

SUNDAY SERVICES

- 11.00 am - Morning Service and Junior Church
- Holy Communion 1st Sunday of each month.
- 4.00 pm - Afternoon Service on Special Occasions.
- 4 - 6.00 pm - Higher Kingdom Church International in the Hall—(Pastor Sam)

ACTIVITIES DURING THE WEEK

- SUNDAY - MWA - Meeting 3rd Sunday after service.
- WEDNESDAY - 7.30 pm - Bible Studies, on Zoom.
- THURSDAY - Men's Fellowship Meeting at 1pm -
(Normally on 3rd Thursday of the month on Zoom / Hall)
- FRIDAY - Intercessory Prayers - 7:00 –8:00 p.m. on Zoom
- SATURDAY- 7.30—8:30 p.m. Monthly Prayer Meeting –
(Before Communion Sunday—Meeting on Zoom)

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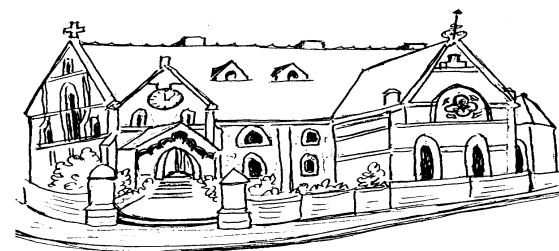


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For unto us a Child is born for us, for unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His named shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6

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MINISTER'S LETTER



Brothers and Sisters,

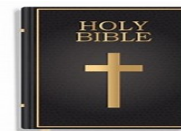
Greetings, in the wonderful name of Jesus our Lord and Saviour.

As I write this message the wonderful colours of the autumn continue to beautify the surroundings. The colours of the leaves on the trees are amazing, as the green is overlaid with various shades of brown or even red. Yet we know that falling leaves and rain can cause us to slip or fall. Please take care!

Within the United Kingdom (UK), over the past months, we have seen a number of demonstrations against asylum seekers being housed in what we now call 'Asylum Hotels'. In one area a school girl was allegedly harassed by an asylum seeker who was housed in one of the Asylum hotels. There is a strong push to find old army barracks to house the asylum seek away from society.

There has been a raise in nationalism, racial awareness and concerns are on the raise. Some issues are being fuelled by the Reformed party and others, to change the political backdrop. What should the government do? What is your view?

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Prayer For Today

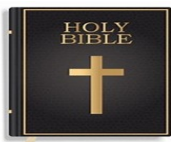
“Father, thank You that the pits I find myself in are only temporary stops along the way to my final destination. Thank You that I can offer You a sacrifice of praise because You hold victory in store for me. I believe that You’ll get me to where I’m supposed to be. In Jesus’ Name, Amen.”

Via Revd. Samuel Ayete Nyampong—PCG

**CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR GREETINGS
TO ALL OUR CONTRIBUTORS AND READERS.
FROM THE EDITORIAL TEAM.
MAY THE COMING YEAR OF OUR LORD 2026
BRING PEACE, HARMONY
AND UNITY WITHIN HIS CHURCH.
AMEN AND AMEN.**



GOD'S BLESSINGS ALWAYS.



In the Pits - Wednesday 22nd Oct. 2025

So it came to pass, when Joseph had come to his brothers, that they stripped Joseph of his tunic, the tunic of many colours that was on him. Then they took him and cast him into a pit. And the pit was empty; there was no water in it. Genesis 37:23–24, NKJV When you're in the pits, it's tempting to have a pity party.

Why did this happen to me? How could this go so wrong?" You're right where Joseph was, so hated by his brothers that they threw him in a pit to die. You did the right thing, but the wrong thing happened. You can either get sour and bitter, or you can do what he did and trust God in the pit. We're not going to understand everything God is doing.

There are difficult times when a pit has been ordained by God. His plan for Joseph's life was to rule the nation of Egypt. The pit was ordained to get him to Egypt and led to other difficult situations before he finally became prime minister. Sometimes life won't make sense.

In fact, He says, "My ways are not your ways." You're doing the right thing, but it hasn't worked out. You have to trust that God is still in control, that He knows what He's doing. He's already planned the end from the beginning. This is what faith is all about.

What is the Christian's view? How can we as a Church, continue to build bridges and welcome others?

As a Church we continue to pray for those on our prayer list and offer prayer for those who request special prayers. Let us also remember in prayer, Br Donald and Sr Odette, who were recently involve in a motorcar accident.

May I encourage each of you to invite your children and young people to join you in Church? Your special invitation is price-less and could re-connect them to the Church. Your invitation will help to further strengthen their faith. Please pray for the children and young people known to you.

Our Natural Church Development (NCD) champion, Sr Heather A is a little happier at present. A few suggestions have been received in the Suggestion box in the Church. If you have any other ideas to strengthen our fellowship or to spread the gospel, please let us know. This time of the year our attention will also be turned toward 'Advent, and moving towards 'Christmas.' Christmas reminds us of the birth of Jesus; Emmanuel, God coming to earth as one of us.

Do you remember the below Christmas carol:
O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel. That mourns in lonely exile here, Until the Son of God appear! Chorus: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel, Shall come to thee, O Israel.

May I be the first to wish you a Happy Christmas and New Year. *Rev Edwin.*

DEVOTIONAL CORNER

Isaiah 9:6-7, [NRSV 1989]

6. For unto us a Child is born for us, for unto us a Son is given: and the government shall be upon His shoulder: and His named shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The Mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

7. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forever more. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Psalm 121: 1:4 [NRSV 1989].

I lift up my eyes to the hills—from where will my help come?

2. My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth. 3. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. 4. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5. The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. 6. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night, 7. The LORD will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. 8. The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore. Amen.

HYMN—CMP 786 V. 1 –John Hampden Gurney (1802-62)

Yes, God is Good in earth and sky, from ocean depths and spreading wood, ten thousand voices seem to cry:

“God made us all, and God is Good!”

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The meetings during winter are on Zoom and switched to the Church Hall during summer. Either is optional for those with issues getting to the Church.

As usual the MF continues to support the Church events including the Bazaar with our MF stall. We also support the Junior Church. The annual MF Provincial Rally took place on 26th June '25 at the Moravian Church, Ockbrook, Derbyshire. Our MF representatives were Brs. Steve Wilkie, Rev Edwin Quildan and Les Bailey. Welcoming tea offered and we met old friends and made new ones. The Church Communion Service followed then the presentation given by the speaker Jane Carter.

As a representative of the British Mission Board discussing the wonderful mission work abroad in Africa and South Asia, in particular a hospital in Sikongi, Tanzania. Unfortunately, no MF seminar/brunch took place this year due lack of availability, however, one is planned for early February next year. The theme is blood pressure and diabetes. Dr Ben Awadzi will be presenting this.

We remember our late brothers Tony Lake and Henry Mills who devoted their time as members. May their souls rest in peace. We thank our Sisters and Brothers from the congregation for their support and thank the men who sung with the MF choir. A special thank you to Br. Tony Bruce and Steve Wilkie for leading MF Service today. The door is still open for men who wish to join us. May the Lord continue to help grow our group and do his will by way of our work to His glory.

Every blessing to you all.

Br. Les Bailey (Chair)

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*Fear Him, ye saints, and you will then
Have nothing else to fear;
Make but his service your delight,
Your wants shall be his care.*

As the scenes of our lives continue to change, might we continually affirm with an assured confidence in God's providential care that LIFE IS NOW.

Prayer

God of our past, present and future, help us each day to affirm that LIFE IS NOW. Amen.

NB: FF will be sent on the second Friday of each month.

Rev Dr Mikie Roberts
World Council of Churches (<https://www.oikoumene.org/>)
Programme Executive for Spiritual Life
Programme Executive for Faith and Order

Men's Fellowship Annual Report 19th October 2025

We give thanks to God for the ongoing work of the Men's Fellowship at St Margaret and St George's UR & Moravian Church.

The New Year began with our AGM taking place in the Church Hall. The normal meetings are monthly on the third Thursday of each month. We have an active membership of 6-7 Brothers. The attendance has been reasonable usually 4-6 making themselves available each month..

GIVE THANKS

Give thanks with a grateful heart, give thanks to the HOLY ONE, because our GOD has given us His Only SON our Saviour, The Lord JESUS

I will meditate also of all thy work, and talk of thy doings, thy way, O GOD is in the Sanctuary : who is so great a GOD as our GOD: Thou art the GOD that doest wonders, thou hast declared thy strength among the people For unto us , Our Saviour the Lord Jesu is born in Bethlehem and on Earth, Peace to all. May we all be blessed with every happiness as we continue to serve the Lord for the NEW Year

Scriptures to read St. Luke 1 & 2 & St. Matthew 1 & 2, Isaiah 9. also Psalms 75 . PEACE.

Sr. Precious

HYMN - CMP 80 v 1&2 John Byrom (1692-1763) alt.

Christians, awake ! Salute the happy morn, whereon the Saviour of the mankind was born; rise to adore the mystery of love which hosts of angels changed from above; with them the joyful tidings first begun of God incarnate, and the Virgin's Son.

2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told, who heard the angelic herald's voice, "Behold" I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth to you and all the nations upon earth: this day hath God fulfilled His promised word, this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord".



News of the Fellowship

We continue to remember with love and prayers our members and friends who have been absent from worship due to illness or are housebound; as we lift them to the LORD in prayers.

Anyone who is aware of members or friends, who might be away due to illness, or for any other reason, please advise the Minister. We will continue to pray for Revd. Donald & Sr. Odette. If anyone requires a pastoral visit, kindly advise the Minister or the church secretary.

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It is our custom to welcome all visitors to our services. We trust that they enjoyed fellowship with us. Refreshments are usually served after the service in the hall. Please join us, if possible.

Congratulations, prayers and blessings to all those who have celebrated a birthday or an anniversary since our last Focus. We continue to ask for prayers for members and friends.

Condolences are extended to bereaved families. We remember before God all those who mourn the loss of loved family members, friends and colleagues.

Kindly keep them in your prayers, as well as those who have been absent from church services for a very long period.

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It is prioritising what is currently before you while not being overwhelmed or anxious about what's yet to be done. This for me is also a means of ensuring that one does not construct a prison of regret only to become an inmate that has been sentenced by oneself.

I see LIFE IS NOW as hopeful because it indicates that with the constant movement of time in a forward direction, that NOW is in no way like a fixed variable in economic terms. Instead, LIFE IS NOW grants us the permission to see and know that the real fixed variable to life is the variable of change. With every change then we can boldly affirm that indeed LIFE IS NOW.

So, as we reflect on today's FF that LIFE is now, I share with you the words from the 17th century collection of hymns by *Tate and Brady*:

*Through all the changing scenes of life,
In trouble and in joy,
The praises of my God shall still
My heart and tongue employ.*

*O magnify the Lord with me,
With me, exalt his name;
When in distress to him I called,
He to my rescue came.*



*Oh, make but trial of His love,
Experience will decide;
How blest they are, and only they,
Who in his truth confide.*

From: Friday Focus <moravianfridayfocus@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday 12 September 2025 at 22:03:40 BST
Subject: Friday Focus - September 12, 2025 (3)

Not too long ago, three words were spoken in my hearing, which have continually been ‘*marinating*’ in my thoughts. I invite us today to consider these three words for our FF. They are LIFE IS NOW. There are so many different ways to look at life in general. I’m sure if people were to be asked the question, how would they complete the phrase, LIFE IS.....that we would be surprised by the many answers that would be given. I can think of a few possible responses:

LIFE IS....good; challenging; perfect; a breeze etc. However, we may choose to complete this phrase, we ought to ensure that we not only seek to offer a description of *how* we see life. That tends to be our initial response. But when I heard the words, LIFE IS NOW, I realized that this was an invitation to look beyond the word that may be used to describe how one may feel about life’s circumstances that may be colouring our emotional and mental sensibilities.

What I received these words to be is an invitation to cherish even more intentionally the present moment and all that comes with it. Though we usually measure life either as the past, present or future, the words LIFE IS NOW open up this invitation to equally embrace the past and the future into the present moment. I see it as a posture that while acknowledging the past and anticipating the future is fully committed to the present.

Church Services in November 2025

2nd - 11 a.m. - Church Anniversary — Revd. J. Danso
9th - 10:50 a.m.- Remembrance Day —Revd. E. Quildan
16th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship— Sr. V. Khan
23rd—11 a.m.—Moravian Pulpit Interchange—Sr. R. Hoey
30th - 11 a.m. - Morning Worship – Revd. E. Quildan

Church Services in December 2025

7th - 11 a.m.—Morning Worship - Revd. John Danso
14th - 11 a.m.— 9 Lessons and Carols — Sr. V. Williams
21st —11 a.m.— Christingle Service — Sr. A. Kendall
25th—Christmas Day Service— Revd. E. Quildan / Sr. G. Adjei
28th—11 a.m. Morning Worship— Revd. E. Quildan
31st—11:15p.m.—Watchnight Service—Br. E. Quildan / Sr. Adjei.

Stewards’ Rota – November 2025

2nd	Sr. Pauline	Sr. Denise
9th	Sr. Ethney	Br. Paul
16th	Sr. Beverley	Sr. Shauna
23rd	Sr. Akua	Br. Cecil.
30th	Sr. Maya	Sr. Ava

Stewards’ Rota – December 2025

7th	Sr. Avis.	Sr. Betty
14th	Sr. Margaret .	Sr. Heather B.
21st	Sr. Bernadette.	Sr. Grace
25th	Sr. Pat F.	Sr. Vivienne N.
28th	Sr. Geneva	Sr. Hether A.



IN APPRECIATION

Flower Donations - September 2025

7th — Sr. Pauline Laud for her Mum Sr. Jean's birthday and in memory of her late dad Br. Roy Morrison. By Revd. And Sr. Wendy for their daughter Sr. Rianne's birthday, and from Sr. Wendy for her husband Revd. Edwin's birthday.

14th— Sr. Pat Fosuhene and Br. Tony Bruce for their respective birthdays her birthday and Revd. Donald and Sr. Odette for their Wedding Anniversary.

21st — the Flower Fund.

28th— Br. Stephen Wilkie for his birthday and from Sr. Denise Allison in memory of her late son Tashan's birthday.



St Margaret's & St George's United Reform & Moravian Church

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Working in the Community



CHRISTMAS LUNCH

£14.00



SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER 2025

2.00-6.00PM

CHOICE FROM

Roast Turkey | Roast Chicken | Baked Salmon |

Vegetarian Option When Booking

All served with festive trimmings, drinks etc

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St. Margaret's & St. George's Church Hall, Nicoll Road,
NW10 9JT

Church Bazaar

Date: Saturday 15th November 2025

Time: 10.30 a.m. – 4 p.m.

**Venue: St. Margaret's & St. George's Church Hall on
Nicoll Road.**

Refreshments will be available at a reasonable price.

**Different Stalls - Books, Cuddly Toys, Tables for hire
at (£30.00 for the day), etc.**

Home baked Cakes and other Goodies

**Come and buy your lunch here at a reasonable price.
Books, stationery, groceries and much more.**

Come and Browse at your Leisure.

Entrance Fee: 50p.

Buses: 18, 260 and 266 passes by Nicoll Road.

The function will be officially opened by Rev Edwin



Flower Donations— October 2025

5th —The flower fund

12th —Br. Joe and Sr. Pam Bogle in remembrance of their
daughters Sharon and Kim.

Sr. Caroline Broadbelt in memory of her late husband Percy
Broadbelt.

19th — Sr. Beverley McLeod for her birthday and
Sr. Shirley Sinclair for her birthday.

26th — the Flower Fund

In Appreciation: We give our God thanks for His
numerous blessings which encourages anonymous
donations for the flower fund. Thank you, each of you.

May our God continue to refill your storehouses, as you
remain faithful towards His ministry.



CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Birth of Jesus - Complete the passage from Luke chapter 2 vv 1 – 20

2 In those days _____ Augustus issued a decree that a census should be taken of the entire Roman world. 2 (This was the first census that took place while[a] Quirinius was _____ of Syria.) 3 And everyone went to their own town to register. 4 So Joseph also went up from the town of _____ in Galilee to Judea, to Bethlehem the town of David, because he belonged to the house and line of David. 5 He went there to _____ with Mary, who was pledged to be married to him and was expecting a child. 6 While they were there, the time came for the baby to be born, 7 and she gave birth to her _____, a Son. She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger, because there was no guest room _____ for them. 8 And there were _____ living out in the fields near by, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were _____. 10 But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of _____ a Saviour has been born to you; he is the _____, the Lord. 12 This will be a sign to you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.' 13 _____ a great company of the heavenly host appeared with the angel, praising God and saying,

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- g. Encourage Elders to attend a training course during the year.
- h. Run another event for the Sunday School this year
- i. Delegate responsibility for Church management to the Management team.
- j. Agree one or two joint events with Amersham Free Church
- k. Continue to review and update the Church web site – **on going**
- l. Promote and encourage a monthly community social event –**on going**
- m. Follow-up on the letting arrangements of the Manse, Flat and Nursery. **On going.**



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14 'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom his favour rests.'

15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let's go to _____ and see this thing that has happened, which the Lord has told us about.' 16 So they hurried off and found Mary and - _____, and the baby, who was lying in the _____. 17 When they had seen him, they spread the word concerning what had been told them about this child, 18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds said to them. 19 But Mary _____ up all these things and pondered them in her heart. 20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and _____ God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Available, Bethlehem, Caesar, David, Firstborn, Galilee, Gathered, Governor, Joseph, Manger Messiah, Nazareth, Praising, Register, Shepherds, Suddenly Treasured, Terrified, Witnesses.

1. How many words can you make from the word, 'November?'



Children's Corner Cont..

Complete the words of the Carol; O come all you

_____, _____

Complete the word of the carol; Once in royal

_____ stood a _____
shed

Complete the word of the carol; Joy to the _____

_____ has _____

Complete the word of the carol; The first Nowell _____

_____ did _____

Complete the word of the carol; For unto us a child

Complete the word of the carol; Good Christian



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Seek to interact further with the URC Treasurer / Moderator:

On going

Be involved in discussions about knife crime within the area.

On going Review the lease for the Nursery. **Completed / ongoing**

Install remote control for the heating system to further warm the Church. **Completed**

Run a Dominoes social to bring the community together in our hall (Sept). **Completed**

Encourage Elders to attend a training course during the year. **Done / On going**

Run an event for the Sunday School **Completed**

Continue to review and update the Church web site – **on going**

Promote and encourage a monthly community social event – **on going.**

Future : Actions 2025- 2026

During the next year we are asking God to fulfil His plans for the Harlesden congregation, as we:

- Continue the outreach activities in the year using Natural Church Development
- Seek to discern the calling of a new minister for the congregation
- Consider if there is a need for a mentoring scheme for young people
- Encourage work with Men, within the Church
- Encourage a meet and greet champion for the Church
- Be involved in discussions about knife crime / stop and search within the area.



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Ecumenical Activities

We continue to support Christian Aid and participate in the Unity Prayer Day. Our Harvest donations were also sent to the local food bank to support those in need. We are pleased to see more men's activities being actively included in our programme. In addition, we now have our own church website in addition to the corporate website. This has strengthened our online presence. We have received a few enquiries through the website.. We also twinned with Amersham Free Church and have held an Elders Training Day on Saturday 8th March 2025 at Harlesden. We also hosted a pre Father's Day Ecumenical presentation on Saturday 14th June 2025 .

South West Area Group (SWAG) - United Reformed Church

The SWAG group meets every 2 months and is currently being chaired by Revd Sue McCoan. The meeting is usually attended by Br Edwin and one or two Management team members. There are now nine representative churches in the area.

Ministry Provision

The Harlesden congregation has been linked with the Fetter Lane congregation as a unit, sharing the same minister since 1st May 2024. It is also noted that the minister is planning to retire in the next financial year.

Future: Old Actions 2023 - 2025

During the next two years we are asking God to fulfil His plans for the Harlesden congregation, as we: Compile a list of how to reach out in the community and action the priorities. **On going**

Noticeboard

Prayer Meeting on Zoom —Saturday before Holy Communion , between 7:and 8:30 p.m. Kindly contact Revd. Edwin if you are interested.

Friday Evening Prayers from 7—8 p.m.

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Calendar November 2025.

Sat 1st —Church Prayer Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m. on zoom.

Sunday 2nd—Church Anniversary Service—Bring and Share Lunch.

Sat. 15th November 2025—Church Bazaar10:30-4 p.m.

Sat. 15th from 10 a.m. Harlesden focus for International Men's Day of Purpose meeting on at our church.

Calendar December 2025

Sat. 6th—Church Prayer Meeting from 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Sat 13th.—Carol Singing at the front of the Church.

Sun. 14th— Lessons and Carols

Sun. 21st—Christingle Service ay 11 a.m.

Thurs. 25th—Christmas Day Service.

Wed. 31st Watchnight service at 11:15 p.m.

Noticeboard

Gift Aid: Are you a taxpayer? The one way that taxpayers can give more to the Church, without it costing them anything, is to Gift Aid their contributions, this is money that can be claimed back from the Inland Revenue and can make a difference to a congregations' income.

Therefore, if you are not already doing so, I would urge you to contact the treasurer and **complete a Gift Aid Form.**

Our Natural Church Development (NCD) champion is Sr Heather A. If you have any ideas to strengthen our fellowship or to spread the gospel, please use the suggestion box in the Church or speak directly to Sr Heather A.

The coronavirus Protocols

The coronavirus is still around. As a church we believe in looking after each other. The wearing of mask is optional. However, hand sanitizers are to be used frequently.

Thank you for maintaining the coronavirus protocols.

Children's Activity: We are thinking about running some children's activity during the year. If you have any ideas of the things we can do (either on-line or physical) please let the elders know or the minister.

Petr thanks the congregation for their kind donation for the Talking Through Art project. He received with thanks. If you still wish to donate, it will run to the end of November. Thank you once again.

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- Safeguarding training led by Sr Joy Raynor
- Provincial Men's Fellowship Rally on Saturday 28 June 2025 – at Ockbrook
- Unity prayer watch- Harlesden on Thursday 26 June 2025
- Showing of film at Fetter Lane – First Fruits on Thursday 28 August 2025.

Mission outreach

We continue to support, Christian aid, Unity Prayer Day and our Harvest items went to the local foodbank.

We have invested in a Church website to heighten our on line presence and seek to attract others to the Church.

We continue to support Christian aid and the local foodbanks.

Buildings

Church and Hall

The Church and hall are in a relative good state of repair. Thanks are extended to the property team and gardener. Work has taken place on the rear garden of the Church, which has enhanced the outdoor space. We have commenced the exterior window repair and re-painting which will be completed once the weather improves.

b. The manse flat and nursery

The manse is still rented out to a family via a local estate agent. The Manse is currently on a six month renewal whilst we await confirmation of future usage (by our future minister). The adjoining buildings of the Church are used as a nursery (that is leased) and flat which is rented via an estate agent. The income from the property continues to supplement the congregation expenses as our collection alone will not meet our needs.

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Youth and Children (under 18)

We have seven children who are associated with the Church and attend from time to time. Our present Sunday school teachers Sr Audrey Kendall leads our Sunday school with the help of Sr Betty, Sr Sharna and Sr Patricia. They are thanked for their dedication and care of the Sunday School. Thanks are again extended to all the Sunday school teachers (past and present) for their hard work, dedication and interaction with the children and young people of the Sunday School.

The Church run activities

A) The following are the weekly Church activities:

- Tuesday local area, house group has now joined the Wednesday group.
- Wednesday at 11 am Church Cleaning
- Bible study on Wednesday evenings at 7.30pm on Zoom
- Prayer meeting on Friday afternoon at 1.30pm on Zoom.
- Saturday before Communion Prayer meeting is held at 7.30pm on Zoom.
- Thanks are extended to the Elders and co-ordinators of the activities.

B) The congregation supported a number of URC and Moravian activities in the year:

- E.D.C autumn meeting on Saturday 19 October 2024 at Hornsey
- EDC Fellowship at Fetter Lane Saturday 12 July 2025.
- URC Synod and South West Area Group meetings on Zoom.

The minister's report on the life and work of the Harlesden congregation

‘1st September 2024 – 31st August 2025 ‘

Ministry

The congregation of St Margaret's and St George's United Reformed and Moravian Church, give God thanks and adoration for another year of witness and service in Harlesden, London.

The Church building is in a prominent location within Harlesden, and the noticeboards provide information to attract those who are passing by. The number of children and young people attending Church has fallen since Covid, and has remained constant for the past year. We are encouraging parents and grandparents to bring their children and grandchildren to Church with them.

Our Sunday School teachers trialled a monthly Saturday morning fun morning event, unfortunately only two young people were available to attend. The first session was held on Saturday 28 September 2024.

Looking back, we ended the year with a total of eighty-six members and adherents, which is three less than last year. We lost six members last year (four went on to be with the Lord, one moved away and one lapsed). We also lost two adherents during the year. We welcomed three members and two adherents into the Church fellowship.

We thank everyone who has contributed to the life and work of the Church, no matter how big or small. Thank you.

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Services

Our main worship time is held at 11am on Sunday mornings. Our Holy Communion service is held on the first Sunday of each month as part of the morning service. We continue to use the combined communion cups for our Holy communion services. On the fourth and fifth Sunday of each month we hold an all-age worship service, with all who attend services.

Since the lockdown, we have noticed that some members have altered their pattern of attending worship. Some who were attending weekly are now attending fortnightly. We have two or three members who are becoming more house-bound and are thankful for the supplied worship material, visits and regular phone calls.

With sadness there are also a few who are unable to attend at present as they feel vulnerable or have difficulty with mobility or using public transport.

Our Bible study continues to meet on Wednesday evening and have been focused at the Epistles during the year. We are encouraging the laity to take part and lead a session. We have been blessed with a number of lay preachers and a retired minister who continue to lead services on a rota basis. We continue to encourage members from the congregation to read the Scriptures during worship.

We continue to use 'worship leaders' during our services who assist the preacher; this has helped to develop confidence. We celebrated a number of notable dates and anniversaries with our congregation members.

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We extend thanks to everyone who have led our services as worship leaders, readers, singers or preachers throughout the year. A big thank you is extended to each of you. We continue to produce short electronic services that are located on YouTube and we also burn CDs for members without computer access (which are posted to our members, adherents' and friends).

Special Services

Our Harvest thanksgiving service was held on Sunday 22nd September 2024 at 11am and was led by Sr Ola Lawal (URC Lay Preacher). Our Men's Fellowship anniversary service was held on Sunday 20th October 2024, and our speaker was our member Br Michael Newman. Our Church anniversary service was led by Br Edward Sanniez (Retired United Reformed Church minister) on 3rd November 2024 with Holy Communion. Our Christingle service was held in Church on Sunday 22nd December 2024 as part of the morning service and was led by our Sunday School. Our Christmas day service was led by Br Edwin in Church on Wednesday 25 December.

Our Maundy Thursday service was led by Sr Heather Anderson and Br Edwin led the Holy Communion. Our Good Friday service and Easter day services was led by Br Edwin Quildan. We held a pulpit interchange Amersham Free Church and Revd Ian Green came to Harlesden whilst Br Edwin Quildan preached at Amersham on Sunday 2nd March 2025. Our MWA anniversary service was led by the MWA on Sunday 22nd June 2025.