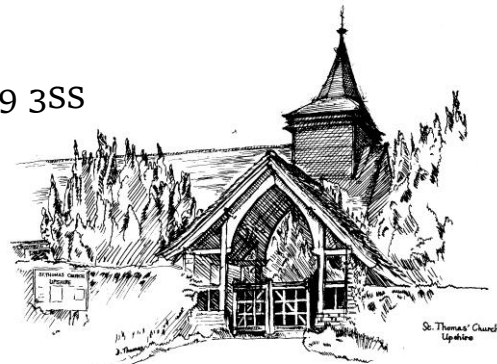


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We are committed to safeguarding children, young people and vulnerable adults. The PCC has adopted the Church of England's policies and best practice on safeguarding which may be found on the Church of England website and also on the Diocese of Chelmsford website.

SERVICES AND DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER

Saturday 3 rd	Wedding
Sunday 4 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Philemon 1:21 Luke 14:25-33 2.30-4.30pm AFTERNOON TEAS in the church and churchyard
Wednesday 7 th	2.15pm MOTHERS' UNION CORPORATE COMMUNION in church – all welcome
Saturday 10 th	3-4pm SEEDLINGS GROUP meet in the church
Sunday 11 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Exodus 32:7-14 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Luke 15:1-10
Wednesday 14 th	12noon-2pm AUTUMN LUNCH in the church – 07899 846711 to book – please let us know if you have to cancel. Thank you.
Sunday 18 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Amos 8:4-7 1 Timothy 2:1-7 Luke 16:1-13 2.30-4.30pm AFTERNOON TEAS
Friday 23 rd	11am-2pm MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/CAKE COMPETITION in church
Saturday 24 th	Wedding
Sunday 25 th	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7 1 Timothy 6:6-19 Luke 16:19-31
Sunday 2 nd October	9.15am HOLY COMMUNION

The church will be open every Monday and Thursday from 11.30am to 12.30pm for private prayer only.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

Our mailing list to receive the electronic version is now in excess of 70 participants so if you are not one of those and wish to be included please send your email address to : marionne.locke@btinternet.com. We are looking to reduce our 'paper footprint' for climate change by printing fewer copies – your contribution will help.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

Thank you to the people who have sent in articles to be included in the Newsletter. Please keep them coming! Anything: maybe a poem you have written, what you have been doing in the garden, childhood memories, something that happened to make you smile etc, it all makes for interesting reading.

Events still to come at St Thomas'

Afternoon Teas every 1 st and 3 rd Sunday, May-September 2.30-4.30pm	
Friday 23 rd September	Macmillan Coffee Morning/Cake competition
Sunday 16 th October	Harvest Festival & Teas
Saturday 10 th December	Christmas Fayre

PRAYER REQUESTS

You are invited to offer names to be added to our prayer diary to remember those who are unwell or unhappy. First names only are required as God will know who we are praying for.

Contact Lyn Wackett on 01992 711573 or email lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk

This month we pray for Glenis, Laura, Alan & Pam, Lesley, Charlie & John, Anne, Pam & John, Barbara, Vernon, Mal, Louise, Sue, Ann & Cyril, Rosalind, Doreen, Barry, Maureen, Carol & George, Beverly, Dave P, Terry, June, Rose, Peggy, Shirley, Sheila, Jackie, Jean, Andrea and her Mum and Dad, Nina, Carmel & the Price family, James, Tim, Dave, Pat, Christine, Kathrine & Paul.

The Vicar writes:

Have you ever found yourself agreeing to do something and later wondering why you said yes?

This summer, along with hundreds of thousands of people from all over the world, I made the journey to a small village in Southern Germany called Oberammergau.

Every 10 years the village is transformed into a theatrical hub as a decennial passion play is performed by the local population.

The history of the Passion Play begins in 1633. Millions were dying as the plague spread relentlessly across Europe. The Oberammergau villagers promised to perform a play depicting the suffering, death and resurrection of Christ every tenth year if God would spare their village of any more deaths.

Their prayers were answered and in 1634 the first Passion Play took place in the local churchyard. In the following decades it was a small local event, taking place at the beginning of each new decade, but its fame gradually grew and by the late 19th Century it was beginning to attract so many visitors that a special theatre was built and the modern spectacular we see today was born.

Delayed for two years due to the pandemic, 2022 sees the 42nd incarnation of the play. In a five-hour-performance (don't worry you get a break for dinner in the middle!), more than 2000 participants, all local villagers, bring the story of Jesus' last days to a packed audience that will number over half a million people by the time the run ends in early October.

Though I had heard about the play for many years it's fair to say that I had no particular desire to go. A five hour play in German, a very familiar story and an amateur cast did not have me rushing immediately to the ticket booth. However, having been persuaded by friends to join them, I sat down for the early afternoon start with few expectations.

But oh, how wrong I was to doubt, From the opening scene, depicting Jesus' entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, the visual spectacular is mesmerising with a vast crowd cheering and waving palms. From these massive set pieces down to intimate conversations between two characters, to see the bible come to life in such a way is intensely profound and moving.

The story itself is also a revelation. We might think we know the story of Jesus passion intimately but to see it against the background of all that is going on in the world at the moment, particularly in Ukraine, themes such as war, hunger, persecution, and displacement stand out sharply as does a focus on the effects on Judas mental health following his betrayal of Jesus.

This most ancient of stories, played out by local villages in 21st Century Germany does much to highlight the timelessness of the human experience from Jesus' day to this. I left the theatre with much to ponder and immensely grateful for the experience.

God willing the play will resume one again in 2030 – Do take the opportunity to go if you can, I don't think you will regret it!

Blessings, Jane

Each month we can create memorial dedications, wedding, anniversary or special occasion flowers – contact marionne.locke@btinternet.com

You are welcome to join at the start of the walk, at Broxbourne or Great Amwell.

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER : AUTUMN LUNCH

WEDNESDAY 7 DECEMBER : XMAS LUNCH

If, after booking you are unable to come, please phone to cancel, we can then offer a place to people on the waiting list. Thank you

Next meeting 10th September

Join us Saturdays 3-4pm for messy craft, play, songs and stories along with a welcome cuppa
St Thomas' Church, Horseshoe Hill, Upshire, EN9 3SS

Ruth4366@gmail.com

CHURCHWARDEN'S CHATTER

Our Sunday Teas this month will be on 4th & 18th with our Macmillan Coffee Morning/Cake Competition on Friday 23rd between 11am and 2pm with the entrants for the cake baking competition being submitted by 10.30am to enable judging to take place before the event. The Macmillan Baking Competition is in two classes: Under 16 and over 16 (with prizes!)

Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 16th October with a 9.15am service, Teas from 2.30pm followed by a short service with the Auction of produce following on. We hope you will all come and enjoy the last Teas of the 2022 season.

Don't forget to book with Pauline (07899 846711) for our Summer Lunch on 14th September, doors open at 11.30am, service from 12 noon. Menu: Roast meat, Yorkshire pudding, new potatoes, carrots & peas, dessert of your choice with custard or cream, tea or coffee, with a vegetarian option available, all for £8 per person. Our produce stall will be stocked with jams & chutneys, eggs, honey and other items you may wish to view, as well as our raffle on the day in aid of the church fabric fund.

BEWARE OF THE DEER!

With such a dry summer most plants have matured early and the seasons are changing, likewise the deer. The rutting season has started possibly a month early. This means that the deer are not as timid as usual and not worried by traffic or people. With the large numbers of deer now in the Upshire area it is unwise to exceed the speed limit. All dogs should be kept on leads even in the forest at this time as a herd of anything up to sixty deer being chased across any road day or a night is a recipe for disaster.

Stephen Brown 07960 809799

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### ANAGRAM

Unscramble this 10 letter anagram: SPECIALOWL . The answer will be found elsewhere in the Newsletter.

### GROWERS CORNER

A dry summer means early harvesting due to crops maturing sooner than expected but with hosepipe bans grey water can be used to extend the season for such as runner beans and the like.

If you wish to brighten up an area winter pansies and violas are now available in garden centres and nurseries for planting up pots, planters or hanging baskets.

Winter 2022 and summer 2023 bulbs are now in stock to purchase to enable you to pot them up for a Christmas show or present or for a spring or summer display.

Try to save as much flower and vegetable seed as possible this year if you can as inflation will affect next spring's plant and seed sales.

This summer has been very dry with most lawns browning off. Once we have a good shower of rain or two our lawns will green up then we can get to work on repairs, aeration, sweeping off, reseeding and watering before the first frost in late October.

Steve.

GARDENERS NOTE Free bagged compost ready for collection: ring 07960 809799.

Any donation to the church fabric fund would be nice. Thank you.

### 50/50 CLUB

Congratulations to the winners of the 50/50 Club Draw in July, who were:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: £35 No. 81 Bill Bennett of Enfield
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: £25 No. 26 Mirreen Kay of Leytonstone
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: £15 No. 63 John Bugden of Upshire

Our thanks to all our members for their support of St Thomas' Church.

It is not too late to enter for Draw 10 of St Thomas' 50/50 Club.

There will still be monthly draws and the entry fee is £12.00 every six months (or £2 for every month of membership). Each member is entitled to a maximum of two entries, couples can have four. Payment by Bank Transfer is preferred to the church's account St Thomas Church Upshire PCC, Sort code 404520, Account number 00724505, HSBC Bank or alternatively you may pay by cheque or cash to the address stated. Please let me know if you pay by Bank Transfer so I can include your number in the Draw (email [lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:lynanddavewackett@hotmail.co.uk) or phone 01992 711573).

Good luck to everyone who enters.

### UPSHIRE MOTHERS' UNION

In July Maureen Smith gave an interesting talk on Sir Thomas Buxton, 3rd Baronet and Lady Victoria Buxton who lived at Warlies House.

Lady Victoria was born July 1839 to Charles Noel, 1st Earl of Gainsborough and his wife Lady Frances Jocelyn, Countess of Gainsborough. She spent her early years at Exton Hall, Rutland. Queen Victoria was her Godmother.

Sir Thomas was born January 1837 to Sir Edward North Buxton, 2nd Baronet and his wife Catherine Gurney. Sir Thomas attended Harrow School in London and Trinity College, Cambridge.

In 1862 they visited Warlies for the first time. Lady Victoria's description of the house was, very small and ugly but with wonderful views.

Sir Thomas and Lady Victoria married in June 1862. Lady Victoria received, as a wedding gift from Queen Victoria, an Indian shawl and an Emerald and Diamond bracelet.

While they were away on honeymoon, travelling Europe and England, Warlies was extended to cater for all their needs, including housing for the staff.

They bought many items on honeymoon to decorate Warlies House. They also had homes in Cromer, Norfolk and London. It is believed Warlies was their favorite as they split their time between their homes, spending November to February at Warlies, February to May in London, May to September at Warlies and September to November in Cromer.

Sir Thomas and Lady Victoria had thirteen children, only ten survived: Sir Thomas, 4th Baronet 1865, Edith 1867, Noel 1869, Mary 1870, Constance 1872, Victoria 1874, Charles 1875, Mabel 1878, Harold 1880 and Leland 1884.

In 1869, three weeks after giving birth to her 3rd child, Lady Victoria possibly had a fall while out walking resulting in a crippling spinal condition and became an invalid for the rest of her life. This didn't stop her from having more children and being very involved, along with her husband, in local life.

In winter, the lakes in the grounds of Warlies would freeze over and they would throw open the grounds for locals to enjoy skating on the frozen lakes.

Sir Thomas had a political career and was elected a Liberal Member of Parliament for King's Lynn in 1865, he was defeated in 1868. He stood again for Parliament, unsuccessfully, on several other occasions too. In 1895 he was appointed 13th Governor of South Australia. Lady Victoria accompanied her husband to South Australia. They returned to England in 1898.

Religion played a big part in their lives. Lady Victoria was the founder of the Upshire Mothers' Union branch, she was also the founding President of the Mothers' Union of South Australia. The couple also supported church missions, including the YMCA.

In 1901 there was talk about having a church in Upshire Village. So Sir Thomas had a church built in 1902, which is the St Thomas Church we know today. Lady Victoria used to be transported up the hill to the church in a tiny horse drawn carriage so she could be part of the congregation.

Sir Thomas died in 1915 and Lady Victoria died in 1916. They both died while at Cromer and are buried at Overstrand Church, Norfolk.

Our next meeting on 7th September (a change from our usual date) will be Corporate Communion in St Thomas Church followed by tea in church. All are welcome. Tea Hostess: Gill Negus. Raffle: Kate Dale. Further information from Ann Smith on 01992 767809.

### WALTHAM ABBEY TAPESTRY

It has taken eight years in the making, 40+ volunteers, 750,000 stitches, 10 panels and 5km of thread to complete the Waltham Abbey Tapestry. This community project, an outstanding work of art depicting scenes from the surrounding area and Waltham Abbey's rich history is now on view at Waltham Abbey Library. The Library is open on Monday and Tuesday between 9am and 5.30pm; Wednesday 9am-1pm; Friday 9am-7pm, Saturday 9am-5pm, closed Thursday and Sunday. The Tapestry will be on show in the Library until mid-November, so do go along, it's well worth the visit.

### **Bible Study Group**

A Bible study group is starting in October. The first meeting will be on Wednesday 5th October at 3.30 pm. Please ring Ruth for further details. 07852 668633

### ANAGRAM

The answer to the anagram is PILLOWCASE.

## **MacMillan Cancer Support**

This month as St Thomas' Church is taking part in the MacMillan Cancer Support World Biggest Coffee Morning, I thought I'd tell you a bit more about this charity.

The charity was founded in 1911 by Douglas MacMillan, who was so moved by the pain and suffering of his father as he died of cancer that he used his £10 inheritance to set up the Society for the Prevention and Relief of Cancer. He wanted advice and information to be provided to all people with cancer, homes for patients at low or no cost, and voluntary nurses to attend to patients in their own homes. Since then the charity's name has changed several times as the emphasis of their work has changed. Today they are UK's leading source of cancer support. They are here to help everyone with cancer live life as fully as they can, by providing physical, financial and emotional support.

From the moment someone is diagnosed with cancer, they are there with all the information, support and guidance the person needs. MacMillan nurses support people during treatment, but there are also MacMillan GPs to support early diagnosis and Allied Health Professionals, including physiotherapists, counsellors and dieticians, to provide physical, emotional and financial support. In 2021 MacMillan Nurses supported more than 1 million people living with cancer and Allied Health Professionals helped more than 130,000 people.

Since 1976 MacMillan Cancer Support has built over 225 Macmillan Cancer Centres, including Information and Support Centres, Clinical Oncology Centres and Hospices. Their centres offer a range of clinical, emotional and practical support. Last year an estimated 108,000 people living with cancer received treatment in a Macmillan Cancer Centre.

MacMillan Cancer Support believes that everyone living with cancer should have access to the information and support they need to understand their cancer and make important decisions about their care. This is provided by a MacMillan Support Line, their website and their Information and Support Centres. In addition there is a MacMillan Online Community, where those affected by cancer are able to support each other.

MacMillan Cancer support is also able to support people with money worries and provide social, emotional and practical support services.

The first 'World's Biggest Coffee Morning' was held in 1991 when 300,000 people took part and raised over £250,000. In 2014 over £25 million was raised, but in 2021 only £11 million was raised. St Thomas' Church is holding a coffee morning and cake baking competition on 23<sup>rd</sup> September. . Last year our Coffee Morning raised over £340. Please help us raise even more this year to support this charity which does so much to improve the lives of those with cancer.

Ruth

## **SHOE BOX APPEAL**

I have just had confirmation from Blythwood Care that the 2022 Shoe Box Appeal will be going ahead so start collecting all the bits and pieces to fill a shoe box for children and adults of all ages.

Cover a shoe box with brightly coloured paper (if the lid is loose cover this separately from the base) and fill with goodies you think the recipient would love. Do not seal up the box (put an elastic band or ribbon round to hold the lid in place) as contents in all boxes have to be checked for customs. Items most essential are toothbrush/paste, soap, flannel, small toy for the children (no toy guns/knives or other war related articles please), hat, scarf and gloves, underwear/socks and sweets (no chocolate including chocolate éclairs/colouring books, pens & pencils, ruler, rubber, pencil sharpener, comb/brush, sanitary products, razors/shaving foam, deodorant, new make-up, other clothing – the list is endless, but no food other than the sweets, please.

The leaflets giving all the information should be with me shortly – I've ordered 140 as we sent 120 the last two years and hope to increase that this year.

Mairi from Blythwood wrote "this year the need for shoe box gifts is greater than ever. We will be sending shoe boxes to people in Ukraine, to neighbouring countries supporting Ukraine refugees as well as those whose lives continue to be marked by poverty across Eastern Europe." Blythwood also deliver boxes to people in the UK as well as supporting Food Banks.

## **UPSHIRE VILLAGE HALL**

Large hall with stage & spacious kitchen. Ideal for weddings, parties or fundraising events.

In pleasant country surroundings with large car park. To book contact Karen on 07432 532621

## **"THE SAGA LOUTS"**

Live music and dancing at Upshire Village Hall on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> September, 8.00-10.45pm. To book tickets (£7.50 per person) please contact Kirsty on 07916 324102. 60s + Music. Bring your own snacks and drinks. Raffle.



## AUTUMN WORDSEARCH

All the words in the list only have the vowels 'a' and 'u' in them and are hidden in the diagram below. Words are printed across, up, down or diagonally, but always in straight lines. Letters may be used more than once.

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|------------|-----------|----------|-----------------------------------------|
| ABACUS     | HAUGHTY   | SAUNA    | S U C A B A U T Y A L Q Y A N A T L U S |
| ACCRUAL    | HAUNCH    | SQUAWK   | U S U A L J L T G T U A M R D T A U T U |
| ADJUTANT   | HAUNT     | SULTANA  | S R U A U U H A A A H U U U A G N H N M |
| AGAPANTHUS | HULA      | SUMACH   | A Q U R P G P S N U T G C G U D A U U A |
| AJUGA      | HUMAN     | TAURUS   | C S U A U A H T U A N A U R H N N S A C |
| ANNUAL     | JUNTA     | TAUT     | U L T A N A U T D N R A F A K Y T A A H |
| AUBURN     | KUMQUAT   | THANKFUL | A A H T W M T N P R A D V F N A U N U K |
| AUGUST     | LAUGH     | TRAUMA   | C R H S U K U L A U R D U R N T L C A Q |
| AURA       | LAUNDRY   | TUNA     | T U A U A H U B A A M L N G A U N J C G |
| AUTUMN     | LUNAR     | TURBAN   | S R C U S U Y M T U S A A A D M T U R A |
| AWFUL      | MAUL      | TUSCANY  | A A A H N P Q S Q U R U D A P N L A A A |
| BARRACUDA  | MUDGUARD  | ULNA     | V U C U P C U S R U D C N R U D D U N D |
| BUZZARD    | MUNTJAK   | UNHAPPY  | A A B A M C H L U Y A A C M A U R U F R |
| CATAPULT   | MUSQUASH  | URANUS   | D Y H U L A A Y T M X T P A A Z A A T A |
| CAUCASUS   | MUSTANG   | URBAN    | J N R U R W H N N S U L S L U S Z N U U |
| CAUGHT     | NATURAL   | USUAL    | U U F D A N U C U A U P A U A T A U R G |
| CURRENT    | NAUGHTY   | VACUUM   | T W N L N A A N N R C U M T G R U B B D |
| CUSTARD    | PANDANUS  | VANUATU  | A A N T L U A M A U N S U A R U A M A U |
| DACHSHUND  | PLURAL    | WALNUT   | N U U F A R A L U N A R U U W N A U N M |
| DATUM      | PUMA      | WALRUS   | T N A T U R A L A H N H C T A U Q S A S |
| DAUNT      | QUAD      | WAMPUM   |                                         |
| FLAUNT     | QUANDARY  | XANADU   |                                         |
| FRUGAL     | QUANTUM   | YUCCA    |                                         |
| FULMAR     | RURAL     |          |                                         |
| GAUDY      | RAUNCHY   |          |                                         |
| GRADUAL    | SASQUATCH |          |                                         |
| GUARD      | SATURN    |          |                                         |

### When Adam met Eve

The topic for my class was palindromes, which are of course words or sentences that are the same read forward and backward. I asked the question 'What is the first thing Adam said to Eve?' I was expecting 'Madam, I'm Adam', but one student had a better reply: "Wow."

### Listen up

While I was giving a sermon one Sunday, two teenage girls at the back giggled and disturbed people. Finally, I interrupted my sermon and announced sternly, "There are two of you here who have not heard a word I've said." That quieted them down. When the service was over, I went to greet people at the front door. Three members of the PCC shuffled by, apologised for going to sleep in church, and promising it would never happen again.

### Mystery music

A friend of mine, a professional organist, was asked to play for a wedding. Unfamiliar with the church's organ, she went to the sanctuary to practise. Curious about a small keyboard that slid out from under the two regular keyboards, she tapped out a couple of bars of a simple tune but heard nothing. Then she played a few more notes, but still no organ music. Just then a man came running into the church, shouting, "Who's playing 'Three Blind Mice' on the church-steeples bells?" She had been operating the carillon.

### When all else fails

My colleague and I delivered a large refrigerator to the local priest's home. With difficulty we had managed to get the fridge into the porch, but then struggled for over 20 minutes to make the 90-degree turn through the narrow door. The priest, seeing our difficulty, asked what we usually did when confronted with such a situation. Rubbing some badly skinned knuckles, I replied, "Well, Father, at this point we usually start swearing." "That's fine, gentlemen," Father replied, "just allow me time to move out of earshot, so you can continue your work."

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING/BAKING COMPETITION

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 11am-2pm

See details inside the Newsletter

### **3 FOOD 4 YOU (FREE FOOD FOR YOU!)**

No assessment or referral needed. Just drop in.  
We will have all the basic groceries and essentials for you and your family.  
You will be greeted with a smile and friendly faces.

Open every Monday and Friday between 11.30am and 1.00pm at **13 SUN STREET.**

If you require urgent support please contact us: 01992 842642, email [info.3food4u@gmail.com](mailto:info.3food4u@gmail.com)  
Volunteers and donations would be greatly appreciated.

### **VISIT OUR CHARITY SHOP AT 20 SUN STREET, WALTHAM ABBEY**

**Monday to Saturday 9.30am – 1.30pm**

All money from the shop buys food for the Food Bank      Lots of bargains!

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS, CHURCH LANE, HIGH BEACH, IG10 4BF

## **JUBILEE PROM IN THE FOREST**

Come and celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee with all the pomp of the Proms

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

**Tickets £11**

Numbers are strictly limited and will only be available via TicketSource from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2022 at the following link:

[www.ticketsource.co.uk?steophen-fellowes](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk?steophen-fellowes)

or search from 'Jubilee Prom in the Forest'

THERE WILL BE NO TICKET SALES ON THE DOOR

All Proceeds to the Church Funds

Bring your own refreshments

## **HIGH BEACH CHURCH**

### **OPERA OCTAVES AUTUMN CONCERT**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm**

Tickets £10 to include light buffet supper and glass of wine/soft drink

Please pre-order from Jane on 07572 111387 or [janey.begley@outlook.com](mailto:janey.begley@outlook.com)

Music to include Bach, Chopin, Ravel and Schubert

## **QUIZ NIGHT**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in Upshire Village Hall EN9 3SP**

Tickets £10 per person, tables of 8 maximum

To book a table, please contact Jane Begley on 07572 111387 or [janey.begley@outlook.com](mailto:janey.begley@outlook.com)

If you cannot make up a table, please let Jane know as she will be happy to match you up  
with other people

Please bring your own liquid refreshments and snacks

All proceed for HIGH BEACH CHURCH funds