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St John's
United Reformed Church

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Solar panels

In keeping with St John's focus on becoming a more Eco-friendly Church and in accordance with the decision of Church Meeting on 18th November 2018 photovoltaic solar panels have now been installed on the south facing roof of the Large Hall.

There are 18 panels with the installation having a Total Installed Capacity of 5.58 kilowatts producing

electricity for building users, with any surplus being fed back into the National Grid.

The main meter showing the amount of electricity being provided by the solar panels PV is located in the cupboard in the kitchen and it is proposed to provide a display monitor to be situated in the entrance vestibule to show the energy use of the Church and PV generation.



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A feed-in-tariff application has been submitted to the current energy supplier SSE the results of which are awaited.

The overall cost of the installation is £8,000. The Church appreciates the contributions from a number of Church members and we are fortunate to have received a grant of £1800, shared between the organ fund and solar panel PV fund, from the Allchurches Trust Limited. One other grant application has been made and a response is awaited.

An Energy Performance Certificate giving a Certificate Rating of 'C' has been obtained indicating that the Church buildings are reasonably energy efficient although improvements can be made in some areas.

Please speak to Andrew Mills or Malcolm Bond with any further ideas as to how the Church can become more Eco-friendly.

Andrew Mills

Gordon Bannerman RIP

With sadness, we report that Gordon Bannerman died on 1st February aged 86. A large number of family, friends, and colleagues attended his Memorial Service

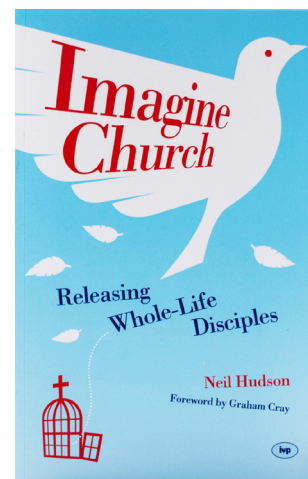
at St John's Church on 22 February. Please pray for Ann, Ross, Ailsa, and family in their loss. It is hoped that an obituary will feature in the next edition of the Record.

Lent Groups 2019 – Whole Life Worship

We plan to hold a series of five sessions using a course produced by the London Institute for Contemporary Christianity, which builds on the themes explored in the book *Imagine Church* which the elders have been studying over the last few months. With reference to bible passages, the course looks at how worship can become a part of our everyday lives and not just about attending church on a Sunday morning.

We hope to hold these on Thursday afternoons, from 2.30 - 4.30 pm, including refreshments for the last half hour. The course includes some short video clips so we plan to use the back of the church as our venue.

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| 14 March | Session One: Worshipping Engages Our Whole Lives |
| 21 March | Session Two: Worshipping Offers Us Fresh Insight |
| 28 March | Session Three: Worshipping Transforms Our Everyday Actions |
| 4 April | Session Four: Worshipping Inspires Our Everyday Speech |
| 11 April | Session Five: Worshipping Focuses Our Wavering Hearts |



We do hope you will be able to join us. **Thursday afternoons, from 2.30-4.30pm,**

Andrew Mills and Alison Bond

Main Results of the 2018 Climate Change Questionnaire

Organised by the Green Christian-Barnet Group

An analysis by Alan Pryor and edited by Tony Shepherd.

The Questionnaire was carried out between September and November, 2018.

Introduction: we received 24 'Returns' and here we present the main findings - giving the top four answers to each question, as appropriate. Full results are available at: www.climateconcern.co.uk, or contact us for more details.

Q1: What are the 3 Most Important Environmental Conditions?

People were asked to choose 3 in order of importance. 3 points for 1st choice, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd]

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| (1) Global Warming: $9*3+5*2+2*1$ | 39 points |
| (2) River & Sea Pollution: $6*3+5*2+5*1$ | 33 |
| (3) Using Up Earth's Resources: $2*3+6*2+4*1$ | 22 |
| (4) Air Pollution: $3*3+1*2+2*1$ | 13 |

Q2: To What is the Changing Weather Pattern Due?

Suggestions were: "Human Activity", "Global Changes": " Both of these" (Only one to be chosen)

- (1) Human Activity: chosen by 13
- (2) Both of human and global: chosen by 9
- (3) Global change: chosen by none.

Answer we suggest: **Humans are largely to blame!**

Q3: How to Reduce the Effects of Climate Change?

A number of suggestions were printed for people to choose from. (We gave 3 points for peoples' 1st choice, 2 for 2nd, 1 for 3rd)

The top four results were:-

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| (1st equal) Reducing carbon emissions: | 41 points |
| (1st equal). Seek new sources of renewable energy: | 41 points |
| (3) Laws to prevent further losses of rain forests: | 20 points |
| (4) New building techniques for zero carbon emission homes: | 14 points |

Q4: Is Climate Change affecting you now or is likely to in the future?

[Six questionnaires stopped at Q3, so only 17 responded to this and remaining questions.]

Answers were: "Yes"= 14 "No"= 1. "Don't Know"= 2
Responses were clear and popular suggestions were:-

Increases in air pollution affect asthmatics;
Heat waves affect elderly & infirm people;
Excessive high tides & storms cause flooding damage;
and yet there are droughts and/or wild fires in other places (e.g. Australia and California)

Q5: Can anything be done to tackle climate change?

Several ideas were given by respondents here in Q5 and in the remaining questions:-

Suggestions included:-

Make more use of public transport
Dramatically reduce the use of plastics, especially single-use plastics
Insulate homes and buildings better
Educate people on what can be done
Put pressure on local and national governments, and on journalists
Lobby for increased grants for solar panels
Reduce the use of pesticides and chemicals

Some Initial Conclusions about the results from this Questionnaire :-

Even with only 23 respondents some useful and thought-provoking answers and comments have emerged. We will discuss these results in a future Blog on the web site: www.climateconcern.co.uk and also at future meetings of the Green Christian-Barnet Group. Our next meeting is on 23 March from 10.00 - 12.00 noon, all welcome! .

"Thank you" to everyone who took part!

We welcome your comments and questions by contacting us via: **email: ants8242@gmail.com**.
Phone Ants: 07990 793 046 **Facebook: Climate Concern** (N.B. note the capitals here please): www.climateconcern.co.uk

Calendar

March 2019

Wednesday 6th		Ash Wednesday
	4:00 pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
Thursday 7th	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary
Sunday 10th	11:00am	Lent 1, Worship led by Roz Douglas
Tuesday 12th	7:45pm	Elders' Meeting, Vestry
Wed 13th	4:00 pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
Thursday 14th	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary
	2:30pm	Lent Group: Session 1 -Worshipping Engages Our Whole Lives
Saturday 16th	10:00am	Community Garden
	10:30am	Coffee Morning, Large Hall
Sunday 17th	11:00am	Lent 2, Worship Led by Rev'd Roger Orme, followed by Shared Lunch
	2:00pm	Church AGM
Tuesday 19th	8:00pm	Prayer & Discussion Group at 37 Greenhill Park
Wed 20th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
	8:00pm	ST. John's Fellowship – Global Impact of Climate Change & Role of A Rocha Charity by Philip Nalpanis in Sanctuary.
Thursday 21st	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary
	2:30pm	Lent Group: Session 2 -Worshipping Offers Us Fresh Insights
Saturday 23rd	10:00am	Green Christian Barnet Meeting at St. John's - All welcome.
Sunday 24th	11:00am	Lent 3, Worship led by Paul Elsdon
Tuesday 26th	2:00pm	Dementia Club
	8:00pm	Justice and Peace Group Meeting
Wed 27th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club
	8:30pm	Men's Group –at the Ye Olde Mitre Inne, High Barnet
Thursday 28h	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary
	2:30pm	Lent Group: Session 3 -Worshipping Transforms Our Everyday Actions
Friday 29th	4:00pm	Messy Church
Sunday 31st	11:00am	Lent 4, Worship led by Tony Alderman

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April 2019

APRIL	Wednesday 3rd	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club	APRIL
	Thursday 4th	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary	
		2:30pm	Lent Group: Session 4 - Worshipping Inspires Our Everyday Speech	
	Sunday 7th	10:00am	Informal Prayer in Memorial Room	
		10:30am	Elders' Meeting, Vestry	
		11:00am	Lent 5, Worship with the Lord's Supper led by Sarah Beaumont	
	Tuesday 9th	7:45pm	Elders' Meeting, Vestry	
	Wednesday 10th	8:00pm	St. John's Fellowship - History of Cartoons-Hogarth to Private Eye by Ian Keable in Sanctuary.	
	Thursday 11th	2:30pm	Lent Group: Session 5 -Worshipping Focuses Our Wavering Hearts	
	Sunday 14h	10:00am	Singing practice	
		11:00am	Lent 6, Palm Sunday Worship led by Rev'd Roger Orme	
	Tuesday 16th	8:00pm	Prayer & Discussion Group at 37 Greenhill Park	
	Thursday 18th		Maundy Thursday	
	Friday 19th	2:00pm	Good Friday Service led by Julian Templeton	
	Sunday 21st	11:00am	Easter Day Service led by Julian Templeton	
	Tuesday 23rd	8:00pm	Justice and Peace Group Meeting	
	Wed 24th	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club	
	Thursday 25th	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary	
		7:30pm	Local Area Group Meeting: Hampstead Free Church	
	Friday 26th		Copy Deadline for the next edition of Church Record	
Sunday 28th	11:00am	Church Anniversary Worship led by Rev'd Michael Diffey		
	3:00pm	Causeway		
Monday 29th	8:00pm	Men's Group - The Railway Bell, New Barnet		
Tuesday 30th	2:00pm	Dementia Club		
Wednesday 1st	4:00pm	Weds 4 Kids Club	MAY	
Thursday 2nd	9:30am	Mainly Music, Sanctuary		
Sunday 5th	10:00am	Informal Prayer in Memorial Room		
	10:30am	Elders' Meeting, Vestry	MAY	

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Fellowship 21 February

Desert Island Discs with Ann Kirby

Long-time St John's Church member Ann Kirby was warmly welcomed as our Desert Island castaway during our Fellowship meeting on Wednesday. Ann had previously attended New Barnet Congregational church, singing with its ambitious and flourishing junior choir and has continued her involvement with the life of St John's through choir and musical presentations. We highlighted many important events in Ann's rich and varied life and career, throughout which she has made good friends amongst teachers and musicians.

Ann was born in pre-war Brixton, but her family very

soon moved to Barnet – memories of wartime air raids, late nights, a Morrison shelter and a white goat. She would soon attend Cromer Road School and was introduced by her family to literature and music. Her first choice for the desert island gramophone was Bach's 2nd Brandenburg Concerto.

Ann later moved to East Barnet Grammar School where she would win a Junior Exhibition and an opportunity to study at the Royal Academy of Music on Saturday mornings, where she made many musical friends. At school she chose the Arts subjects, studying English, French and German to A-level, which together with memories of Woolacombe holidays prompted her second choice of music, Charles Trenet's *La Mer*. Ann recalled that Alan Coren was a fellow sixth-form member at East Barnet, where dedicated teaching and strong belief in co-education prevailed. Meanwhile, the Congregational Junior Church choir continued to flourish.

Ann entered a four-year graduate course at the Royal Academy of Music and a final year at the University of London where there was much opportunity to attend rehearsals, concerts and operas. Ann played flute in London Junior and Senior Orchestras, with the Du Pré sisters and James Galway at the Royal Albert and Royal Festival Halls. Her third choice for the Desert Island was Martti Tavela singing *In deisen heil'gen Halle* from Mozart's opera *The Magic Flute*.

Ann became music teacher at Southaw Girls' School under a formidable headmistress and during the 'bulge years' when the school adopted five-stream entry, Ann being responsible for all music teaching. Elaine Paige was a star amongst her pupils who has always shown gratitude for her tuition and encouragement, later including an invitation to appear in her *This is Your Life* programme. Ann also had opportunity through her brother to meet many famous composers, including Tippett, Britten and Ella Grainger. The early 1960s were years of uncertainty, upheaval and CND marches and protests and Ann's participation in events led her and many others to peaceful confrontation and arrest. Fittingly, Ann's fourth choice of music was Joan Baez singing Pete Seeger's *Where have all the flowers Gone?*

Ann joined the staff at Lyndhurst School in Borehamwood where the drama teacher had high expectations and produced plays involving music. Ann met Bill, her husband-to-be during this time. Their two daughters attended



Ann – School Captain – East Barnet Grammar



Elaine Paige – Southaw School – The Boy Mozart



Lyonsdown School –The Snow Queen by Richard Harvey

Cromer Road School and took part in the St John's musicals.

When teaching at Lyonsdown School Ann asked St John's Director of Music Richard Harvey to write the music for *The Snow Queen*. He also wrote the Libretto and the production was a great success. Although retired from teaching in 2002, Ann continued to travel widely and

continues singing with Finchley Choral Society. Further records for the Desert Island included selections from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet* and Bach's *Matthäus Passion*, Handel's *Dixit Dominus*, and closing with Howard Skempton's song *He wishes for the Cloths of Gold*.

As her extra book Ann chose *War and Peace* and for her luxury item a harpsichord and copies of Bach's 48 Preludes and Fugues to play, Bach being her favourite composer.

Thanks to Ann for visiting our Desert Island and providing us with a most enjoyable evening. We also thank Ron for his hard work on sound and vision!

Patricia Picken

Stamps and Inkjet recycling update

Following a general warning recently sent to all charities by The Charities Commission, concerning fraudsters possibly gaining access to used stamps for alteration and subsequent re-sale, many charities, including the RSPB and MS Trust, have now stopped collecting used stamps.

However, for the time being at least, The Leprosy Mission is still collecting used stamps. They advise me that they process their used stamps differently, and directly with The Royal Mail, and not via third parties.

The Leprosy Mission is an International Christian development organization that diagnoses, treats and offers special care, including reconstruction surgery, to leprosy patients.

Please continue to pass any used stamps to me, or put them in my pigeonhole, or in the box downstairs.

Recycled inkjets: Please continue to pass these to me, or put them in my pigeonhole, or in the box downstairs. Money raised from recycling inkjets (via The Recycling Factory) is donated to the RSPB. Over £60 has been raised to date. Thank you for your support.

Malcolm Bond



Christmas Charity Collections 2018

Even though Spring is fast approaching, I just wanted to thank everyone for their support for all the charity collections held over the Christmas period.

- The Christmas Carol Service raised £333.38 in aid of the Syria Refugee Welcome Board, supporting Syrian refugees in the Barnet area.
- £332.05 was raised for CRISIS, through the Christmas card (£165.20) and the collection on Christmas Day morning (£166.85).
- The telling of the Christmas Story through the music of the Christmas Oratorio and images of fine art nativity paintings raised £336, shared between Chipping Barnet Food Bank and Together in Barnet Night Shelter.

We continue to think and pray for the work of these worthy causes.

Alison Bond

Dates for your diaries:

**Christian Aid Week this year is
12-18 May 2019.**

**We hope to hold another Big Brekkie
in conjunction with the
Community Garden morning on**

11 May 2019.

Coffee Morning

Saturday 16th March

10.30 – 12 noon

St. John's Church Hall

No admission charge but a donation plate for the North London Hospice & church funds will be left by the entrance. Table stalls around the hall will give the opportunity to purchase small gifts & cards to support both national & local charities.

Next GREEN CHRISTIAN -BARNET session

**SAT. 23 March
10.00 am – 1.00pm**

St John's URC

Climate change is now very high on the agenda in many areas of life so we hope that these events will be informative, relevant and encouraging for all of us.

Please come and bring others along as well – all are very welcome.