

**Rivercourt Methodist Church**

# Rivercourt News

**September 2019**

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# Happy to Help!

If you are interested in any items mentioned in the newsletter, want a confidential word, or have views that you would like to express, please contact any of the church trustees.

The trustees in alphabetic order are:

Joan  
Fiona  
Margaret  
Vanessa  
Juliana  
Monty  
Steve  
Kwaku

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# Dates For Your Diary

## September 2019

Mo	Tu	W	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
26	27	28	29	30	31	01
02	03	04	05	06	07	08
09	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept., 7.30pm

Welcome Service for Singa  
Vinupola at Shepherds  
Bush Methodist Church

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Sept., 12.30pm

Bring and Share Church  
Picnic at Ravenscourt Park  
to Welcome Rev Singa  
Vinupola

Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Sep 11.00am

Harvest Festival at  
Rivercourt

Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Oct.,

Glass Door Sleepout

Sun 06<sup>th</sup> Oct., 12.30pm

Church Council Meeting



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## **What's Been Happening in July and August?**

The last weekend in July was the leaving party for Paul and Kina. Lots of people – and food arrived on the Saturday evening. The Church was decorated and flowers were arranged. The party started with a quiz which Paul had devised, then we had our meal – *so much food* and then there was popular music from the 1970's organised by Deacon Guy. Presentations were made and everyone had a good evening.

There was so much food that we stayed behind after Paul's final service and had a shared meal with the leftovers! We were still able to take food home with us!

James, Steve and Monty have been busy with the repairs to the roof and we will hear more about that at the October Church Council meeting – **6<sup>th</sup> October**.

The Church joined Hammersmith and Fulham Community Transport Service. This is a service operated by Westway for the Council. They provide many forms of transport – mini buses to full sized coaches even wheelchair accessible coaches plus a driver at subsidised rates. The annual membership runs from April to March. So, as a Church we could think about places to visit as a group and hire transport. We'll discuss this at the Church Council meeting in October. If you think this is something you'd like to do, please suggest some places and activities for consideration.

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On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> August, 11 of us went to Hastings for the day. We hired a minibus and the weather was kind. We were lucky and had a good journey there and back. When we arrived at Hastings, the minibus stopped by the Pier and we all had lunch together on the Pier before setting off and doing our own thing. We left Hastings at 5pm and were back in London for 7pm having all enjoyed ourselves.

August Bank Holiday Sunday was a glorious hot day, temperatures were in the high 20s – even reached 32 degrees during the afternoon. Reverend Nigel Cowgill led our worship that morning. Rev Nigel Cowgill is one of the District Chairs for the London District and has been particularly supportive to our circuit. He was instrumental in the appointment of both Rev Dr Deji Okebile and Rev Singa Vunipola. We enjoyed meeting him at Rivercourt.

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## Looking Ahead

On Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September the welcome service for Rev Singa Vunipola will be held at Shepherds Bush Rd Methodist Church at 7.30pm. Everyone is welcome. If anyone needs assistance with getting there, please speak to a steward on Sunday.

Whilst we welcome Rev Singa to our circuit, 2 members of Askew Rd Church and Monty and Joan will attend the welcome service for Paul and Kina in Cockermouth on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Rivercourt will have a picnic lunch in Ravenscourt Park on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September after the service to welcome and get to know Rev Singa. Please bring something to eat and something to share that day. If the weather is poor we'll stay at the church.

October 4<sup>th</sup> sees the Annual Sleep Out for Glass Door. If you are interested in either sleeping out or supporting Glass Door in any way, please speak with either Steve or Vicky Lawrence.

October 6<sup>th</sup> will be our Church Council after morning service. Please stay behind and contribute to what happens at Rivercourt.

***Joan***

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## **Thank you:**

Joan Bennett for being so active in the life of the Church and organising the Church away day In August.

### **Juliana**

Everyone involved in the leaving party for Paul and Kina. The event went smoothly because we all helped. Special thank you to Mrs Azariah who cooked jollof rice for the event even though she was unwell.

## **Please pray**

### **for:**

Paul & Kina as they settle into their new home in Cockermouth.

Rev Singa as we welcome her and her family to the circuit.

Please pray for those who mourn the loss of their loved ones.



**Our prayers are with you  
all**

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## Poets Corner

### The Legend of the Forget-Me-Not

When to the flowers so beautiful  
The father gave a name,  
There came a little blue-eyed one -  
All timidly it came -  
And standing at the Father's feet,  
And grazing in his face,  
It said with low and timid voice,  
And yet with gentle grace,  
“Dear Lord, the name Thou  
gavest me,  
Alas I have forgot”  
The Father kindly looked on him  
And said, “Forget-me-not”.

***Written by: Emily Roelofson***  
***Submitted by Margaret***



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## **A message from the editor**

Welcome back from the summer holidays. I hope you all had a well-deserved break. As we said goodbye to Rev Paul Saunders in our last newsletter, we welcome Rev Singa Vinupola in this edition.

Rev Vinupola comes to the circuit with her beautiful family who we all look forward to getting to know.

If you wish to contribute to the September newsletter please let me know via any of the below mediums:

- via email to [office@rivercourt.org.uk](mailto:office@rivercourt.org.uk) - include the word *newsletter* in the subject.
- by speaking directly to me following a Sunday service

**The deadline for the October edition is Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> September.**

Kindest regards

*Juliana*

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## Services in the coming period

Sunday 01<sup>st</sup> Sept., 11.00am      Preacher: Mr Lola Fatogun

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Sunday 08<sup>th</sup> Sept, 11.00am      Holy Communion; Preacher: Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Juliana's Team

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> Sept., 11.00am      Preacher: Mr Monty Grigg

Team on Duty: Fiona's Team

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> Sept., 11.00am      Harvest Festival; Preacher: Revd Singa Vunipola

Team on Duty: Betty's Team

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept., 11.00am      Preacher: Own Arrangement

Team on Duty: Steve's Team

Sunday 06<sup>th</sup> Oct., 11.00am      Preacher: Revd Marilyn Neufville

Team on Duty: Juliana's Team