

## CIRCUIT CALENDAR SEPTEMBER—NOVEMBER 2016

### SEPTEMBER 2016

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|-----------|---|---------|----------------------------|
| 1st       | Super's & Stewards meeting                  | 7.30pm  | Larkfield                  |
| 5th/6th   | Area Group meetings                         | Daytime | In areas                   |
| 7th       | Local Preacher's & Worship Leader's meeting | 7.30pm  | Spital Street              |
| 8th       | Property meeting                            | 2.30pm  | TBA                        |
| 10th      | Synod                                       | 10-4pm  | Woking                     |
| 11th      | Circuit Service                             | 3.00pm  | St. Luke's                 |
| 13th      | All Minister's meeting                      | 12noon  | The Brent                  |
| 15th      | Circuit meeting                             | 7.30pm  | Hextable                   |
| 17th      | Wesley's Chapel visit                       | 9am-3pm | Meet Union St or Larkfield |
| 19th/20th | Area Group meetings                         | Daytime | In areas                   |
| w/c 26th  | Worship consultation meetings               | TBA     | Local churches             |
| 28th      | Staff meeting                               | 10am    | Union Street               |

### OCTOBER 2016                      **OCTOBER COUNT TAKES PLACE**

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| 3rd       | Plan dates deadline           | Candidates application deadline |               |
| 3rd/4th   | Area Group meetings           | Daytime                         | In areas      |
| 4th       | Super's & Stewards meeting    | 7.30pm                          | Larkfield     |
| 11th-13th | Super's Residential           | All Day                         | Chilston Park |
| 17th/18th | Area Group meetings           | Daytime                         | In areas      |
| 18th      | Manse Steward's meeting       | 7.30pm                          | St. Luke's    |
| 24th      | Plan available on Chrestos    |                                 |               |
| 26th      | Staff meeting                 | 10am                            | Union Street  |
| 31st      | Hard copies of plan available |                                 |               |

### NOVEMBER 2016                      **STATISTICS FOR MISSION DUE**

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|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------------|
| 2nd       | Super's & Stewards meeting       | 7.30pm    | Larkfield             |
| 7th/8th   | Area Group meetings              | Daytime   | In areas              |
| 15th      | All Minister's meeting           | 12noon    | St. Alban's           |
| 21st      | Area Group meetings              | Daytime   | In areas              |
| 26th/27th | 3Generate Youth Weekend          | Day/Night | Connexional Gathering |
| 29th      | Local Preacher's Support meeting | 7.30pm    | Larkfield             |
| 30th      | Staff meeting                    | 10am      | Union Street          |
| 30th      | Local Preacher's Support meeting | 7.30pm    | Hartlip               |



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## **CIRCUIT NEWS AUTUMN 2016**



## NEWS FROM THE BRENT

Jane Braund started her ministerial training a couple of years ago and she has now moved to Warwickshire with her husband, to take up her first post there. We had a lovely Bring and Share lunch for them after the service on 31st July, to send them on their way and wish them well. Please keep Jane and Andy in your prayers.

On Sunday 7th August, Velma led us in a very moving Healing Service during which many people gave their testimony, including one of our young people. Sharing what God is doing in our lives is such a powerful encouragement to everyone and we all felt blessed by being there. We look forward to the next Healing Service.

We are also looking forward to our Harvest Thanksgiving on 18th September, when we will all gather to share a meal in the Westcombe Hall, with holy communion. Once again our meal will be cooked by Steve, from the Vineyard, and we are grateful to him for doing this for us, especially as his own health is not too good at the moment. May God bless his work.

On 23rd September, Simon Pooley will be joining a party of Christians travelling to Uganda, visiting several prisons and single parent projects. We will be sending a cash gift from the Brent, together with our love and donations of clothing for those they will be visiting. We ask God to bless this trip, and pray that many of those they visit will give their lives to Him.

Finally, we are planning an Advent Course at the Brent, to run on four consecutive Tuesday evenings at 7.30pm: 22nd and 29th November, and 6th and 13th December 2016. The course will be run by Velma and Deacon Jane Paine. We are hoping to be joined by friends from Spital Street, Hextable and Sutton at Hone as well as St Andrew's and perhaps Gravesend. All are welcome to join us as we prepare for Christmas, so please put these dates in your diary!

May God continue to guide and uphold His congregation at the Brent, and bless us as we strive to serve Him.

Amen

## NEWS FROM SWANSCOMBE

Wow, you should see our church now, it looks brilliant. The decorators have done a fantastic job.

Getting ahead of myself here, in June we had our usual "Coffee Morning", but with a difference, we had to hold it in the school room and out on the terrace/patio. (Posh name for the small area at the side of our church). We were lucky the weather was hot and sunny. We set up tables outside with bric-a-brac and tables for people to enjoy coffee/tea etc. The decorators enjoyed having cakes for elevenses, we didn't let them stop for long!

As the work progressed in the church, we decided on changes as it went along, C & G Decorators of Bexley could not have been more accommodating. Paint was a problem as our choice would not cover the walls! Many tester pots later we got the right colour. We boarded in the front of the church, over the wood panelling, then decided to paint the wood panelling—this was not on the original quote. When they had finished they even put up the new projector screen for us and left the premises neat and tidy.

We still had a lot of dust from all the preparation work, so we had a "working party" with members and friends of the church helping to get the church spotless for our Anniversary service on 26th June. Our Anniversary Service was a joint service with the Parish Church of Swanscombe, St Peter & St Paul. We had about 40-50 for a buffet meal.

We have had two baptisms, Luke and Samantha, and we have another one in September.

Our Harvest Festival service will be on September 25th, led by Rev Tony Graff, we will have a meal together after the service. This year we will be collecting tins and packets for the Whitechapel Mission.

Then it will be preparation for Christmas, but that's too much to think about with this lovely weather.