped when her health deteriorated. She was also a gentle and peace loving lady.

The precious memories we have of this lovely lady will remain with us and will never be forgotten and our lives have been made richer for having known her.

Brenda Drake

Redland Park Church Calendar



JUNE

Wed 1st	7.30pm	Elders
Thurs 2nd	3.00pm	1st Thursday
Sun 5th	10.30am	Morning Worship Rev Dougie Burnett – Communion
	10.30am	Korean Worship – Upper Room
Sun 12th	10.30am	Morning worship – Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship – Upper room
	6.00pm til 7.15pm	Service of Prayer and praise
Sun 19th	10.30am	Morning Worship – Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship – Upper room
Sun 26th	10.30am	Morning Worship – led by Cell Groups
	10.30am	Korean Worship – Upper room
	6.00pm til 7.15pm	Service of Prayer and praise

JULY

Sun 3rd	10.30am	Morning worship – Rev Dougie Burnett
	10.30am	Korean Worship – Upper room
Thurs 7th	2.30pm	1st Thursday – The Owens, Abbots Leigh



FIRST THURSDAY PROGRAMME

July 7 - Garden Party

Mal & Janet Owen invite us to share with them their tranquil garden at Abbots Leigh

FIRST THURSDAY 5.5.11

Legal Twists and Turns Angus Gregson

Andrew began his talk by saying that advocacy requires a wider range of activities other than just standing up in court to make a case. It involves resolving legal problems by correspondence, discussions between adversaries and hopefully conciliation. Recourse to confrontation in court is usually a last resort.

Most of his work came by recommendation from former clients, friends and friends of friends, which resulted in a varied and interesting workload. The current tendency is for solicitors to specialise, which he thought regrettable, and he instanced five solicitor church members who are specialists in their field.

One of the few advantages of getting old is a growing awareness of the absurdities of life, usually amusing. Andrew seems to have acquired this awareness at an early age and regaled

those present with many frank and amusing anecdotes of his life as a solicitor – all delivered with relish and great humour.

He deplored the tendency of the previous government to produce complicated, tortuous and abstruse legislation to the dismay of solicitors and clients alike.

Andrew then produced the Deed covering the purchase of the land, on which the church stands, from WD & HO Wills. It was an impressive document, both in its size and the beautiful handwriting, and attracted considerable interest.

Janet Owen thanked Andrew for his interesting and entertaining talk which was seconded by everyone present.

Mal Rogers

Reflection on Psalm 23 by David Lloyd

Life comes to me as a gracious gift, there is no limit to its plenitude
 I am invited to celebrate life's tumultuous dance and feel rested at home in this world.
 Images of quietness and stillness are still on offer in a world often arid and dry.
 I am invited to find myself and to be fully mature.
 With his in mind, I am likely to do the right thing, or at least look for it.
 These values are of the very highest order.
 I accept my own finitude and it's alright to me.
 So this world can do its worst. I remain optimistic.
 There is that in life which reassures me that it is alright.
 The challenge of life and the many hidden blessings of life are a comfort to me.
 Surely my best values shall influence me throughout my life.
 These values may be summed up in compassion and clemency and love.
 Where I come from is a mystery.
 Where I'm going is a mystery.
 But I'm up for it.
 And I'm grateful.

What's On?



CHRISTIAN AID DAY 21 May 2011

This year the weather was on our side and it was wonderful to be able to have most of the stalls outside and this also meant that people were happy to stop and browse

We had help with the bookstall from our friends from Tyndale who supplied a vast quantity of books, which were much appreciated, and the plant stall and bric-a-brac did a brisk trade. It was good to be able to stop for a coffee and later on to enjoy some of the delicious food cooked by our Korean friends.

The total for the day was £814.07 with some extras coming in afterwards.

Thank you to all helped beforehand and on the day.

CHRISTIAN AID WEEK

15 – 21 May 2011

A big thank you, from me, to all those who collected in the streets of Redland during Christian Aid Week. Altogether we collected a total of £1196.22 (+ £163.93 Gift Aid). This is more than last year much to the surprise of the collectors who had not had very good responses.

As usual some of our collectors did much better this year whilst others found their roads rather disappointing! Everyone who collected, whatever the amount, knows that the money will go to help the poor of our world through Christian Aid.

So again a big THANK YOU to all our collectors.

JANET OWEN



Three in One Copyright Derek Skelcher 1993



Three in one and one in three,
Praise the Holy Trinity,
Power of Divine Majesty,
Eternal Glory!

Three in one and one in three,
Glorify it's unity;
Guards us from adversity
And reigns in Glory.
There is but one Father,
There is but one Son.
Just one Holy Spirit
Glorified in One.

Three in one and one in three,
Ever Blessed Trinity,
Union of Divinity,
Acclaim its Glory.

Glory to the Father
Glory to the Son,
With the Holy Spirit
Making three in one.
Three in one and one in three,
Co-eternal Trinity,
Trinity in Unity,
Worship its Glory

IMPACT Redland Park's International Charity

Action today is to prevent disability tomorrow.

This charity is celebrating its 25th year of helping with the prevention of disability. The World Health Organisation estimates about 10% of the World's population is disabled this may be an underestimate as many disabled people are hidden and excluded from Society. The developing world has 80% of this estimate, due often to ignorance, poor health services, and a general lack of treatments and procedures to improve health. Disability in a family increases their chances of poverty. IMPACT is working to improve life chances of the third world.

The priorities are:

- Early identification and treatment.
- Making surgery accessible to restore eyesight, hearing and mobility. Also hare lip and cleft palate.
- Safer maternity services, and training for birth attendants.
- Access to immunisation, to prevent disease in children and eradicate polio.
- Improve nutrition
- Provide safe water, with arsenic filters in Bangladesh, and sanitation.

Local IMP ACT

Personnel working locally on a routine basis training local people, with good health practice, and simple medical procedures.

HEALTH IS WEALTH. Impact is currently working in Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Operation Cataract, one of the early projects, has treated over 3000 people. At first using a local hotel.

Polio causes severs disability in children, surgical 'camps' were set up to restore mobility using local people.

Lifeline Express is a surgical train which reaches remote areas, this is equipped to a very high standard, so the volunteer medical staff are willing to offer their services. 'Jbson Tan, Boat of Life, is a floating hospital, operating on cataracts one day ENT treatments the next day, and orthopaedic surgery to improve mobility the day after. Hundreds of patients are thus treated.

Impact helps with emergency services in times of crisis, such as floods and earthquakes in Bangladesh, the hospital train helped Gujarat earthquake victims in 2001. In 2005 Impact took

A healthy eating programme to schools in the UK.

This Charity, our choice for this year, is relatively small, but it does worthwhile work economical-, 87p of each £1 goes to its work.

So far Redland Park has raised in excess of £2500, this is largely due to the excellent Art Exhibition last year.

Secretary's Notes by Sally King



This month I feel I have to say 'a Big Thank You' to some of our members. Janet Owen, since 1999, has been responsible for Christian Aid at Redland Park. This is a very important job in our church. Janet has decided to retire from being responsible for Christian Aid. I think she took over the job from me. Thank you Janet. If you could take this role on in our church please let me know. It is very important we continue supporting Christian Aid.

The next Thank You is to David and Viv Hayden for organising 1st Thursday for the more senior people in our Church. This, over the past 5years, has been so successful, having been to a couple of meetings everyone seems to have enjoyed their time together once a month. Thank you David and Viv. I believe a new committee has taken over from them.

Christian Aid Day was very successful so we have decided to have a Harvest Sale on 24th September at the front of the church to raise funds for our Church. Please keep the date free to come and support. Details later. The Harvest festival service will be the next day 25th September when we shall have a harvest lunch.

We still need lots more fund raising so please think of ideas.

At the beginning of July Les Fry will be leaving us to do VSO on the Island of Pemba in the Indian Ocean, part of Tanzania. This will extend his educational career. Les we will miss you so much. Our love, thoughts and prayers go with you. Just remember this is only a sabbatical from Redland Park.

Best wishes, *Sally*

FLOWERS

Just at the moment all we seem to be asking for is money. Every Sunday there are flowers in our church. Thanks to the team that arrange them every week, and give extra time for special occasions.



As the flower fund does not receive any direct funding from the church, therefore donations would be gratefully received.

Thank you very much to members of the congregation, who have been giving towards the flowers, some for many years. Best wishes, Sally

Deadline for contributions for the **July/August**
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