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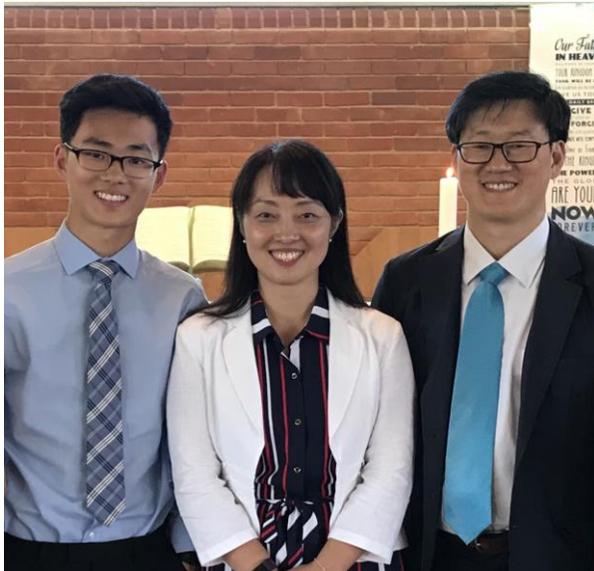
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Dear Friends,

I am so glad to be able to greet you through this church magazine.

You may have seen me briefly few weeks ago or may not have met me yet, but I am looking forward to the many

opportunities we will have to meet each other.



I will begin by introducing myself and my family. I was born in South Korea and met my wife, Maria, in my home church in Korea. After one year of marriage we came to the UK and had my son, Nathanael, and then our little dog Bambi. My ministry in Billericay, Brentwood, and Ingatestone URCs is a new stage in my life. My wife has also started a new chapter in her life, as she has just started her ministry as a CRCW. My son is also going to start his study at Cardiff University this academic year for Medicine.

I have been on a very long journey since I was called to serve the Lord from my youth, and finally I am about to begin my ministry. From the moment I was called by the pastorate and accepted the call, I have been overwhelmed by excitement and also nervousness with a desire to be a faithful servant of God.

Again... I found comfort from the word of God in Psalm 1. "Happy are those [whose] delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night." I can work hard to meditate on the word of God day and night, but I realised that such 'delight' cannot be earned from hard work. It is about questioning whether I love God and desire him.

In knowing him, I found joy in my heart, in which I found myself meditating the word of God day and night. It is like a poem in Psalm 119:103, "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth." Before my new step of ministry, I feel like God asks the question, 'Do you love me?'

And this is my prayer that each step of ministry may be taken with the confession that I love the Lord, and I hope that I may find the grace of God like a tree "planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in its season." I may be amazed when I realise I am surrounded by so many trees, which have already planted by streams of full of water and bearing wonderful fruits - they are calling themselves as Billericay, Brentwood and Ingatestone forests.

You all are indeed 'fearfully and wonderfully made in the image of God'.

Barnabas

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

The pastoral care group held its bimonthly meeting at the end of September and were very glad that Barnabas – our

new minister was able to attend. We felt that it would have been handy to have had photos of all the members so that he could put faces to names.

For once most of the news of our members was fairly positive although Jim S. is now housebound but is managing with care to stay at home. Carolyn's health still gives cause for concern and Clive still has a very severe cough.

It is with great sadness that we have to report the death of Sheila and Kees granddaughter – Ciara – Peter's daughter. We should like to extend our warmest sympathy to all the family.

Eileen B has improved in health and is able to get out of the house.

There is also good news of the young- Andrew A's partner has been awarded her PhD and has got a job in the Brighton area so that she and Andrew can now set up house properly.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Sheila and Bill C who are moving to Wiltshire. They will be very much missed in the fellowship. We have also said goodbye to Dora who has returned to her family in Hungary. We will miss her very much.

The really good news is that Sally has become a grandmother to Isaac James who weighed in at seven and a half pounds. Mother and baby are doing well.

Finally congratulations are in order for Ian D who has had photographs of the Home Secretary and the Prime Minister published in the National press.

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The birthdays in this issue are all of the over Margaret C. is 86 on October 4th, Tony C. is 87 on October 17th and Sheila Crisp is 82 on November 14th.

Happy Birthday everyone.

Rosalie Brentnall



NEWS FROM THE CHURCH SECRETARY

Pastorate Quiet Day

A very busy weekend at the beginning of September began with the Pastorate Quiet Day, held once again at Little Baddow URC. The theme this year was "On the Road" and after greetings and refreshments we went into the church for an opening time of worship. We then had an hour, together or separately, to reflect on the readings we had shared (Psalm 23 and Ephesians 6:vv10-18). We could stay in the lovely grounds of the church or walk further afield. We then returned to share our thoughts before enjoying our packed lunches.

The afternoon session began with a further reading from Luke 10:vv25-37, the story of the Good Samaritan, and a further hour of quiet. I walked down the surprisingly busy road to the local parish church, which was open for the first time we could remember. I thought of the dangers of the road between Jerusalem and Jericho encountered by those who had to travel that journey as I dodged from side to side of this country lane (no pavements) to avoid the traffic.

We then came together again for a further sharing of thoughts before our final time of worship. We were few in number but we all enjoyed our day together and agreed to repeat this next year on Saturday, 7th September 2019, so do put this date in your diaries if you would like to join us. Thanks are due to Grace and Colin Baldock from Witham URC who led us so ably and thoughtfully, to the Billericay Church for providing everyone with plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits throughout the day and to Little Baddow Church for letting us use their beautiful church and grounds once again.

Ordination and Induction of our Minister, Barnabas

I can do no better than to repeat the report in the Billericay church magazine - with their permission of course - of a very happy day on 2nd September.

At a joyful service on Sunday 2nd September, Barnabas Shin was Ordained into the United Reformed Church and Inducted to the Pastorate of Billericay, Brentwood and Ingatestone at Billericay URC by Rev Canon Paul Whittle BD.

There was a large congregation from the pastorate, friends and family of Barnabas, including his sister and niece who had flown over from South Korea especially for the service, local church leaders and civic dignitaries.

We were treated to a very moving musical recital by Barnabas' son, Nathanael Shin (violin) and his wife Maria Lee (piano).

A big thank you to those who gave the Bible readings; Ezekiel 37: 22- 24, read by Hyun Jin Hwang (*in Korean*),

repeated by Nathanael Shin (*in English*) and to Tony Cox, from Ingatestone URC, who read from Colossians 1: 3-14.

The '*right hand of fellowship*' was given by:

Representatives of the three churches - Maggi Smith, Rosalie Brentnall and Bob Furley, representatives of Churches Together in Billericay, Churches Together in Brentwood & Ingatestone and Fryerning Churches Together, local Civic representatives - the leader of Billericay Town Council, the Deputy Mayor of Brentwood, Monica Penny on behalf of the South Essex Area Partnership, Rev Canon Paul Whittle on behalf of Eastern Synod.

An augmented choir sang a beautiful arrangement of "For the beauty of the earth", conducted by Simon Houlton.

Barnabas received gifts from the three churches and said that he had gifts for everyone in the church. These were lovely bright coloured purses, with a commemorative label "***You are fearfully and wonderfully made - Psalm 139: 14***". At the end of the service these were given out by Barnabas' family.

After the service a reception was held in the Mayflower Hall where there were lots of cakes, savouries and endless cups of tea, there was plenty of time to chat with friends and to speak with Barnabas, Maria and Nathanael.

Thank you to June Parsons from Ingatestone and Joyce Nevill from Billericay, who arranged the beautiful flower displays in church, also to all those who were on welcome duty, to organist Brian Porter, Angela Christian who organised the refreshments, her team of volunteers and to those who gave cakes and savouries.

We pray for Barnabas and his wife Maria as we share together in the ministry of the three churches.

We would also like to give our sincere thanks to Rev Paul Ellis, our Interim Moderator and to Rev Canon Paul Whittle for looking after our Pastorate so well, especially leading us to Barnabas so quickly!!

Jenny Mayo

Treasurer's Report

The collection for the past two months (July and August) is given below. The average per week is also given, for both the whole of 2018 so far and for the whole of 2017 as a comparison.

Date	Loose	Envelopes	TOTAL
July-Aug	282.53	1,643.64	1,926.17
per week 2018 Jul-Aug	31.39	182.63	214.02
Total 2018 so far	1,034.89	5,811.98	6,846.87
per week 2018 so far	30.44	170.94	201.38
per week 2017	33.77	175.13	189.86

It should be noted that we also get contributions through Standing Orders – i.e., through the bank on a regular basis. And finally, all of these contributions are added to by Gift Aid – an extra 25%.

Kees Maxey

Monday Guild

After the Summer break the Guild met in September to hear a very interesting talk by Margaret Cheer who spoke about the formation of the United Reformed Church and about the history of Brentwood URC.

Our next meeting will be October 8th at 2:30pm in the William Hunter room and then November 12th.

Thank you to all our friends at the church for the cards and kind words and sympathy given to us since the sad death of our grand-daughter.

Sheila and Kees

Zeremariam Fre, founder of PENHA, receives the 2018 Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship from Australia.



Zeremariam Fre, has been awarded the 2018 Desmond Tutu Reconciliation Fellowship. He is an environmental advocate for nomadic pastoral communities across the Horn of Africa. The Fellowship promotes reconciliation by bringing global support to individuals engaged in local projects. It recognises Zeremariam's lifetime work supporting pastoral peoples, advocating for their rights to land and care of the natural resources that support them.

For over 30 years, Zeremariam has made a significant contribution to securing the rights of pastoralist and agro-pastoralist communities, promoting sustainable development and environmental care and conserving and sharing indigenous knowledge. In 1989, he founded the Pastoral and Environmental Network in the Horn of Africa (PENHA), an African-led international NGO respected for fostering cooperation in a region that has been beset with unrest and insecurity. PENHA is supported by our church.

He is a passionate and committed spokesperson for marginalised pastoralists in Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somaliland, Sudan and Uganda, facilitating knowledge sharing and cooperation across communities and borders. He has

fostered an understanding of pastoralism as an economically rational and environmentally sound way of living, and of pastoralists as effective custodians of the environment on which they rely.

One of Australia's leading environmentalists

and authors, Tim Flannery, will share his ideas and present Dr Fre with the Fellowship at an award ceremony at the Melbourne Town Hall on 4 October 2018.

You can learn more about Global Reconciliation at www.globalreconciliation.org.





Raboud village, Hebron Governorate, West Bank.

A local shepherd tending his flock near Raboud village, where the community's olive and almond trees can be seen in the background.

Christian Aid worked with the YMCA to use the Participatory Vulnerability and Capacity Assessment (PVCA) tool so that communities were able to identify their needs, the risks they face, and how they might be able to address these. In Raboud and four other surrounding villages, 'protection groups' were established for each village.

The protection group has worked with the community, the Hebron governorate, and the local council to get a culvert and bridge built over a sewage stream (which cuts across the centre of the photo) which is running down onto their land from a nearby illegal Israeli Settlement. The culvert and bridge enable the community to access their olive and almond trees.

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World Week for Peace in Palestine and Israel 16-23rd September

Please find useful resources to pray, act and study at
<http://paxchristi.org.uk/campaigns/israel-and-palestine/world-week-for-peace-in-pi/>

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Prayer calendar for October and November

Week beginning:

- October 7th The United Reformed Church (inaugurated 5 – 10 – 72).
People suffering from natural disasters
This church, its mission and activities
- October 14th Peace and reconciliation between the nations
Traidcraft and similar organisations
The URC Eastern Synod
- October 21st The diverse people of the world (One World Week begins today)
Those who suffer from hunger and poverty
The Wednesday Luncheon Club
- October 26th The churches of the Reformation
Bible scholars and translators
Hirers of our building
- November 4th The NHS and those who work for it

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The disabled people and their carers
The 10th Brentwood Brownies

November 11th Those who suffer because of war
Chaplains to the Armed Forces
The URC Mission Council (meets 16 – 18
Nov.)

November 18th The Church where it faces persecution
Homeless people
The Church of England (Gen. Assembly 19-
21 Nov.)

November 25th The worldwide Church and our links to it
People in need in our area
Our minister and elders

Communion Alms Fund Collections

The retiring offering for October 2018 is for London City Mission



London is a City that is constantly changing, nothing stays still for long. Yet the Steadfastness of the Mission's core purpose to share the gospel in

London has been unwavering. Their support is vital to ensuring the gospel reaches the most needy in London.



**Brentwood
Basildon & Districts**

The retiring offering for November 2018 is for Brentwood and District Crossroads

Crossroad's primary objective is to relieve stress in families or persons responsible

for the care of the sick or disabled people. They aim to supplement and compliment, not replace, existing statutory services.

They support carers in the Brentwood area by providing:

- Care in the home giving carers a few precious hours to pursue their own interests.

A young carers club offering carers of 8 - 18 years of age, a wide range of leisure activities.

DUTY ROTAS – OCTOBER 2018

	Flowers	Vestibule
7th	Margaret Cheer	Josh Hanna
14th	Eileen Goult	Heather Davidson
21st	Mary Tate	Carolyn Rudkin
28th	TBA	Eileen Goult

	Vestry	Steward	Notices
7th	Kees Maxey	Linda Hanna	Jenny Mayo
14th	Ian Davidson	Gabrielle Crowther	Rosalie Brentnall
21st	Moses Tsingano	Mary Tate	Jenny Mayo
28th	Corne Van Staden	Markus Van Staden	Stan Francis

	Reader	Prayers of Intercession
7th	Josh Hanna	Moses Tsingano
14th	Lucy Crowther	

21st	Moses Tsingano	Sally Bealey
28th	Rosie Benjamin	

	Coffee
7th	Mary Tate
14th	Elaine Austin
21st	Gabrielle Crowther
28th	Linda Hanna

CHURCH CALENDAR – OCTOBER 2018

Wednesday 3rd 9.30 am Sacred Space
 11.45 am Lunch Club 20 minute
 service
 2 pm URC Knitters

**Sunday 7th 10 am Mrs Amanda Dolan
 Harrison**

Monday 8th 2.30 pm Monday Guild
 Wednesday 10th 9.30 am Sacred Space
 Thursday 11th 7.30 pm Bible Study at 48 St.
 Thomas Road

**Sunday 14th 10 am Rev Barnabas Shin
 Church Meeting**

Wednesday 17th 9.30 am Sacred Space
 2 pm URC Knitters

Sunday 21st 10 am Rev Sheila Maxey
 Wednesday 24th 9.30 am Sacred Space

**Sunday 28th 10 am Rev Barnabas Shin -
with Holy Communion
Joint service with Brentwood Methodist Church**

Wednesday 31st 9.30 am Sacred Space

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25th	Elaine Austin	Heather Davidson

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 11.45 am Lunch Club 20 minute
 service
 2 pm URC Knitters
 Thursday 8th 7.30 pm Bible Study at 48 St.
 Thomas Road

Sunday 11th 10 am Worship Group –
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY
 Monday 12th 2.30 pm Monday Guild
 Wednesday 14th 9.30 am Sacred Space

Sunday 18th 10 am Rev Barnabas Shin
 Elders Meeting

Deadline for December/January Courier

Wednesday 21st 9.30 am Sacred Space
 2 pm URC Knitters

Sunday 25th 10 am Rev Barnabas Shin –
with Holy Communion



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The next issue of The COURIER for Dec.Jan 2019 will be available on Sunday the 25th November.

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

10:00 am Family Worship with Creche and Junior Church

Holy Communion is usually celebrated at Morning Worship on the last Sunday of each month.

Details of preachers and special events are given in the COURIER.

EACH WEEK:

Brownies: To be confirmed

WEDNESDAYS: 12:00pm Luncheon Club

FRIDAYS: 09:45am – 11:45am Coffee Shop

